



# Treasures Family Newsletter



September 2011

## 2011-2012 Program Fees

Payment can be made by, **pre-authorized debit**, **pre-authorized VISA or MasterCard** or **post-dated cheques**. For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Manager at your child's location.

### REGISTRATION FEE

- *All programs*  
\$50.00 (non refundable)

### ECS

- **Typically Developing Children**
  - 3 & 4 years of age  
*Monday to Thursday - half day*  
\$150.00/month
  - Multi-Age  
*Monday to Friday - half day*  
\$180.00/month
  - 5 years of age  
*Monday to Friday - half day*  
\$25.00 /month (snack & resource fee)
- **Children with Special Needs**  
*Monday to Friday - half day*  
\$25.00 /month (snack & resource fee)

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

- **All Children**  
*Monday to Friday - full day*  
\$350.00/month

### TRANSPORTATION FEE

- **ALL children on Renfrew buses**  
\$65.00/month (Individual)  
\$90.00/month (Family Rate)

## Important Dates

- Sept. 23 Organizational Day**  
No Classes, No SAS Programs
- Oct. 07 Organizational Day**  
No Classes, No SAS Programs
- Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day**  
Schools closed
- Oct. 11 Thanksgiving Weekend**  
Schools closed
- Oct. 28 Organizational Day**  
No Classes, No SAS Programs



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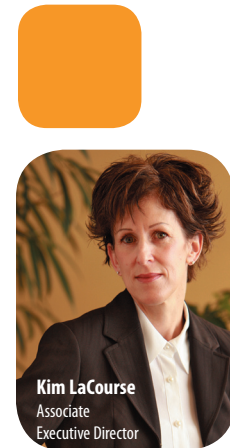


# Executive Message

News from the Associate & Executive Directors



Janice McTighe  
Executive Director



Kim LaCourse  
Associate  
Executive Director

## The Beginning of Our 38th School Year!

We have been waiting, with great enthusiasm and energy, to welcome your children to school. Over the last few weeks our staff has been preparing for this day, and we are eager to begin! We look forward to the many wonderful learning opportunities we will share with your child and your family.

### LOTS OF SUMMER ACTIVITY

Renfrew Educational Services was a very busy place over the summer. All the summer camps offered from *Buddy Bears* to *Imagination Station* were very successful and kept our buildings alive with children.

### RENFREW BUSES

As we venture together through the first week of school, we may encounter a few changes with our bus schedules. Our bus routes are established by our Manager of Transportation and distributed to our bus drivers toward the end of August. As school begins, we may still be adding new children to the routes or accommodating children who have moved, which may alter our bus routes. We do not anticipate large changes but perhaps a few minor ones. We know that for the first couple of weeks our drop-off and pick-up times may be slightly different than predicted. We promise this will settle down and thank you for your understanding in these early days. We really appreciate your patience!

Also an important reminder - please ensure your child does not bring toys, electronic devices or food with them on the bus. For your child's riding entertainment all of our buses are equipped with DVD players.

As school begins, our Elementary Education students are reconnecting with their friends and teachers. Our Preschool children are greeted with open arms and comforting words as they adjust to their new routines. We spend a lot of time ensuring we create an environment where children feel safe and comfortable at school. In a very short time, all your children will be waiting eagerly for their bus to arrive or for you to take them to school.

### FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is an important and necessary activity for not-for-profit organizations like Renfrew Educational Services. In order to offer excellent programs and resources for children, and to keep our fees affordable, we need to participate in fundraising activities. We ask each family to support this aspect of our program in some way - large or small. The rewards come back to your children and their programs. Within the first week of school, our first campaign will start as the children/students have the opportunity to sell SUTP books (Student Union Ticket Pak). Also, please mark your calendars as our **17th Annual Charity Gala** is set for March 9, 2012. We will send information about our Gala in the next few weeks.

### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Parent Advisory Councils (PAC) will be set up at each Renfrew location with each site hosting a monthly meeting. Each Parent Advisory Council will establish its direction in collaboration with the teachers and Managers. It is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in your child's

school. Dates for PAC meetings will be in the next Treasures newsletter.

### ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

In an effort to reduce the amount of paper we generate for the school year this monthly newsletter, Treasures, will be posted on our website at **www.renfreweducation.org**. If you wish to receive a hard copy, please let the Manager at your child's site know. All classroom information will be sent home regularly through your child's Communication Agenda.

### REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Also on our website, you will find the following information about our school:

- 3 Year Education Plan
- Budget Report
- Annual Education Results Report

To access these from our Home Page click on "About Renfrew" - which will bring this up and on the lower left you will find the three documents. The first two documents are password protected so you will be prompted to enter the password - **Renfrew01**. If you have any questions around this process or the content please feel free to contact us.



We welcome you to Renfrew, our doors are always open!. We are available to meet with parents at any time. Please feel free to contact us:

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**WARMEST REGARDS,**  
*Janice & Kim*



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**Child Development Centre**  
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**Park Place Centre**  
 3688-48 Ave. NE

**Sundance Centre**  
 75 Sunpark Dr. SE

**Silverwood Centre**  
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# Family Support

Welcome all new and returning Renfrew families! We hope that you had a wonderful summer and look forward to another exciting school year.

## WHAT IS FAMILY SUPPORT?

Renfrew's Family Support department is available to provide you with information, resources and support as your child learns and grows at Renfrew. There is a Family Support Worker at each Renfrew location.

## WHY WOULD YOU CONTACT A FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER?

Throughout the school year, you may find that you have questions or need support. These questions may be related to your child with special needs, your typically-developing child, or yourself. Here are a few examples of issues that we can help you with:

- School transition
- Emotional support
- Accessing government programs (FSCD)
- Child care and respite
- Transportation and housing
- Financial assistance
- Counselling
- Behaviour support services
- Interpretation & translation
- Recreation & summer camps

## SCHOOL TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

Are you wondering where your child with special needs will go when he or she leaves Renfrew? The Family Support team has created a series of presentations to assist you with this process. Details of each presentation will be included in your child's monthly Treasures newsletter.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Where to After Renfrew?

This presentation will provide an overview of the Calgary Board of Education (CBE), Calgary Catholic School District, private schools, and charter schools. You will learn about the process of changing schools and what to expect in the months leading up to the school transition. We look forward to seeing you there!

- Sundance Centre  
**November 3** 7:00-8:30pm  
**November 9** 9:00-10:30am
- Janice McTighe Centre  
**November 15** 6:00-7:30pm  
**November 17** 11:30am – 1:00pm

Please register a minimum of 1 week before the presentation by calling **Jane Wilkening** at **403.291.5038 ext. 1342**. Child care is NOT offered for these presentations.



## Contact Family Support

Please call if you have questions, need resources, or if you would just like to talk. The Family Support team can be reached by calling **403.291.5038** followed by the appropriate extension:

- **Jaye Harry**  
Family Support Manager  
Sundance Centre **ext. 1606**
- **Sarah Livingstone**  
Janice McTighe Centre **ext. 1351**
- **Kayla Lewis**  
Park Place Centre **ext. 1811**  
Child Development Centre **ext. 1811**  
Bowness Centre **ext. 1811**

# Important Dates

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				01 Full Day of Classes for preschool and EEP busing begins	02	03 Renfrew Family Day Calgary Stampeders & Spolumbo's Event (McMahon Stadium)
04	05 Labour Day Schools closed	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Organizational Day No Classes, No SAS Programs	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## Coming up:

- Oct. 07** Organizational Day No Classes, No SAS Programs
- Oct. 10** Thanksgiving Day Schools closed
- Oct. 11** Thanksgiving Weekend Schools closed

- Oct. 25** Elementary Education Family Night Lloyds Recreation
- Oct. 27** Family Night Preschool Programs (at own sites)
- Oct. 28** Organizational Day No Classes, No SAS Programs

## Renfrew's Suggestion Box



Do you have an idea or suggestion you want to pass on to us? A question that you want answered? Something about Renfrew that you like or don't like?

Email your suggestion to:  
**Renfrew@renfreweducation.org**

or use this form, remembering to include your name and contact information.

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