

# Treasures Family Newsletter

June 2026



## Important Dates

- June 5** Non-Instructional Day *No Classes, No SSP*
- June 12** EEP/Jr High **ATTEND**
- June 13** Renfrew Family Day (10am-12pm)
- June 18** Elementary Farewell
- June 19** EEP/Jr High **OFF**
- June 26** EEP/Jr High **ATTEND**
- June 29** Last Day of Classes
- June 30** Non-Instructional Day *No Classes, No SSP*

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# Have a Great Summer!

# Executive Message

## News from the Executive Team

### Wrapping Up the School Year

As another school year comes to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on how quickly the time has passed and celebrating the remarkable growth we have witnessed in the children and students who have been part of our community. It has truly been a memorable and rewarding year.

Throughout the year, we have had the privilege of watching your children learn, develop new skills, build friendships, and make meaningful contributions within their Renfrew classrooms. Being part of their journey is something we deeply value, and we are sincerely grateful for the trust and partnership you have shared with us.

Our goal has always been to provide an exceptional experience for every child and family. We hope this year has been positive, enriching, and filled with moments of growth and success for both you and your child.

It was wonderful to welcome so many families into our classrooms during our “Come and Play” events in ECS and our Interactive Showcases in the Grades Program. We also look forward to seeing many of you at Family Day on June 13, 2026, as we come together to celebrate our community.

#### Elementary Education – JMC & TBC Farewell Celebrations

We are delighted to welcome families to join us in celebrating a very special milestone as we bid a fond farewell to our Grade 6 students. As they prepare to take the next step beyond Renfrew, we reflect on the incredible journeys they have shared with us—many having been part of the Janice McTighe and Thomas W. Buchanan Centres for as long as nine years.

It has been an honour to watch these students grow, learn, and thrive. While they will be greatly missed, we are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and excited for the opportunities that lie ahead. We wish each of them continued success, confidence, and happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter.



**Kim LaCourse**  
Executive Director - School Operations



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#### Looking Ahead to the 2026-2027 School Year

We are already looking forward to another wonderful year together. The new school year will begin on:

- ▶ August 26, 2026 – ECS Programs
- ▶ August 28, 2026 – Elementary and Junior/Senior High Programs

Information regarding staggered entry for preschool programs will be shared with families during the summer months.

#### Transportation

For families accessing transportation services, bus drivers will begin contacting families after August 17, 2026, to confirm pick-up and drop-off times. Transportation services will commence on August 28, 2026.

#### Stay Connected with Renfrew

Throughout the year, we have continued to grow our presence on Instagram and Facebook, and we are thrilled to see so many members of our community engaging with us online. Our social media channels showcase creative programming ideas, student achievements, and highlights from the many wonderful activities taking place across our schools.

We invite you to stay connected with us over the summer as we continue sharing stories, updates, and celebrations. Be sure to visit our website as well, where you will find important information for the upcoming school year, including the school calendar and other helpful resources.

#### Thank You

As the school year comes to an end, we wish you and your family a summer filled with joy, relaxation, adventure, and wonderful new memories.

We look forward to welcoming many of you back in the fall. For those moving on to new adventures, we send our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

As always, our doors remain open. Should you ever wish to connect, please know that we are here for you and always welcome the opportunity to meet with families.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Renfrew community. We wish you a safe, happy, and memorable summer.

*Kim & Nicki*

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# Family Support

## Family Support - Year End Survey!

The Family Support Year End Survey was sent to Renfrew families by email. This is an important component of how we remain accountable to our funders. **If you haven't already done this survey, please take a moment to fill it out through the link provided in the email.** As you complete this short anonymous survey, please think about some of the activities, information or support you may have received from Family Support. You may have interacted with a Family Support Worker through phone calls, emails, or virtual (Zoom) calls. Additionally, you may have participated in one of our Coffee & Chats groups (Telus Spark Science Centre, play place outings, etc.) or one of our information sessions (School Information Sessions, RDSP sessions, etc.). Information collected in the surveys (without any identifying information) is shared with The City of Calgary – Family & Community Support Services (FCSS), which is the agency that funds Renfrew's Family Support Program. Thank you!

## Summer Programs!

It's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner! If you are interested in summer programming for your child(ren), check out these website links below:

### City of Calgary FREE Summer Programs!

- ▶ The City of Calgary offers a variety of free summer programs. This includes Park n Play for children ages 6 – 12 years old. Check out the website for more details!  
- <https://www.calgary.ca/parks-rec-programs/park-n-play-stay-n-play.html>

### Calgary Adapted Hub powered by JumpStart (CAH)

- ▶ Calgary Adapted Hub powered by Jumpstart (CAH) is your go-to resource for inclusive and accessible sport and recreation programming in the city of Calgary.  
- [www.calgaryadaptedhub.com](http://www.calgaryadaptedhub.com)
- ▶ CAH also offers free, personalized navigation support to assist families in finding programs that meet their needs. You can book your free personal consultation by scrolling down to the bottom of this link:  
- <https://www.calgaryadaptedhub.com/personalized-services>

### Between Friends Club (Camp Bonaventure)

- ▶ Between Friends Camp Bonaventure is a fun outdoor summer day camp for youth ages 4-17. This inclusive setting can be adapted to all ability levels. Campers are encouraged to grow and develop their skills through activities such as canoeing, sailing, swimming, arts & crafts, and many other exciting activities and adventures.  
- <https://betweenfriends.ab.ca/camp-bonaventure/>

### Autism Asperger Friendship Society (AAFS)

- ▶ <https://www.aafscalgary.com/>

### Easter Seals Alberta

- ▶ <http://www.easterseals.ab.ca/>

*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



**Cory Francis**  
Family Support Worker  
**Team Lead**

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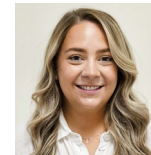
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Family Support Worker

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**Emily Stevenson**  
Family Support Worker

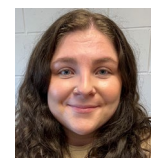
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**Emily Voisey**  
Family Support Worker

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## First Nations



**Alexa Mogg**  
Family Support Worker

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# 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.



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## We Rock the Spectrum

440 28 Street NE

Thursday, June 11, 9:30am



Join us at We Rock the Spectrum for a morning of indoor play! Rock the Spectrum provides a inclusive space for children of all ability levels to play and grow

together. Your whole family will have fun exploring the unique sensory-based toys and equipment, swings, zip slider, and crash pads. This facility also offers a fine motor and craft space, as well as a calming room. For more information, visit Kids Gym Indoor Playground | We Rock the Spectrum - North Calgary | Renfrew will pay your admission. We look forward to seeing you there!

- **Please note:** adults must come with a child and children must come with an adult. Everyone must wear socks inside the play area. Parents & guardians are required to sign a waiver before their child can play in the facility.
- Please include your name, your child's name, how many children are in your group, and the ages of the children.

Please register by **Jun 4, 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 children are in your group and the ages of the children

## Registration for Ultimate Summer Challenge Begins June 15

Days are getting warmer which means it's almost time for Ultimate Summer Challenge! The challenge is simple: read every day this summer. With free access to books, programs, and resources at the Library, the Challenge is an affordable way for readers of all ages to have fun. Plus, you'll be eligible for incredible grand prizes just for signing up. Visit any of our 22 locations or our website to register starting June 15: [calgarylibrary.ca/summer](https://calgarylibrary.ca/summer)

## Get Ready for School with a Kindergarten Book Bag

Starting Kindergarten is a huge milestone that's worth celebrating. With a special keepsake Kindergarten Book Bag filled with books and resources, kids and families will feel more prepared for the upcoming school year. Kindergarten Book Bags are available at most Library locations, excluding Rocky Ridge and Prototype: Skyview. Learn more about school-age resources on our website: <https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/connect/students>

## Celebrate Indigenous Joy at the Library

June is National Indigenous History Month. Indigenous and non-Indigenous visitors of all ages are invited to reflect, celebrate, and come together with programs throughout the month. Programs include an opening ceremony that features a vibrant celebration of Indigenous singing and dancing, and a panel discussion from community artists about what Indigenous joy means to them. View all programs on our website:

<https://www.calgarylibrary.ca/events-and-programs/programs?query=National+Indigenous+History+Month>





# 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>

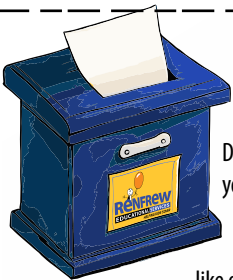
## You don't need to place an order to support the TSC Capital Campaign

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

# Important Dates

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Non-Instructional Day No Classes, No SSP	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 EEP/Jr High ATTEND	13 Renfrew Family Day (10am-12pm)
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21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26 EEP/Jr High ATTEND	27
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## Renfrew's Suggestion Box

Do you have an idea or suggestion you want to pass on to us? A question that you want answered? Something about Renfrew that you like or don't like?

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Email your suggestion to:  
**Renfrew@renfreweducation.org**

or use this form, remembering to include your name and contact information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_