

June 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: Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Issue # 4

Upcoming Dates:



- **Monday, May 30 - Friday, June 3 - Bike to School Week**
- **Friday, June 3, Welcome to Kindergarten 10:45-12:00**
- **Friday, June 17, PAC Hosted Teacher Appreciation Tea**
- **Friday, June 24, Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony**
- **Wednesday, June 29, Last Day of School for Students**
- **Tuesday, September 6, 9-10:00am First Day Back for Students Grades 1-7**
- **Wednesday, September 7, First Full Day of School for Students Grades 1-7**



SCHOOL CONTACTS

Principal: Ms. 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.

Bike to School Week!

Students are encouraged to ride their bikes to school this week. 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!

Renfrew Sports Day

We had a wonderful Sports Day on Friday, May 20th. The sun made a rare appearance and students enjoyed a full day of fun and games with their friends. The day was capped off by students participating in 'Contests of Strength'. There was much laughter and delight, and it was wonderful to see the whole school coming together for such an important community building event. Thank you again to the PAC for organizing a healthy snack for all students, for staff who set up the event, parents who volunteered and Grade 7 parents for sending treats for the bake sale. A special thank you to the Grade 7s who ran each station - we couldn't have done it without you! We look forward to many more community building opportunities in the next school year!

GRADE 7 LEAVING CEREMONY

Parents of Grade 7s will be invited to a Grade 7 leaving ceremony on Friday, June 24, 2022. The ceremony will be live-streamed for other Renfrew classes to watch.

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Our Welcome to Kindergarten event will take place at Renfrew this Friday, June 3, from 10:45-12:00. Incoming Kindergarten families have been sent detailed information about this event.

Lost and Found



We have many items in our lost and found. Please encourage your child to come by the display in the main hallway outside the office.

A wallet was found on Sports Day. If you or your child lost a wallet, please come to the school office to claim it.

SEPTEMBER 2022 START-UP INFORMATION AND OPENING DAY PLAN

School starts on Tuesday, September 6th, from **9AM – 10AM for Gr. 1 – 7**. Students who attended Renfrew last year will report to last year's teacher and room until students are moved into their new classes. 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 2022, please check your email for progressive K entry schedule.

Library News

Library circulation closes on June 3, 2022. Please return all books by this date. Thank you.

A big thank you to this year's library monitors. They re-shelved books and helped out in many ways to make our library a tidy and welcoming place. Thank you for contributing to the Renfrew school community!

Vancouver Public Library

Summer Reading Club is back at Vancouver Public Library! This fun and free program for school-aged children launches on June 13th and registration details have been added to our website at [www.vpl.ca/kids]www.vpl.ca/kids. This year's theme is All Together Now! To participate, all you need to do is set a goal and try out different library challenges - like listen to a story, attend a library program, or, of course... read something! Once your challenges are complete, visit your local library to pick up a medal at the end of the summer.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

Please notify the school in writing if your child(ren) will be returning LATER THAN Tuesday, September 6th, 2022, but prior to Friday, September 23rd, 2022. Please note: If the school cannot verify your child's attendance at school by noon on Wednesday, September 7th, your child's space may be given to another student on the school's waitlist.

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, please contact the school office with this new information. For safety and enrolment purposes, it is vital that the school office has this information.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

Monday, July 4 and Tuesday, July 5 - 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Thursday, August 25 – Friday, September 2 - 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Renfrew School Fees for 2022-2023



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SCHOOL FEES for (2022-2023)
Important Information – Please Translate
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ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ-ਮਿਹਰਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ
ਕਰੋ/ਕਰਵਾਓ
Важная информация!Переведите,пожалуйста

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 2022 – 2023 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

This 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.

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.



Renfrew Calendar 2022-2023

CALENDAR 2022-2023 Renfrew Elementary School	
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

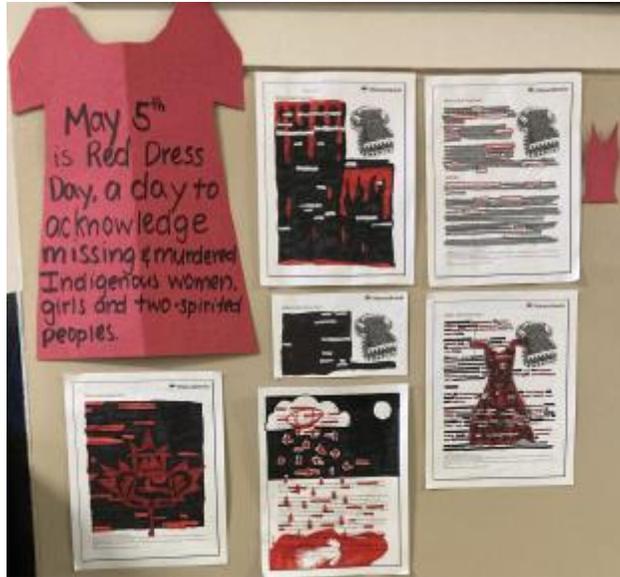
Student Showcase



2 - Ms. Visser's class - Picasso cubic face interpretations







3 - Ms. Pizzolatto's class - Blackout Poetry for Red Dress Day



4 - Ms. Bildstein's class - layered lilies inspired by Claude Monet



5 - Ms. Cheung's class - art inspired by shadow and light



6 - Ms. Moino-King's class - spring 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,

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Save-On-Foods Grandview who donated 500 bananas for our Sports Day last month! The bananas were eaten up, some students came back for seconds!

Our next PAC meeting will be our AGM on Tuesday June 14th at 6:00pm via Zoom. This meeting we will vote in new members to the PAC for the 2022/2023 school year. Please RSVP if you would like to attend by emailing: renfrewschoolpac@gmail.com. Please also let us know if you're interested in joining the PAC.

Hot Lunch with C'est Mon Cafe will continue until the end of the school year. Please go online to place your orders at: [Home \(cestmoncafe.com\)](http://Home(cestmoncafe.com)) and follow the 'Renfrew' prompts. \$6.50/meal every Tuesday and Thursday, ending June 28th.

The PAC will like to say a special good-bye to Sue Barts who has always helped and supported us! Sue - you will be missed!

A goodbye note from our PAC Chair, Maya Toews: This is my last month being our PAC chair as my son will be changing schools next school year. It has been an honour to serve as our PAC chair for the last five years! (Wow, time has flown by!) From the popcorn sales to hosting our meetings via Zoom, it has always been a fun and learning experience. I will miss you Renfrew!! Wishing the future PAC, students, teachers, staff and families all the best! - Maya

Thank you for your support this school year! We appreciate you. Have a great summer everyone!

- 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.



Host an International Student - Join Langara Homestay

Langara College invites you and your family to join our highly regarded Homestay Program by hosting a VSB international student this year. Our students come from Europe, Asia and South America - usually stay for 5 or 10 months, and are keen to experience life with a Vancouver family. Generous reimbursement is provided. Please call 604.323.5696 or email homestay@langara.ca for more information.

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](#)

[VSBC Newcomer Welcome Centre](#)

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

[Summer School Course & Programs](#)