



Rennie's River Elementary

Monthly Newsletter



September 2025



Important Dates:

September 3
First day of classes

September 8-16 School Lunch
schoolnlunch.ca
Registration/
menu/
ordering.

September 11
Curriculum Night

September 19
Terry Fox Walk

September 24
School Lunch Program begins

September 24
Recycling Blitz

September 30
Orange Shirt Day

October 2 & 3
School picture day

October 6
School Council meeting

October 13
Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Welcome Back!

We would like to welcome all new and returning students and staff to Rennie's River Elementary! We hope everyone had a relaxing summer, and we look forward to a great school year! We will send home an informational newsletter at the beginning of each month, and we ask that you keep it handy, as it will contain important information and upcoming dates. Our primary method of distribution will be via email. Therefore, the email address on file for you must be accurate and up-to-date. (Paper copies will still be provided upon request.) We are looking forward to another exciting year at Rennie's River Elementary, and we are eager to work with you to ensure a sound educational experience for your child(ren). In addition, please follow us on Twitter; this is where we can send out quick notices of important information.

Classroom teachers

Grade	Homeroom teacher
Kindergarten	Kelly Smith
Kindergarten	Kimberly Hurrell
Grade 1	Julia Young
Grade 1	Jennifer Thomas
Grade 2	Crystal Abbott
Grade 2	Nicole Street
Grade 3	Melissa Kenny
Grade 3	Katie Hanrahan
Grade 3/4	To be announced
Grade 4	Amanda Rose
Grade 4	Samantha Hart
Grade 5	Ashley Doody
Grade 5	Simone Combden
Grade 6 Eng	Joanne Hearn
Grade 6 ICF	Amanda Cooper
IRT	Sarah Scaplen

Terry Fox Run

We will be participating in the Terry Fox run this year. On September 19, 2025 each class will participate in a class walk. If you wish to support the Terry Fox Foundation, please do so [here](#).

Electronic Devices

Students are not permitted to have personal electronic devices at school. If



you need to contact your child during school hours, please call the office, and we will be happy to assist you. If, for any reason, your child has to call home during the school day, he/she/they will be required to do so through the office. While we understand the various reasons students may need to bring their devices to school, we expect all students to adhere to our policy. Student and staff safety is of utmost importance. Please discuss this policy with your child about the appropriate use of technology/social media. A copy of the policy can be found [here](#)



Busing

All students will be eligible for bussing this school year. As expected, there will be a significant increase in buses on our school parking lot, which may require extra monitoring to ensure student safety. **Parents are strongly encouraged to avail of the bussing service for both their own convenience and to reduce congestion on our school parking lot.** If your child will not be availing of the bus, please contact [Ms. Goldsworthy](#) so that they can be removed from the bus seating assignments. If your situation changes in the future and you need your child's seat reassigned, we can





Back To School

Rennie's River Elementary
150 Elizabeth Ave
St. John's, NL
A1B 1S4

 @RenniesRiver

 [RR Website](#)

Principal
Ms. Jennifer Lee

Assistant Principal
Ms. Shannon Goldsworthy

Guidance
Ms. Megan Ennis

IRT	Sydney Dares
Head IRT	Christa Brown
Reading Specialist	Pam Hackett
TLA	Lisa Bishop
TLA	Rocio Metcalfe
TLA	Tanisha Yadav
EAL	Lisa Spurrell
EAL	Ladan Jahankhah
EAL	Chris White
Guidance	Megan Ennis
SA	Jody Evoy
SA	Bev Hebbard
SA	Shawn Walsh
SA	Mary Lou Farrell

Curriculum Night

Our curriculum night will be on September 11, 2025. Your child’s teacher will communicate more information.

Daily Schedule

8:05 a.m.	Doors Open
8:20 a.m.	Classes begin
10:20 - 10:35 a.m.	Recess
12:05 - 12:50 p.m.	Lunch
2:20 p.m.	Dismissal

Kindergarten students will have a delayed start on the first day of school ONLY. They will begin their day at 9:30 am on September 3.

Grades 1 - 6 have regular start time. Doors open at 8:05. Classes begin at 8:20.

Allergies

Please note that we have the following allergies at our school and remind you of the importance of not sending food containing those items: Peanuts / Tree Nuts (almonds, pecans, cashew, walnuts...) egg sandwiches & Shellfish. Also, WOW butter and other soy butter products are not permitted. If your child has an allergy, please let the classroom teacher know as soon as possible to ensure everyone’s safety. **PLEASE remember we are a SCENT-FREE SCHOOL.**

School Lunch

The School Lunch Association aims to serve students a hot, nutritious lunch regardless of a family's financial situation. Families can sign up for this service online. Every year, registration

do that for you.

Bus Route Information: Rennie’s River [Current bus runs and routes](#). Please ensure you know the time and bus stop assigned for your child before the first day of school.

If you are still unsure of your child’s bus stop and/or time, you can log into the bus portal. [Parent Portal Login](#). If you have not already created an account (and wish to do so), you can create an account and add your child(ren) to the account at the above link as well. You will need the following information in order to add your child:

- 1. Student Number
- 2. Student Date of Birth
- 3. School
- 4. Grade

Please take time over the weekend to familiarize yourself with the route information in preparation for next week. Bus routes are also posted to our website. Please note that seats are not assigned on this portal. **Students will be given a seat number on the first day of school and are expected to use that assigned seat for the remainder of the year.**

Outside Play

The staff at Rennie's River are committed to incorporating outside play as often as possible. We will be having outdoor lunch playtime for Grade 1-6 students as often as the weather permits. Kindergarten - Grade 3 students will also spend scheduled time outdoors as their programming includes play-based learning. We believe a large part of learning is engaging in exploration, adventure, and play while enjoying the fresh air of the outdoors! To help this run smoothly, please ensure your child is dressed for the weather every day! It is helpful for children, especially those in the primary grades, to have a change of clothes in their locker (shirt, pants, socks, underwear) in case they get wet or dirty.

School Photos

School photos are scheduled to take place on October 2 & 3.

Lost and Found

Each year, hundreds of dollars worth of clothing are left behind, leaving us no choice but to donate them at the end of every month. Lost items are on display in the main hallway, and reminders are provided for students. **Please take a moment to label all your belongings with their names.** If your child’s items are marked with a permanent marker, we can easily return them.

is required for a child to participate in the school lunch program. Parents/guardians are required to generate a new login and password annually. Please note that School Lunch will begin on September 24. Registration and menu ordering must be completed online. Ordering will open on September 8 and close on September 16. We remind you of the importance of submitting menu orders by the deadline and regret that we are unable to help with late orders. To register and place an order, please contact the School Lunch Association directly [at https://schoollunch.ca/contact/](https://schoollunch.ca/contact/) or by phone at 754-5323.



School Lunch Association Calendar 2025 - 2026

Meal Payment \$5.00 per day

Charity Business #13591 2319 RR0001

Payments for meals are not donations, consequently, under the regulation of the Federal Government Charities Act, income tax receipts cannot be issued

Register and Order lunch online

[www.schoollunch.ca](https://schoollunch.ca)

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
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PLEASE check with your school for PD Days before placing your order

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MAY							JUNE						
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Menu Ordering Opens

Menu Ordering Closes

No Lunch Service

Statutory Holiday

1 Day Service Day

REGISTRATION AND LUNCH ORDERS OPEN SEPT 8th

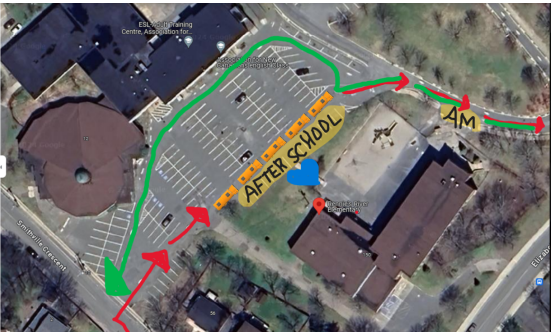
First day of service September 24th, 2025

School Lunch Association email: sla@schoollunch.ca phone: 754-5323 Ext 221

Visa or Mastercard, Visa Debit or Mastercard Debit, EMAIL TRANSFER (EFT) to orders@schoollunch.ca

425 Topsail Road, St. John's, NL A1E 5N7

Parking Lot Safety



A reminder to our school community that our parking lot continues to follow a **one way direction** of traffic flow. Our kiss and ride stop is located on the top of the stairs to the playground (**Blue heart**). **Parents/Guardians are asked to use this location only as a drop off point for their child in the morning.** Once drop off has taken place, vehicles are then to proceed in a one directional flow toward Elizabeth Avenue or in a one directional flow around our parking lot (see **red** and **green** arrows). A reminder that vehicles are not permitted to stop near our student entrance for drop off purposes. A **yellow** area highlighted and marked 'AM' shows where the bus drops off our students in the morning. A map has been included for your reference. This picture shows where the buses will be parked in the afternoon. Parents are encouraged to be mindful of their speed when entering and exiting our parking lot and to ensure that they are not passing our buses. Thank you for your assistance and for working with us to ensure the safety of our students.

Volunteers

We are actively seeking parent/guardian volunteers to help with our morning Breakfast Club program. If you are interested, contact the main office at 709-754-2690.

A HUGE THANK YOU is extended to our breakfast club (angels!) volunteers from last year. We are so appreciative!

Legal Custody

If you have a legal custody agreement in place, please ensure that your child's teacher is aware of this and forward a copy of the contract to the office.

Student Absences / Lateness

We understand that children become sick from time to time and need to stay home for their well-being, as well as the well-being and safety of our school community. Please consider the graphic below. Attendance is very important for your child's academic and social well-being. **If your child is absent, please inform the homeroom teacher through email.** We appeal to you to establish solid routines for students at the beginning of the school year and to stress the importance of attending school, being on time, and being ready for class.

After School Program at RRE



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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Rennies River Elementary

We are in your School !

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 4
FULL & PART-TIME OPTIONS
HOMEWORK
FRENCH, STEM, ART, PHYS.ED ACTIVITIES & MORE !

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(709) 237-8393 OR (709) 746-8393
OR EMAIL: info@achieveducation.ca



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

2025-26 School Calendar

Province-wide School Calendar

Schedule				OFFICIAL																		
School Year Calendar 2025-2026																						
September					October					November					December					September 1 - Labour Day		
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27	28	29	30					27	28	29	30	31				29	30	31			December 19 - Last Day Prior to Christmas/Winter Break	
January					February					March					April					January 5 - School Reopens		
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26	27	28	29	30						30	31				27	28	29	30	31	June 25 - Last Day for Students - Summer Break		
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Phys. Ed

We recommend that children leave a pair of sneakers at school for Phys. Ed. Students are not permitted to wear outside footwear while in the gym. Please ensure that sneakers do not have black soles which leave marks.

Upcoming Holidays

Monday, October 13, we will be closed due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.