



Welcome to Renfrew!

We Care for Self, for Others, and for our Surroundings

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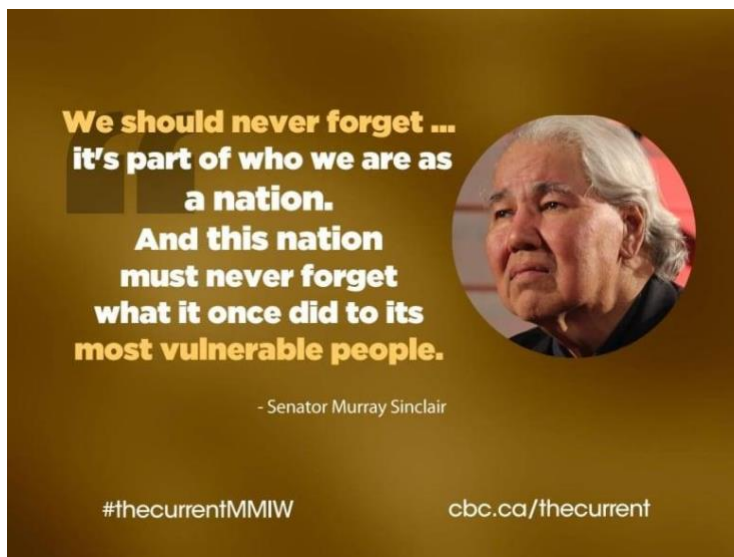
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JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear Renfrew Families,

Please enjoy our last Renfrew newsletter for the 2020-2021 school year. It is full of information, and a glimpse into the day-to-day school life of your children.

On Thursday, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation revealed that the preliminary findings from a survey of the grounds at the former Kamloops Indian Residential uncovered the remains of 215 children buried at the site. Upon hearing this news, it is hard to feel anything but shame and sorrow. As educators, we will continue to work toward reconciliation in our teaching as we work with your children. This will be done carefully, respectfully and with understanding of developmental stages. We all need to understand and acknowledge this dark history, and the impact it continues to have. Children are not responsible for the acts of their ancestors, but with this education we walk the path to a better future for all children.



A sincere thank you to families for supporting Renfrew staff and students through this most challenging of years. We look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school in September. Stay safe, stay healthy, and treasure the moments with your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Janine Lamb

Principal, Renfrew Elementary

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION FOR 2021-2022

We are in the process of establishing our enrolment projections for the 2021-2022 school year. If you know that your child will not be returning to Renfrew in September 2021 and haven't notified us, please call our office at 604-713-4851 to let us know.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER

Please notify the school in writing if your child(ren) will be returning LATER THAN Wednesday, September 8th, 2021, but prior to Friday, September 24th, 2021. Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Wednesday, September 8th, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our office will be open in the summer for the following dates only:

Wednesday, June 30 - 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Friday, July 2 and Monday, July 5 - 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Thursday, August 26 – Friday, September 3 - 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 2021 START-UP INFORMATION AND OPENING DAY PLAN

School starts on Wednesday, September 8th, from **9AM – 10AM**.

For Gr. 1 – 7: Students who attended Renfrew last year will report to last year's teacher and room until we put students into their new classes. More information about September will come to families in late August.



Registered students who are new to Renfrew will report to the office at 9am. Staff will be there to welcome you. All other students not previously registered will report to the office.

Please note: Students entering K in September 2021, please check your email early next week for the progressive K entry schedule.

LOST AND FOUND – TREASURES ABOUND!

We will be placing a table with all our Lost and Found items outside at the front of the school. Please check there daily for any items that belong to your child. Whatever items are left at the end of the year will be donated. Thank you and happy treasure hunting!



GRADE 7 LEAVING CEREMONY

RENFREW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Leaving Ceremony 2020-2021

Please join us in celebrating the end of elementary school for Grade 7 students at Renfrew Elementary School

Date

Friday, June 25, 2021

Time

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Place

The “All Students at Renfrew” Teams Channel

In-person photo opportunities for immediate family members to follow the virtual ceremony on the Renfrew basketball court. Please do not come to the school outside your scheduled time, and please ensure you are wearing a mask and are waiting physically distanced, in designated areas. Please exit the grounds once your photo has been taken.

Division 1 (Mrs. Visser): 1:00 p.m.-1:25 p.m.

Division 2 (Mr. Braun): 1:25 p.m.-1:50 p.m.

Division 3 (Mr. Wong): 1:50 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Division 16 (Ms. Pizzolato): 2:15 p.m.-2:40 p.m.



DO YOU HAVE GRADE 7'S GOING TO WINDERMERE?

.....THEN, THIS IS FOR YOU!

**WINDERMERE
GRADE 7
FAMILY
WELCOME**



**Creating success for grade 8 –
an evening for students coming
to Windermere next year and
their parents**

WHEN

**Wednesday, June 23
5:00 – 6:00 PM**

WHERE

Virtually on MS TEAMS

**Please click or type this link into your
web browser to join the session:**

<http://bit.ly/2SbrZBTWindGr7Welcome>

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

MEET

**WINDERMERE
STAFF**

**LEARN
ABOUT**

**TRANSITION
TO HIGH
SCHOOL**

**SUPPORTING
YOUR CHILD'S
ACADEMIC
SUCCESS**

**WAYS TO
BUILD
HEALTHY
FRIENDSHIPS**

**SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES**

VSU HEALTH AND SAFETY MASK PROTOCOL UPDATE



All staff and students from Grades 4 – 12 received two, 3-layered masks, and are required to wear masks at all times while in the building. Students in Kindergarten to Grades 3, are strongly encouraged to wear masks while indoors and traveling in hallways and shared spaces.

We thank all the parents who drop off their child wearing masks and adhere to the strict protocols of staying 6 metres away from the division line ups. We kindly ask that parents continue to help enforce the Health and Safety guidelines, by picking their child up right after school and leaving the school property promptly, so that the after-school care can use the facilities without concern over mixing cohorts and cross contamination. Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe for all.

VCH Routine Childhood Immunization of Students in K, grades 6 and 9 (not for Covid)

As you are likely aware, Public Health continues to adjust a number of our services in order to prioritize management of the COVID-19 pandemic, and mitigation of COVID-19 transmission in our communities. This includes case and contact follow up and now happily, the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.

Several services to school age children continue to be available, but are being delivered in a modified fashion. Please review the attached school resources.

Immunizations within the school setting and at Public Health offices are currently on hold due to the demands of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, **immunizations for routine vaccine preventable illnesses are important and we encourage children to be immunized on schedule through their Family Physicians and select pharmacies.** Please see the link below for a list of participating pharmacies in Vancouver: <http://www.vch.ca/public-health/communicable-diseases-immunizations/immunizations/school-age-immunization-campaign>.

Keeping Public Health updated with any immunizations you receive is important. It helps us to respond quickly to outbreaks in schools and helps everyone get back to learning as soon as possible.

You can provide us with your child's immunization record by using the form "Your Child's Immunization Information" given by the school during registration or online: www.vch.ca/child-immunization-report

RENFREW SCHOOL GOES GLOBAL

MUSIC LISTENING

In May we continued on with our Music Listening program. We listened to songs by an American-born Vietnamese artist known as Keshi, a Filipino band known as Up Dharma Down (UDD), and American-Indian female musician Norah Jones (daughter of Ravi Shankar and sister to Anoushka Shankar).

For the month of June, we are listening to Indigenous artists to begin with, and then are looking for suggestions of music from all over the globe. If your child has suggestions, please encourage them to submit their requests to their teachers, or in the office to Ms. Lamb or Ms. Coughlan.

WORDS OF THE WEEK – Comment dit-on? (How do you say..?)

We began our, "Words of the Week" program where students from Kindergarten – Grade 7 shared words in many different languages over our PA system with the school. Students were excited to teach us words in Cantonese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi, Spanish and ASL (sign language). We learned how to say 'thank you', 'yummy', 'no', 'yes', 'cherry blossom', 'I like you.', 'book', 'numbers from 1-5', 'how are you?' 'my name is ____' 'what is your name?' 'well behaved', 'book' and more. A big thank you to students from Ms. Kwong's class who shared Japanese, Cantonese and Vietnamese words, to students in Ms. Smith's class who shared Cantonese, Gujarati and Hindi words, to students in Ms. Hepburn's class who shared words in ASL, Cantonese and Punjabi. We look forward to learning more from our students as they are such great teachers and leaders in our school community.

MAPPING OUR ORIGINS

A giant world map is up in our hallway and students and staff have been diligently plotting their origins. The black dots illustrate where our Renfrew students call home, and where our Renfrew families originate from. It has been such a joy listening to the students put up their pins and hear the diverse conversations about where each person is from and what stories their families have shared with them. Our month-end assembly was a fabulous celebration honouring the hard work and determination that students and staff showed in learning about our own Renfrew community. We honour the deep work that was started and we look forward to continuing that work in the next school year. Again, we would like to acknowledge that no matter where we come from, we are all here now at Renfrew school, and we are honoured to live, work and play on the unceded traditional territories of the Squamish, Musqueam and Coast Salish peoples. Haitchka!



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

June 21st 2021 is National Indigenous Peoples day. This day celebrates the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and contributions of Indigenous peoples in Canada. We will be honouring this day at Renfrew Elementary with drumming, songs and listening to stories that will enrich our understanding of our Indigenous peoples and their diverse cultures and heritages. We are honoured to live, work and play on the unceded traditional territories of the Squamish, Musqueam and Coast Salish peoples. Haitchka!

Below: Division 6 created a poignant display in honour of the 215 Indigenous children



STUDENT SHOWCASE



Below: Ms. Bildstein's class swimming & hopping into summer!



Below: Ms. Lambert's class displays beautiful Pacific salmon eco-system collages



Below: Ms. Fryer-Mangan's class created amazing 'All About Me' artwork



Below: Mr. Wong's grade 6/7 class created Cardboard Arcade projects – so much fun!



He shoots, he scores!



OUTDOOR LEARNING IN RENFREW'S GARDEN

Students have been busily weeding, watering and tending the garden



Below: Ms. Bildstein's class doing yoga in our garden and enjoying the beautiful weather



Below: Ms. Salter's class enjoying the outdoors as they learn a new game in P.E.!



Below: Uzume Taiko Drumming was heard throughout the hallways on Monday May 17th



Below: Ms. Kwong's Kindergarten class learning Taiko drumming

Taiko means big drum
 We play fruit basket rhythms
 We can beat the drum!
A haiku poem composed by Kindergarten.

We enjoyed the opportunity to participate in
 Taiko drumming workshops with Uzume Taiko!

Johnny
 Alisha
 William
 Katherine

Savannah
 Julia
 Lucia
 Josiah
 Jonathan

Riley
 Kate
 Jomy
 Jayden
 Ms. Kwong
 Ms. Rita

Korey
 Annie
 Samantha
 Dylan

Ka means hit the side
 Oroshi means go faster
 Hit the middle...DON!
A haiku poem composed by Kindergarten.

MS. COUGHLAN'S LIBRARY CORNER

A huge thank you to Kung Jaadee, the Haida storyteller that shared her histories, traditions and answered many questions for us that our Renfrew students asked. Originally from the village of Old Massett, Haida Gwaii, Kung Jaadee belongs to the X̱aayda (Haida), x̱m̱əθḵəy̱əm (Musqueam) and S̱ḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish) First Nations. Since 1996, Kung Jaadee has performed for hundreds of audiences across Canada and the U.S. Through her writing and storytelling, she has taught the Haida language to both children and adults alike, helping to preserve and revitalize her ancestral dialect. Kung Jaadee means 'Moon Woman' in Xaad Kil, a traditional name given to her by her cousin Crystal Robinson at the memorial potlatch honouring her great uncle in August 2008.

If you are interested in learning more, Kung Jaadee is the artist in residence at the VPL. Kung Jaadee will be working on a three-part play about her Indigenous identity and how the smallpox epidemic affected her Haida Gwaii ancestors and Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island. She will also use library resources to delve deeper in her research of Squamish and Musqueam cultures, languages and legends.



DIVISION 2 LIBRARY MONITORS

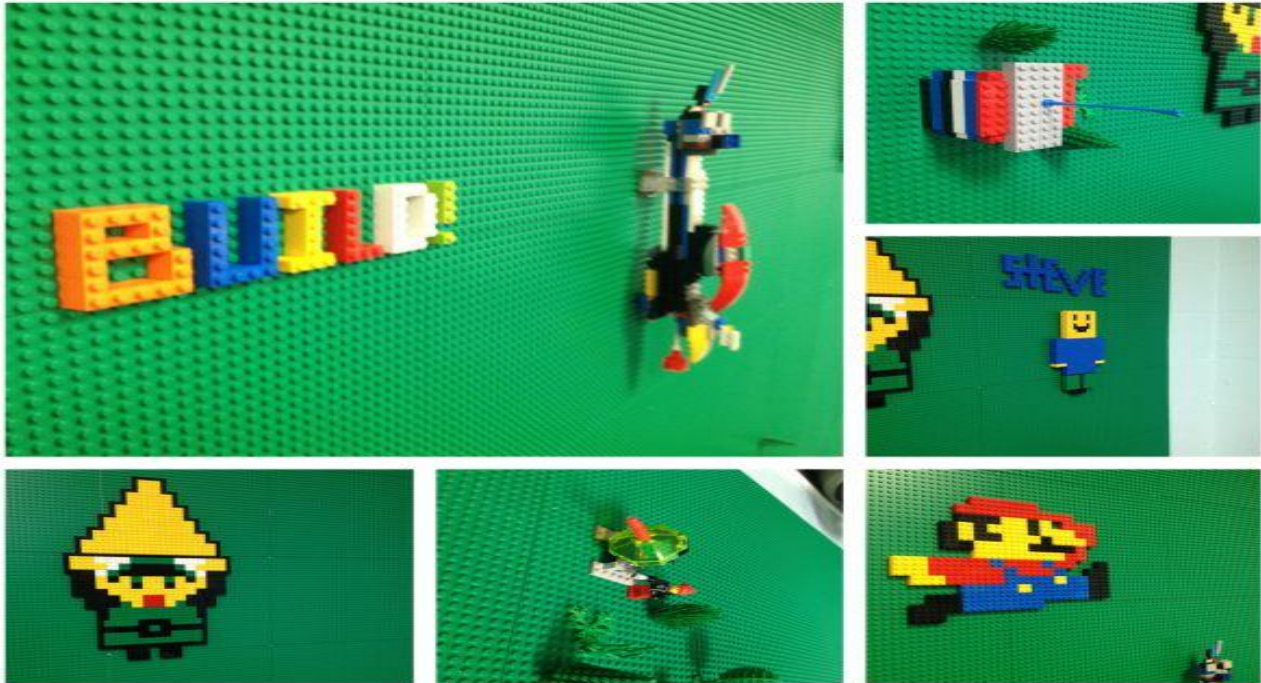
Division 2 has waited patiently for their turn to be library monitors this month. And the wait has been worth it, as they have been busy creating our 'Summer' display and will be putting up our 'Getting Ready for School' fall display in anticipation of our new school year.

A huge thank you to all my library monitors this year. You have been instrumental in ensuring our books get put away properly and in a timely fashion, as well as creating eye-catching displays that inspire and draw our Renfrew readers in. Your suggestions have been well received by our younger students and your enthusiasm over reading and being library leaders has fueled the fire within the younger generation at Renfrew. I've been asked many times, "When do I get to be a library monitor, Ms. Coughlan?" Great job showing leadership skills that affect the school at large!

Below: Here is a group shot of the Division 2 creative geniuses.



LEGO Wall Fundraiser



We asked and you answered! A HUGE THANK YOU to our Renfrew School community! To date, we have raised over \$1000 toward our Lego Wall. The fundraiser will continue until the end of June. The work order to install the wall has gone in, and we are hoping it will be ready for students in the fall! Please continue to send in any Lego pieces you may wish to donate, or money for donations to purchase the Lego, boards, bins and installation. Thank you so much for helping to make your child's dream of a Lego wall at Renfrew a reality!

RENFREW GIVES BACK

Dear Renfrew community,

Is it really June next week? In the last 9 months, I've witnessed the determination, resilience and compassion of our school community as we individually and collectively, made a way to safely be at school - a place where we could connect, reflect and grow. To briefly introduce myself, my name is Thanh Ngo, though most of the kids call me Ms. N. I am one of the resource teachers at Renfrew.

The pandemic has affected all of us in countless ways. On top of global health concerns, issues of social justice were magnified. As a first generation Vietnamese-Canadian, I am particularly attuned to the targeted pain our Asian community has endured historically, and more recently as a result of misconceived connections between COVID and certain Asian groups.

Yoga holds a special place in my heart. I notice the derivatives of its teachings increasingly promoted in our society for its physical, psychological and spiritual benefits ie; mindfulness, physical stretching, meditation etc. As you may know, India is suffering. Although geographically distant, its impact ripples here in our community.

As someone of Asian heritage who loves yoga, and in the spirit of Asian Heritage Month and anti-racism allyship, I am seeking your support in the following humanitarian/social justice fundraising initiatives:

Some teachers will be promoting this initiative on their Teams page. They will be collecting donations in class and there will be a place in the office to donate if your child's class is not able to participate. I do not work at Renfrew on Mondays, so I will be donating my time to lead some yoga classes for any classes that are able to participate. I will also be offering yoga by donation after school, for any teachers who are interested.

I am also including ways to support AAPI by doing a bottle drive. Any cans, bottles and juice boxes donated will be recycled, and the funds collected will go to 2 local charities supporting Asian Youth communities. The charities are the Hua Foundation and UNICEF. I will be taking all the donated

recyclables to the depot on Friday June 25th. So, we will be collecting up until that day. Thank you in advance for anything you can do to help support these heartfelt initiatives.



Compassion is the wish to see others free from suffering. ~ Dalai Lama



PAC CORNER

Hello Renfrew Families,

Our next PAC meeting will be our AGM (Annual General Meeting). We will be hosting it via Zoom on Tuesday June 15th at 6pm. If you're interested in joining the PAC or want to be a part of this meeting, please RSVP to renfrewschoolpac@gmail.com. We will be emailing out the Zoom link and meeting documents.

We want to thank everyone who has supported the PAC during this challenging year! We wish you a happy and healthy summer!

Thank you!

Renfrew PAC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



WHAT'S GOING ON AT RENFREW

Friday, June 18	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Friday, June 25	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
Tuesday, June 29	Last day of school for students
Wednesday, September 8	First day of school (1 hour only)



REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 4th, 8AM

summer.vsb.bc.ca

Summer Programs for Elementary, Secondary,
and International Students

Secondary Program Locations

Churchill Secondary
7055 Heather St.

John Oliver Secondary
530 41st Ave. East

Vancouver Technical
2600 East Broadway

Elementary Program Locations

Nootka Elementary
3375 Nootka St.

Tecumseh Elementary
1850 41st Ave. East

Trafalgar Elementary
4170 Trafalgar St.

Van Horne Elementary
5855 Ontario St.

LOOKING AHEAD 2021-2022



SCHOOL FEES for (2021-2022)

Important Information – Please Translate

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这是一份重要信息 — 请找人为您翻译

اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید

Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

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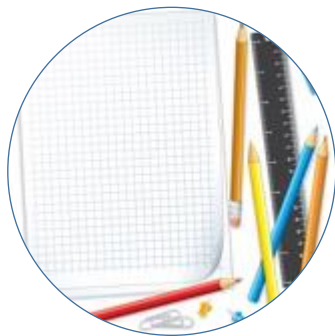
Важная информация! Переведите, пожалуйста

Información importante - Por favor traducir

Avis important; veuillez traduire.

Thông tin quan trọng - Xin phiên dịch

GENERAL \$35.00 SUPPLY FEE



The Vancouver School Board offers the service of purchasing basic school supplies in bulk at wholesale prices and passing the cost savings on to families. The School Supply Fee for 2021 – 2022 is \$35.00 per student.

This fee covers basic consumable school supplies used for students' personal use such as paper, writing tools, glue sticks, erasers, exercise books and art supplies. Supplies are provided for the full year.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES

Student Agenda/Planner – \$7

Students at Renfrew will be using an Agenda/Planner. School agendas/planners are a valuable tool for teaching children how to organize and plan for school. While students are not required to have an agenda/planner it is designed to assist students with the skills of organization and time management and is a very useful communication tool often used between teachers and families. Once class placements have been made, the list will go out with the divisions that will be using it in September.

Workbooks – \$29

Next year, students in many divisions will be bringing home a Jump Math Practice and Homework Book. This material supplements the classroom math program. Once class placements have been made, the list will go out with the divisions that will be using it in September.

The workbook is available for purchase at the cost of \$29. Students are not obligated to purchase the workbook, and may opt to use their copy as a reference textbook instead, meaning the workbook will be returned at the end of the school year for another student to use in the future. Students opting to use the workbook as a textbook will be responsible for ensuring that it remains unmarked and in excellent condition in order to return the workbook at the end of the year.

Field Studies – To be determined throughout the school year at the classroom level

Throughout the school year, and as permissible under Provincial and District Health and Safety protocols and direction, your child's teacher may plan supplementary learning opportunities at locations outside of the school and request monies towards entrance fees, transportation or equipment rental. Your child's teacher will communicate this information to you directly.

Payment: Payment for all school fees will be online again for 2021-2022. More information will come in September and payment will open during the first weeks of September. Stay tuned.

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

As a reminder, the Vancouver School Board will not deny a child access to the school supplies required for his or her educational program because of financial hardship. Nor will any child be excluded from activities where a fee is charged. If at any time there is a financial challenge, please contact the school Principal, (insert name). All requests will be treated confidentially.

如果你需要经济帮助, 请联系你们学校的负责人 • 如需經濟協助, 請聯絡貴校校長 • Néu bạn cần trợ cấp, xin liên lạc với Hiệu Trưởng Trườg • Tawagan ang tagapamahala o punongguro ng paaralan kung kailangan ninyo ng pinansyal na tulong. • Si vous avez besoin d'aide financière, veuillez contacter la direction. • Si necesita apoyo financiero, por favor contacte a la dirección de su escuela • ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਸਕੂਲ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ • 재정 지원이

