

# Treasures Family Newsletter

April 2026

It's Spring -  
Time for April  
Showers!



## Important Dates

- April 3** Good Friday *Schools Closed*
- April 7** Classes/SSP Resume
- April 10** EEP/Jr High *ATTEND*
- April 17** EEP/Jr High *OFF*
- April 24** EEP/Jr High *ATTEND*

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# Executive Message

## News from the Executive Team

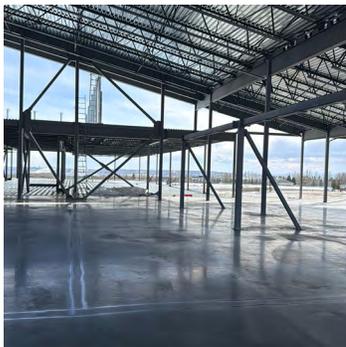
### Spring Has Sprung!

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful spring break filled with time spent with family and friends.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our parents for their incredible support of this year's Gala. It was truly a memorable evening, with 830 guests in attendance. Guests were beautifully entertained by Renfrew's Choir, inspired by the premiere of our new video, and deeply moved by a fireside conversation featuring two special Renfrew families. The evening also included a special message from the Honourable Minister Nicolaides (*follow this link to view the video: [https://youtu.be/0q80OX\\_1T-o](https://youtu.be/0q80OX_1T-o)*) along with both silent and live auctions.

The program was heartfelt and impactful—there was hardly a dry eye in the room—and the generosity shown throughout the evening through our guests and the ministry will help us raise the vital funds for the Three Sisters Centre.

We are now one year into construction of the Three Sisters Centre, and the progress has been remarkable.



### Magna Charity Golf Tournament Partnership

In 2019, Magna Insurance Group selected Renfrew Educational Services as the long-term beneficiary of their annual charity golf tournament. This year's event will once again be held at Bearspaw Golf Club, and a "save the date" will be shared in the coming weeks.

We hope our families will consider supporting this important event by donating auction items or helping secure sponsorships. Last year, the tournament raised over \$100,000 in support of our capital campaign for the Three Sisters Centre, and this year's event will continue to build on that success.



**Kim LaCourse**  
Executive Director - School Operations



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Executive Director - Community Services

### Spring in Our Centres

As we look forward to warmer weather, signs of spring are beginning to blossom in our classrooms. Soon, beans will be planted, butterfly larvae will arrive, and learning will extend outdoors. Children are already exploring nature—watching birds build nests and discovering insects as they emerge. With nature coming to life, we are excited to bring learning outside and embrace all that the season offers.

Please continue to watch for weekly updates from your child's teacher for information about upcoming activities and events. Many classrooms will also be participating in field trips and welcoming special guests to enhance the children's experiences.

### School Transitions

We will continue working closely with school boards to support your child's transition process. Please remember that our Family Support Team and Site Managers are available to assist you during this time.

### Thank You

Thank you, sincerely, for the many ways you support Renfrew and for the trust you place in us to care for your children. We are grateful to be part of your community and remain here as a resource for you whenever needed. Please don't hesitate to reach out—our doors are always open.

*Kim & Nicki*

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# Family Support



## COFFEE & CHAT GROUPS

Family Support offers a variety of Coffee & Chat Groups during the school year. This is a great opportunity to connect with other Renfrew parents and guardians!

Please reach out to the Family Support Worker at your Renfrew location if you require help with transportation.

### Gratitude Journalling

Janice McTighe Centre (JMC) at 2050 21 Street NE

**Wednesday, April 15**  
1:00 - 3:00pm



Are you curious about gratitude journalling? Are you looking for an opportunity to meet other Renfrew parents and guardians? If so, please join us as we take a break from our busy lives to connect with each other and explore what we are grateful for! We are happy to welcome back Ashley, a Renfrew parent, as the facilitator of this group. We look forward to learning from her knowledge of gratitude journalling and the benefits she has experienced from it.

Renfrew will provide gratitude journals, supplies and refreshments for this lighthearted adult-only activity.

Please register by **April 8, 2026** by emailing the Family Support team at [familysupport@renfreweducation.org](mailto:familysupport@renfreweducation.org)

**When registering, please include the following:**

- ▶ Your name and the name of your Renfrew child
- ▶ The Renfrew location that your child attends

### Telus Spark Science Centre

220 St. George's Drive NE

**Friday, April 17**  
Morning Group ONLY: 9:15am



Renfrew is pleased to announce that we are part of Telus Spark's Community Connections Program again this year! This partnership allows Renfrew to access a limited number of tickets to the Telus Spark Science Centre. If you are interested in exploring this exciting facility with your child(ren), please join us! Renfrew will provide a limited number of free admission tickets.

- **PARKING:** Please note that you will be required to pay for parking (\$12/day) if you choose to park in the Telus Spark parking lot. You can pay for parking at the machine located beside the front door or you can download the ParkPlus App and prepay for your parking session (Zone 8310).
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Adults must come with a child and children must be accompanied by an adult. Parents and guardians are responsible for transporting and supervising their children. If you require help with transportation, please contact the Family Support Worker at your Renfrew school.

#### Registration is Limited

Please register by **April 10, 2026** by emailing the Family Support team at [familysupport@renfreweducation.org](mailto:familysupport@renfreweducation.org)

**When registering, please include the following:**

- ▶ Your name and the name of your Renfrew child
- ▶ The Renfrew location that your child attends
- ▶ How many people are attending
- ▶ The ages of all people attending
- ▶ If you are bringing a support aide

Renfrew's Family Support Program is dedicated to the well-being of the families and children we serve. Our program offers a variety of family-centred services to facilitate connections and to support families in the home, neighbourhood and community. Every Renfrew school location has a Family Support Worker.

### The Family Support Team

The Family Support team is available if you have questions, need resources, are looking for ways to increase your social connections or if you would just like to talk. The following is a list of the Family Support Workers and their contact information.

### Renfrew Schools



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### First Nations



**Alexa Mogg**  
Family Support Worker

Big Horn Health Centre  
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## Social Gathering at Livingston Community Hub Playground

Livingston Hub (1248 Livingston Way NE)

**Wednesday, April 29**  
4:30-5:30pm



Do you live in or near the community of Livingston and have a child that attends a Renfrew program? Join us for some outdoor playtime in the park and meet other Renfrew parents/guardians in your community! We will meet at the outdoor playground at the Livingston Hub, so kids can play while parents connect. All family members are welcome.

Renfrew will provide light snacks and refreshments.

This is an outdoor event so please dress for the weather!

Please register by **April 22, 2026** by emailing the Family Support team at [familysupport@renfreweducation.org](mailto:familysupport@renfreweducation.org)

### When registering, it is important to include the following information:

- ▶ Your name and the name of your Renfrew child
- ▶ The Renfrew location that your child attends
- ▶ How many people are attending



CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Get Ready to Register for a Library Program

Library programs inspire learning, creativity, and new possibilities. Baby Rhyme Time registration opens on April 14. You can register for all other programs, including Career Basics, Reading Buddies, Creative and STEM Explorers, and more on April 15. These programs begin the week of May 10. Browse through Library programs on our website: <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/events-and-programs/programs>

### Make a Difference by Volunteering at the Library

Over 3,500 dedicated Library volunteers help our community build learning skills, deliver Library materials to seniors, help people explore computer technology, and much more. When you volunteer, you will have the chance to develop new skills and make friends. View volunteer opportunities for adults and youth on our website: <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/your-library/volunteer>

### Birds of the World Digital Resource

As it warms up, you might be looking for new outdoor activities to try. Bird watching is becoming more popular — the Birds of the World Digital Resource will help you get started. Identify the birds in your backyard (and beyond) with images, video, and audio recordings. You can also learn more about their habitats and behaviour. Access this resource on our website: <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/read-learn-and-explore/digital-library/birds-of-the-world>

## INFORMATION SESSIONS



**Thursday, May 21, 2026**  
1:00 – 3:00 pm

*In-person at Renfrew's Janice McTighe Centre (JMC) at 2050 21 Street NE.*

Parenting children with disabilities can be stressful! Renfrew's Wellness Empowerment Program (WEP) invites you to join us as we learn about stress and explore coping strategies. This 2-hour workshop will be hosted in-person at Renfrew's Janice McTighe Centre (JMC). Participants will leave the workshop with a personalized stress management plan. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with other Renfrew parents and guardians! Refreshments will be provided.

Please register by **May 14, 2026** by emailing the Family Support team at [familysupport@renfreweducation.org](mailto:familysupport@renfreweducation.org)



wep

wellness empowerment program



Recovery Alberta  
MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

## Registered Disability Savings Plan

Do You Have Questions about the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)?

Renfrew is excited to offer you the opportunity to meet with 'The RDSP Guy' - Steven Williams! If your child has been approved for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC), or if you have questions about opening a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP), Steven can review the RDSP information with you and help answer your questions about what to do next.

If your child has been approved for the Disability Tax Credit and you are ready to proceed with opening an RDSP with Steven, you are welcome to bring your SIN card and Driver's License to get the paperwork started on May 27th .

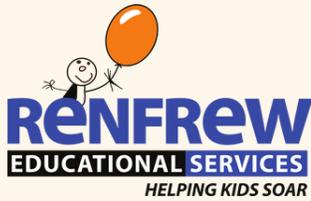
**Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

*In-person at Renfrew's Thomas W. Buchanan Centre (TBC) 75 Sunpark Drive SE*

Meetings will be held every half hour from 10:00am until 2:00pm. (10am, 10:30am, 11am, 11:30am, 12:00pm, 12:30pm, 1:00pm and 1:30pm).

Please register by **May 20, 2026** by emailing the Family Support team at [familysupport@renfreweducation.org](mailto:familysupport@renfreweducation.org)

When you register, please indicate your **first and second choices for meeting time**. Each meeting will be 30 minutes long. Thank you!



# Sparkling Water Fundraiser

## The Three Sisters Centre: Building Brighter Futures

This fundraising campaign supports the creation of Renfrew's new Three Sisters Centre — a purpose-built facility that will expand our specialized programming from ECS through Grade 12. This new space will allow us to serve students longer, support their growth at every stage, and continue delivering the life-changing programs that define Renfrew.



## Support Renfrew with Refreshment!

This fundraiser features North Water — premium Canadian sparkling water sourced straight from the Rocky Mountains.

By purchasing, you're not just quenching your thirst — you're helping support Renfrew's programs and students.

### Pricing:

- 6-Pack – \$18
- 12-Pack – \$36
- Flat of 24 – \$72

Every sip makes a difference — so stock up, stay hydrated, and support a great cause!



Scan QR code to place your order!

Or Visit <https://forms.gle/7jzn8EirCMjDqhKz5>

## You don't need to place an order to support the TSC Capital Campaign

You can e-transfer a donation to [foundationdonations@renfreweducation.org](mailto:foundationdonations@renfreweducation.org). When you e-transfer, please indicate that your donation is for the "TSC Capital Campaign". To receive a tax receipt, your donation must be \$20 or more and you must clearly indicate your **legal name, address and email address**

