

April 2022 Renfrew Elementary Newsletter



Welcome to Renfrew!

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- I TAKE CARE OF MYSELF
 - I TAKE CARE OF OTHERS
 - I TAKE CARE OF THIS PLACE
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Date: Friday, April 1st

Issue # 2

Upcoming Dates:



- **Tuesday, April 5th, 6pm, Virtual PAC Presenter: Mom's Against Racism Canada**
- **Friday, April 15th Good Friday, school not in session**
- **Monday, April 18th Easter Monday, school not in session**
- **Monday, April 25th Professional Day, school not in session**
- **Tuesday, April 29, 5:30 pm, Virtual PAC Meeting**
- **Tuesday, April 24-May 7, Scholastic Book Fair**
- **Monday, May 23rd, Victoria Day, school not in session**



SCHOOL CONTACTS

Principal - Janine Lamb Email: jlamb@vsb.bc.ca

Director of Instruction: Mr. Chris Stanger

Vice Principal: Ms. Michelle Shomura

PAC Chairperson: Ms. Maya Toews

School Liaison Trustee: Mr. Alan Wong



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We acknowledge that we live, learn, and play on the unceded and traditional lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm | Musqueam, Sḵwxwú7mesh | Squamish & səlilwətał | Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Dance P13y at Renfrew

Thank you to the PAC for co-sponsoring Dance P13y at Renfrew during February and March. All students were able to participate in this energetic, joyful program focusing on physical literacy for children ages 6-12. The classes promoted positive mental health through the 3 Rules of PL3Y: Be Positive. Be Fun. Be Yourself. Kids loved learning simple moves from a variety of styles – Hip Hop, Urban, Ballroom, Bollywood, Lyrical, Jazz/Funk. Fun was had by all!

April is Autism Awareness Month

In April our school will celebrate Autism Awareness month! To support inclusion at Renfrew we have purchased new books that teachers and students can access to learn more about autism. We have picture books for primary students and chapter books for intermediate students. Here are some of the titles:

Primary Picture Books

- Uniquely Wired: A Story about Autism and its Gifts
- The Superhero Brain: Explaining Autism to empower kids

- The Superhero Heart: Explaining Autism to empower kids
- Since We're Friends: An Autism Picture Book
- All My Stripes: A Story for Children with Autism
- This Is Me! I am Who I'm Meant to Be
- The World Needs More Purple People

Intermediate Chapter Books

- Penguin Days by Sara Leach
- Slug Days by Sara Leach
- Super Star by Mandy David
- He's Not Naughty: A Children's Guide to Autism
- The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice of a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism by David Mitchell (NYT Best Seller)

Traffic Safety

During March Renfrew teachers reviewed traffic safety with students. Classes watched pedestrian safety videos and had discussions about this topic. Some classes participated in acrostic pedestrian safety activities, made safety posters or worked to create a traffic safety bulletin board. We had some morning announcements with traffic safety tips. This link has some tips for families to share with their children: [Vancouver School Board \(vsb.bc.ca\)](http://vsb.bc.ca)

Student Learning Survey 2021/2022

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

During April 2022 the Student Learning Survey will be administered to Renfrew students in Grades 4 and 7. Their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff are encouraged to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the province – in addition, questions from the district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 30th.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-713-4851

MOVING? CHANGING SCHOOLS?

If your child will not be returning to Renfrew in September 2022, please notify the office as soon as possible.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Just a reminder that if you have changed your address or telephone number, to please contact the school office with this new information. For safety and enrolment purposes, it is vital that the school office has this information.

Library News

I am excited to announce that the Scholastics Book Fair will be returning to Renfrew from April 24-May 7. This year, the book fair will be held virtually again. I have included the link below. The link will go live at midnight on April 24 and close at midnight on May 7. Purchases will be delivered to Renfrew, which your child(ren) will be able to pick up from the library.

Remember, every purchase earns valuable Book Fair Rewards that can be used to support our students.

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5182581>

Thank you for your support,

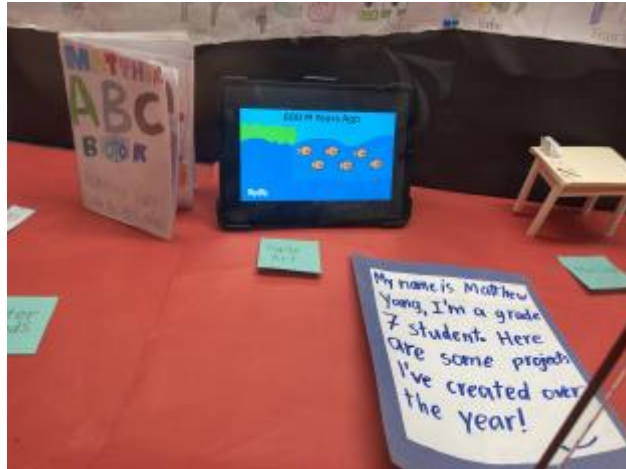
Ms. Shomura

Vice-Principal/Librarian

Student Showcase



2 - Mr. Loutit's class - Lawren Harris study



Featured work by Grade 7 student Matthew Y.



3 - Ms. King's class - cherry blossom art



4 - Ms. Lee's class - BlackHistory Month project



5 - Ms. Cheung's class - collage using analogous colours.



6 - Ms. Mooney's class - Robin in the Rain



7 - Ms. Kwong's class - heart art

PAC Corner

PAC EXECUTIVE:

Chair: Maya Toews, *Email: renfrewschoolpac@gmail.com*

Treasurer: Lina Li, *Email: renfrewschoolpac@gmail.com*

Secretary: Elaine Yong, *Email: renfrewschoolpac@gmail.com*

Hello Renfrew families,

Happy Spring! Here are a couple updates from the PAC:

- 1) How to Raise an Anti-Racist Child presented by [Moms Against Racism](#) will be on Tuesday April 5th at 6:00pm via Zoom. Learn 5 steps you can take right now to advance your family's anti-racism values. Leave with strategies, resources, and tools for both you and your kids. In order for the presenter to tailor the presentation, please [fill out this form](#) which includes an opportunity to ask an anonymous question. Registration will close 2 hours prior to the event. ** Zoom link will be emailed out before the workshop, please email renfrewschoolpac@gmail.com if you would like more information*
- 2) Spring is here and we are so excited to launch our plant fundraiser! We will be selling flower hanging baskets, herbs, veggies, succulents and more. Purchase a gift for Mother's Day or spruce up your own garden! All orders due April 13th and school pick up will be April 27th. Please check out our team website to place your order: [Renfrew Elementary School \(growingsmilesfundraising.com\)](http://RenfrewElementarySchool(growingsmilesfundraising.com))*

3) The PAC's next meeting will be Tuesday April 26th at 5:30pm via Zoom. Please RSVP by emailing renfrewschoolpac@gmail.com. Zoom link & documents will be emailed out before the meeting.

4) Hot lunch is still ongoing! Tuesday's and Thursday's at \$6.50 a meal. Please follow the link and "Renfrew" to place your order: <http://www.cestmoncafe.com/>

Thank you for your ongoing support! - Renfrew PAC

Join the PAC mailing list by emailing renfrewschoolpac@gmail.com

What is a PAC?

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Visit us on the web at [Renfrew Community Elementary School \(vsb.bc.ca\)](http://vsb.bc.ca)



OFFICE HOURS

Start Time: 8:30 am

Closing Time: 3:30 pm

BELL SCHEDULE

- **Warning Bell: 8:55 am**
- **Start of School: 9:00 am**
- **Recess: 10:30-10:50 am**

- Lunch: 12:05-12:52 pm
- Dismissal: 3:03 pm

Please do not send nuts or nut products to school.

USEFUL LINKS



[K-12 Daily Health Check](#)

[BCCDC Website for COVID 19 Information](#)

[Vancouver School Board \(vsb.bc.ca\) Procedures for Severe Weather](#)

[How To Register](#)

[VSB Newcomer Welcome Centre](#)

[Secondary Programs - Mini School Application Process](#)

[Summer School Course & Programs](#)