

May 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: Monday, May 2nd

Issue # 3

Upcoming Dates:



- **April 24-May 7, Scholastic Book Fair**
- **Thursday, May 5, Big One at 2, earthquake drill**
- **Friday, May 20 - Sports Day; students can be picked up at 2pm**
- **Monday, May 23, Victoria Day, school not in session**
- **Friday, June 3, Welcome to Kindergarten, 10:45-12:00pm**
- **Wednesday, June 29th - Last day of school for students**



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 & səlilwətaʔ | Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Rolling to School!

With the weather slowly improving, students are encouraged to ride their bikes to school. We have a bike locker in which to store bikes in the rear courtyard adjacent to the school. Students should not bring their bike to school unless they have a bike lock. A reminder for all students, please do not ride or scooter on the grounds between 8:40-3:20, and always wear a helmet!

Did you know?

Renfrew Elementary has a cell phone policy. As much as possible, we encourage students to leave their devices at home. If students bring devices to school, during school hours they are expected to be turned off and kept in backpacks, including during recess and lunch. Please be advised that students bringing devices to school do so at their own risk; we are not able to securely store devices for students during the school day. Thank you.

Parking Lot Safety

Pedestrians, please use sidewalks when accessing areas around the staff parking lot.

Renfrew Sports Day May 20, 2021

We are looking forward to having a full school sports day on Friday, May 20th. Unless the weather is very wet, we will be going ahead with a day of fun as all students have an opportunity to participate in this community building day. Sports Day events will continue throughout the lunch hour. As a result, students will be ready to be dismissed for home at 2pm. If you are the parent of an intermediate student, please send an email or a note to your teacher if your child has permission to be dismissed at 2pm and is not being picked up by a parent or guardian. For primary students, pick-up will be at the normal outside meeting spot at 2pm. If you are not able to pick up your child at 2, they will be supervised by school staff until 3:03pm.

Technology Purchases

In April we purchased 6 iPads, 15 Dell laptops and a laptop charging station at a cost of just over \$14,000. We are hoping to receive these items before the end of this school year. Our goal is to order another 15 laptops, and an additional charging station, in the fall.

Student Code of Conduct

This year, staff at Renfrew have been working on revising our Student Code of Conduct through a lens of equity, inclusion and anti-racism. We have presented a draft version to students to get their input, and the draft was presented for feedback from parents at the April 26, 2022 PAC meeting. The final version will be shared with students and families in September 2022.

Class Placement Information for 2022/2023

Our class placement process begins this month and ensures that thoughtful consideration of each student's social, emotional and academic needs is aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments. We consider each placement decision carefully as we create classes that include a variety of students who learn in a variety of ways. Criteria considered in the placement process includes:

- Student/teacher learning and teaching styles
- Balance of academic, social & emotional abilities, friendships
- Students with English as a second language
- Students with special needs
- Leadership abilities and cohesive student groupings

- Previous classroom history
- Class size Ministry of Education composition language

If there is information that the current classroom teacher/administration should consider when placing your child that they are currently not aware of, please provide it to your child's current teacher, or to Janine Lamb by Friday, May 27th. The information you provide will be taken into consideration as a component in the placement of your child, however, we are not always able to accommodate parent requests.

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.

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Save the date! Our Welcome to Kindergarten event will take place at Renfrew on Friday, June 3, from 10:45-12:00. Incoming Kindergarten families will be sent information with more details about the event.

Library News

Our Virtual Book Fair is on! Please visit <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5182581> to see the selection and order some books for summer. All purchases will be delivered to Renfrew and distributed to students. Thank you for your support.

As we look ahead to the end of the school year, the library will undergo inventory. Book circulation will be closed as of June 3 and all books must be returned to the library by June 8. Thank you for your cooperation.

Happy Reading!

Ms. Shomura

Ramadan Earth Week Challenges for Staff and Students

During the April, Renfrew Elementary embarked on an Earth Week challenge. The Ramadan GREEN challenges were inspired by Green Ummah's month of Ramadan challenges, a non-profit Muslim Earth advocacy organization based out of Ontario.

Here are just a few of the challenges that we undertook:

Challenge #1: REDUCE YOUR WASTE!

-Zero Waste Lunch

-Clean-up activity around the community

-Reduce Paper Usage! The average Canadian uses SEVEN trees + 308kg of paper per year! (UWaterloo)

-This Ramadan, try to have a vegetarian meal! The livestock sector generates as much as greenhouse gas emissions as all automobiles do!

Challenge #2: REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION!

-Reduce Water consumption. Canadians use 250L of water EACH DAY! According to the University of Waterloo, an average Canadian family uses 985 litres of water per day.

Friday April 22 - HAPPY EARTH DAY!!!

Challenge #3 - REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION!

-Dress up in GREEN or BLUE (something you already have) for Earth Day.

-Reduce your carbon footprint by making actual footprints! Wherever possible, try walking, biking, scootering, carpooling or taking transit instead of driving. Replacing short trips with walking can help reduce CO2 emissions.

Renfrew Calendar 2022-2023

| CALENDAR 2022-2023 Renfrew Elementary School | |
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| School Operation Overview | |
| Number of Days in Session | 185 |
| Number of Days in Instruction | 179 |
| Number of Days of Non-Instruction | 6 Non-Instructional Days 1 Administrative Day (June 30) |
| Important Dates | |
| First Day of School for Students | Tuesday, September 6, 2022 |
| National Day for Truth & Reconciliation | Friday, September 30, 2022 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Monday, October 10, 2022 |
| Remembrance Day | Friday, November 11, 2022 |
| Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation | Friday, December 16, 2022 |
| Winter Vacation Period | Monday, December 19, 2022-Monday January 2, 2023 |
| School Re-opens after Winter Vacation | Tuesday, January 3, 2023 |
| Family Day | Monday, February 20, 2023 |
| Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation | Friday, March 10, 2023 |
| Spring Vacation Period | Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 24, 2023 |
| School Re-opens after Spring Vacation | Monday, March 27, 2023 |
| Good Friday | Friday, April 7, 2023 |
| Easter Monday | Monday, April 10, 2023 |
| Victoria Day | Monday, May 22, 2023 |
| Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance | Thursday, June 29, 2023 |
| Administrative/School Closing Day | Friday, June 30, 2023 |
| Professional Development and Non-Instructional Days (School not in session) | |
| Friday, September 23, 2022 | Professional Development Day (Date set by school) |
| Friday, October 21, 2022 | Professional Development Day (Province wide) |
| Friday, November 25, 2022 | Non-Instructional Indigenous Focus Day (District wide) |
| Friday, January 20, 2023 | Professional Development Day (Date set by school) |
| Friday, February 17, 2023 | Professional Development Day (District wide) |
| Monday, April 24, 2023 | Professional Development Day (District wide) |
| Parent Conference Dates | Early Dismissal Times |
| Wednesday, October 19, 2022 | 2:00 PM |
| Thursday, October 20, 2022 | 2:00 PM |
| Wednesday, April 5, 2023 | 2:00 PM |
| Thursday, April 6, 2023 | 2:00 PM |

Student Showcase



2 - Ms. Kwong's class - spring art



3 - Ms. Mooney's class - The Very Hungry Caterpillar



4 - Ms. Bildstein's class - Sakura blossom art



5 - Ms. Slater's class - Printmaking



6 - Ms. Hoang's class - Sunflowers for Ukraine



7 - Ms. Hepburn's class - spring art



8 - Mr. Tse and Ms. Hepburn's classes - weaving







9 - Ms. MacFarlane's class - salmon forest

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,

Thank you to everyone that participated in our Spring Plant Fundraiser! We reached our goal of over \$1000 in sales. Hope you're enjoying your flowers and plants as much as we are!

Our next PAC meeting will be May 10th at 6pm via Zoom. Please RSVP by emailing: renfrewschoolpac@gmail.com. Zoom link and documents will be emailed before the meeting.

Hot Lunch with C'est Mon Cafe is still ongoing. Please place your orders online: [Home \(cestmoncafe.com\)](http://Home.cestmoncafe.com) and follow the 'Renfrew' prompts. \$6.50/meal every Tuesday and Thursday.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support!

- Renfrew PAC

Renfrew Elementary School PAC

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

[What is a PAC?](#)

Renfrew Elementary School

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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](#)

UBC Free Event for Families - Science Rendezvous

A free event for families at UBC on Saturday May 7.

For more information: <https://science.ubc.ca/science-rendezvous-2022>

UBC is proud to be a host of Science Rendezvous, a national festival that takes science out of the lab and on to the street. Join us on Saturday May 7, 2022 from 10AM to 3PM for a day of hands-on, family friendly science activities!

Festival-goers of all ages will get a chance to meet world-class researchers and innovators, participate in hands-on experiments, and see amazing scientific demonstrations on UBC's Vancouver campus. See map with venues and parking below. In accordance with UBC's campus rules, masks or face coverings are required in public indoor spaces.

Events and Hands-On Science

Pacific Museum of Earth

Get hands on with a table of touchable fossils. There will also be tours of the new Hominin Hall and guided tours of the new Walk Through Time exhibit at 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00.

- Location: Pacific Museum of Earth

Beaty Biodiversity Museum

Visit Canada's largest blue whale skeleton. The Museum is running its regular daily [programming schedule](#) and is open by donation.

- Location: Beaty Biodiversity Museum

Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream with UBC Chemistry

Time Show Room 11:00 Fun with Materials Chemistry B150 11:30 Fun with Fuels Chemistry B250 Noon Fun with Green Chemistry Chemistry B150 12:30 Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream Between Chemistry B and D wings 1:00 Fun with Fuels Chemistry B150 1:30 Fun with Green Chemistry Chemistry B250

- Location: Chemistry B Block

Fun with Robots

UBC Geering Up Engineering Outreach is on a mission to provide youth with the opportunity to investigate engineering, science and technology in a fun, educational and safe environment.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building lobby throughout the day

Make an Air Vortex Cannon

Make an air vortex cannon with UBC Let's Talk Science. Learn basic concepts about air and advanced concepts in fluid dynamics.

- Location: Beaty Biodiversity Museum courtyard throughout the day

Math Mania

Interactive demonstrations, puzzles, games art and mathematical paradoxes that make math and computer science concepts fun. Math Mania welcomes all age levels, but is particularly suited to students in Grades 2 to 5.

- Locations: Interactive stations at all venues throughout the day

Holographic Systems and VR

UBC HiVE offers demonstrations with Hololens 2 (a holographic system) and Oculus Quest 2 (a virtual reality system).

- Location: Earth Sciences Building Main Floor

LEGO Bricks, Paper Circuits and Oscilloscopes

Build a chart of nuclides using LEGO, draw paper circuits to light-up LEDs, and learn how programmable sensor data can be displayed with an oscilloscope. Travel virtually into the heart of UBC-based TRIUMF, and the world's largest cyclotron of its kind.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1012

Magic and Mazes with UBC CS

Explore data representation and structures presented as puzzles, games and challenges! UBC Computer Science and the Vancouver Independent School for Science and Technology illuminate the science of computing without touching a keyboard.

Play with Microscopes Come to the lab and play with microscopes and discover the beauty of pond biodiversity!

- Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 102 throughout the day

Create Your Own Gut Make a piece of art with Microbiology and Immunology that lets you "create your own gut" by decorating it with specific microbes based on your lifestyle.

- Location: Outside the Beaty Museum throughout the day

Science Talks

10:00am

BC Children's Hospital Research Institute Social Exposome Cluster

The Social Exposome Research Cluster aims to understand the biological mechanisms by which social factors get 'under the skin' to influence health. Join us for fun-filled STEM demonstrations, interactive activities and the premiere screening of a video showing how early life factors influence future health outcomes.

- Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 101

Microbes and Human Health

The Tropini lab investigates the connection between gut microbes and human health, common factors that impact bacteria in our gut, and how these changes may contribute to digestive disorders.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1013

3D Coral Project

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1012

11:00am

How Birds Move

How birds use visual motion to maneuver, feed and avoid collisions in flight.

- Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 102

Food Nutrition - What's Good to Eat

Eating a wide variety of nutrient-rich foods is one way to support health. But it's not just about what you put on your plate. Get the big picture on how stress and anxiety impact diet using real life experiences and current research projects from the Cohen Lab at UBC.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1013

Get the Projects You Want in Grad School

Graduate student Mitch Albert on how he created a path for himself to work on great projects ranging from hip implants to airplanes. Dig into the science behind the projects.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1012

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Higgs @ 10

Ten years after the discovery of the Higgs boson, the elusive subatomic particle, researchers at the world's largest science experiment are gearing up for next-generation searches. Join TRIUMF physicists to explore the Large Hadron Collider, the ATLAS detection experiment, and Canada's role on the frontier of physics.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1013

Race to Immunity

Learn the steps in designing, producing and distributing your own vaccine in a pandemic. Beat another team in a dramatic race against time!

- Location: Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 101

1:00pm

Three Minute Thesis Finalists

- Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 102

Wild Mushrooms: Careful What You Eat

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1013

Bird Feathers and Improving Flight Performance

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1012

2:00pm

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- Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 101

Dark Extinction

A talk on the recent and future extinction of species. Are there species that have become recently extinct without being scientifically recorded, and perhaps leaving no physical trace?

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1013

What Electron Microscopy Teaches Us About the World

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1012

Venues

The locations are close together. Museums are open by donation. In accordance with UBC's campus rules, masks or face coverings are required in public indoor spaces.



1. **Beaty Biodiversity Museum** 2212 Main Mall | [Map and parking](#)
2. **Chemistry D Block** 2036 Main Mall | [Map and parking](#)
3. **Earth Sciences Building** 2207 Main Mall | [Map and parking](#)
4. **Michael Smith Building** 2185 East Mall | [Map and parking](#)
5. **Pacific Museum of Earth** 2207 Main Mall | [Map and parking](#)