



Renfrew Elementary School Newsletter

June 2026

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Important Dates

- **Tues. September 8 – First day of school – 1 hour only – 9:00am – 10:00am**
- **Wed. September 9 – First FULL day of school – 9:00am – 3:00pm**
- **Thurs. September 24 – Meet the Teacher Night**
- **Wed. September 30 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**

Year End

Thank you for the warm welcome to Renfrew. It is a wonderful community, and I have truly enjoyed getting to know the students, staff, and families. While I don't yet know all 477 students by name without a cheat sheet, I am well on my way!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ms. Tuerlings, who stepped out of the kindergarten classroom this year to take on the role of Acting Vice Principal. Her dedication, commitment, and consistency in this role have made a noticeable positive impact across the school. Next year Ms. Tuerlings will return to teaching kindergarten as Ms. Lin (VP) is scheduled to return from leave.

In a school of this size, there are always changes over the summer. Next year, we are anticipating a decline in enrollment and will likely have 20 divisions, compared to 21 this year. This decrease, coupled with district-mandated staffing adjustments, means that we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Lee (Music), Mr. Hermesmann (Grade 3/4), and Mr. Buttle (Grade 6/7).

Other notable temporary position teachers moving on to new assignments next year include Ms. Kerr (Kindergarten), Ms. H (Grade 1/2), Ms. Mann (Resource). I would like to sincerely thank these teachers for their contributions to the Renfrew Elementary community this year and wish them all the very best as they take on new roles within the Vancouver School Board next year. Good luck with your next position!

September 2026 Start Up Information

School resumes for students in Grades 1-7 on Tuesday, September 8th, from 9AM-10AM.

For Grade 1-7: Students who attended Renfrew during the 2025-2026 school year will be with their 2024-2025 classes until students move into their new classes. Please meet in your regular morning meetings sports at 9am and teachers will meet you there.

For all students, Grade 1-7, the first full day of school is Wednesday September 9th. Again, returning to last years teachers.

Late Return – September

Will Your Child be Returning After September 8, 2026? Please fill out the below survey if you will be arriving back to school late in September.

Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Friday, September 18, 2026, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist

[Late Return in September 2026 – Fill out form](#)

After School Supervision

Outside supervision ends at 3:20 pm daily. If your child walks home encourage them to walk home before 3:20 as supervision ends.

Safe Arrival

If your child will be absent or late, please call 604-713-5159 EXT 70 or email renattendance@vsb.bc.ca
Please let us know before 9:00 am.

PAC

Thank you to the Renfrew school community for your support in our PAC initiatives this school year! Our volunteer PAC Executive Committee has done an incredible job of keeping our school community engaged and connected through communication and events and raising funds for a range of things that benefit our students. Some highlights include:

- Field trips
- Funds to supplement classroom materials and supplies
- Subscriptions for literacy and math
- Hot lunch
- Pumpkin Patch
- Movie nights
- Taiko drumming workshop
- Pow Wow dance performance
- Fans for each classroom

None of these would happen without the power of volunteers! A big thanks to parents who contributed their time and effort to make all of our initiatives so successful. Currently, a handful of parents volunteer regularly and, together, they manage the bulk of everything we do. ***We are always in need of, and welcome new parent volunteers.***

Welcome to our incoming PAC Executive Committee for 2026-2027:

Co-Chairs: Kaori Lau and Louis Kwan

Treasurer: Mona Stilwell

Secretary: VACANT

Members-at-Large: Angela Pan, Jane Ranada, Susan Chen

DPAC Representative: Kaori Lau

We are still looking for a parent to fill the Secretary position. Email us at renfrewschoolpac@gmail.com if you are interested and have any questions.

Wishing you a summer filled with fun memories with your family!

Summer Reading Club is back at Vancouver Public Library!

This fun and free program for school-aged children launches on Monday June 15th. This year's theme is *Under the Sea!* For more information, check out our [SRC Video](#) and our [SRC webpage](#). To participate, all you need to do is set a daily reading/writing goal that you can do and will be proud of.

Some examples of reading/writing activities:

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| Being read to | Writing in a journal | Following a new recipe |
| Listening to an audiobook | Mapping a journey | |
| Listening to a story from an elder or family member | | |

At the end of the summer, visit your local [VPL Branch](#) to pick up your medal!