

# Joseph Teres School

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# DECEMBER 2024

Joseph Teres School  
Important Dates  
January - March 2025

## January

- 10 Hot Lunch forms go home
- 24 Hot lunch orders due (no late orders accepted)
- 30 Hot Lunch Day for those that pre ordered
- 31 Coordinated Day - No Classes

## February

- 3 Coordinated Day - No Classes
- 4 Hot Lunch forms go home
- 14 Hot lunch orders due (no late orders accepted)
- 17 Louis Riel Day - No classes
- 21 Hot Lunch Day for those that pre ordered
- 27 Hot Lunch forms go home for March Hot Lunch

## March

- 3 Kindergarten Registration Begins
- 7 Report Card Preparation - No Classes
- 13 Hot lunch orders due (no late orders accepted)
- 13 Student - Led Conferences Evening
- 14 Co-ordinated Day - No Classes Student Led Conferences Virtual - am PD - pm
- 28 Last day of classes before Spring Break
- March 31 - April 4  
Spring Break - No School

A message from Ms. KostECKi,

After a long and beautiful Manitoba Fall season...Winter is now here! We have both the cold and the snow. It is time to bundle up with all of our warm winter wear. Thank you for ensuring that your child is wearing warm winter clothing so that outdoor recess times can be enjoyed to the fullest.

Our first term of school has flown by, and report cards and virtual conferences have been completed. I would like to thank all of our parents who attended our conferences at the end of November 2024. It was great to connect with families in order to celebrate and share in the achievements of your children. Thank you to all of our parents and guardians for navigating technology and platforms in order to conference with Teachers in person or virtually.

December has been a very busy month at Joseph Teres School. Winter and the holiday season have brought many special activities and much joy. There were a number of special learning activities and classroom events planned for students by staff. We certainly felt the excitement of the holidays throughout the building and in our hearts...we hope you felt it too.

As we reflect on the first part of the school year, we are grateful for our wonderful students, our dedicated families and our talented staff. Our entire school community is a special place for all of us.

We look forward to this second term of school, full of learning and new adventures. Wishing all of our Joseph Teres families a healthy and happy holiday break and best wishes for the new year ahead.





### Grade One Art Club

In Grade 1 art club, we made 3 different Winter art pieces! For each of the pieces, we were directed to try new techniques and use creativity to make each artwork unique.

First, we painted the background of our polar bear piece using acrylic paint. We practiced blending different shades of blue for the sky. We had to wait for the background to dry before we could complete the piece by adding our cut out polar bears. Then, we used oil pastels to create the background of our snowman piece. Once we blended the colours together, we added the final touches to our snowman using permanent marker. Finally, our snowflake art turned out magical! We used white crayons to draw our snowflakes, but we noticed they were hard to see. However, our snowflakes were revealed once we started to paint the paper with water colour paint! We topped off this masterpiece with some salt that resembled snow. We learned new art techniques, made new friends and had so much fun every week!



### A look around the Joseph Teres School Hallway Bulletin Boards





# Thank-you Joseph Teres Families



Thembeke

Joseph Teres family, we would like to **thank you** once again for supporting our World Vision Wednesday dress/up days in October and November. Thanks to your loonie donations each week for four weeks we were able to raise enough money to support our World Vision foster child Thembeke for one more year. We spend time during the school year talking with our students about helping others who are less fortunate not only in our own community but around the world.

In her latest letter we learned that Thembeke's school now has water from the tap as well as her community. This means they no longer walk long distances to get drinking water.

Thembeke also sent a worksheet telling us that she wants to be a police officer when she grows up. Her favourite foods are fruit and sweets, it's just like our Canadian children. I wonder if she has ever had pizza.

We keep a copy of her latest correspondence on the bulletin board outside the library.



JT Families, we are so grateful for the kindness that was shown with our holiday food collection.

With each passing year, your generosity grows and grows.

Thank you so much.



## Scholastic Book Fair

**Thank you** for supporting the Joseph Teres School library's fundraiser!

We had a very successful book fair, and we surpassed our goal of selling 700 books. We sold 730 books! Thanks to your generous support we were able to get 50 new books for the library, \$1000 in scholastic points and funds that we can use to purchase things not available within our school budget. Some items we have purchased in the past from book fair proceeds are:

- Lego wall and Lego
- Keva Planks
- Spinning Book Racks
- School wide treat of Bannock and tea
- Guest artist performances and plays

One student found her name on a book with matching braids too!



Thembeke  
198257-3307  
me/notes Tracy



Peace  
By Mrs. Vanden Berg's Grade 1 Class

Peace is quiet, peace is calm,  
Like a soft and soothing song.  
Peace is kind, peace is fair,  
Showing love, it's everywhere!  
Peace is laughter, peace is cheer,  
Peace is what we hold so dear.  
Let's be peaceful, let's be kind,  
Peace starts in our hearts and minds!

**Holiday Excitement!**  
By Ms. Natuik's Grade 4 Class

Decorate your home with colorful lights,  
Sparkly ornaments and lanterns glowing bright.  
Food so yummy spicy and sweet,  
Enjoy hot chocolate for a tasty treat.  
Playing with friends in the fluffy white snow,  
Families baking with delicious cookie dough.  
Stories of Santa and his elves fill us with glee,  
Excited for shiny new presents under the tree.  
Spending time together and joy to share,  
Giving to others to show that we care.  
What a colourful celebration!

**December**  
By Mrs. Stewart's Grade 3 Class

Cold, Bright  
Snowing, Reading, Decorating  
Santa, Cookies, Reindeer, Snowmen  
Laughing, Eating, Celebrating  
Twinkly, Jingly  
Holiday

**Who is That?**  
By Ms. Olafson's 2/1 Class

Jingle Jingle Ho Ho Ho  
Who is flying through the snow?  
Pitter patter on the roof.  
Is that a reindeer hoof?  
Crash, oof, boom.  
Who is in the living room?  
Munch, Munch, Munch.  
Did that cookie just crunch?  
Thump thump down the stairs.  
Soon you'll hear all the tears.  
Jingle Jingle  
Who is that?  
Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas!

**Holiday Colours**

By Mr. Kroetsch's Grade 2 Class

A fluffy blanket of white fallen snow.  
Presents under the green prickly tree.  
Golden ornaments.  
Someone wearing a red suit  
giving out presents.  
Who could it be?  
A black sky  
with a million yellow stars.  
What a colourful celebration!

**Million Dreams Poem**  
A Grade 5 Collaborative Effort

I think of what the world could be.

I wish for.....

**No more pollution**

I dream that.....

**Everyone would take care of Mother Earth**

I wish for.....

**No more hunger**

I dream that.....

**Everyone would have enough to eat**

I wish for.....

**No more hate**

I dream that.....

**Everyone would treat others with kindness and respect**

I wish for.....

**No more war**

I dream that.....

**Everyone would get along**



# Music Notes



**Congratulations** to all of our amazing musicians and writers at JT!

Our Grade 1-5 Showcases on December 17 and 18 were a hit and we were proud to be able to share all of our hard work with you!

Thank you for supporting your child in this performance opportunity highlighting both music and literacy.



**cooperation** RESPONSIBILITY self-respect  
 POISE bravery listening SELF WORTH following a conductor  
 MUSICALITY memorization courage FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS discipline  
 EXPRESSION music skills stage presence ACCOUNTABILITY  
 teamwork listening memorization musical styles/genres stress management  
 HAND-EYE CO-ORDINATION

### WHAT CHILDREN LEARN FROM PERFORMING IN A CONCERT

concert etiquette building community  
 practice makes you prepared delayed gratification attention to detail  
 commitment public speaking posture confidence  
 beat self control Speaking perseverance companionship  
 resilience PRIDE SHARING GIFTS OF JOY

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**Congratulations** to our Grade 4 and 5 Voluntary Choir who took their music on the road to present a special Christmas Concert for the residents at Concordia Village. Voluntary Choir will also sing the Canadian Anthem at a Moose Game in the new year! Stay tuned!



## JT Patrol Update

As the temperatures start to drop, our School Safety Patrol squads have been working hard to keep students safe on the way to and from school. As a thank you, our School Safety Patrols have been provided with snacks and hot chocolate. We also recognize a patrol squad of the month and display their photograph on our leadership bulletin board. They also receive a small reward for their dedication to patrolling. Patrols were also treated to a free ticket to the Manitoba Moose Patrol Appreciation event on Sunday, December 1, 2024. All patrols have now received their patrol cards and patrol pins.



We ask drivers to be mindful of slippery conditions as you are approaching crossings. Thank you for all you do for our School Patrols!



Street patrols had a thank you field trip to Wheelies on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Bus patrols will have their turn at Wheelies on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

### Patrol Weather Guidelines:

With the colder weather here, please note the cold weather guidelines below for patrols. Patrols are trained and reminded to be dressed for the weather as we are on post rain, snow, or shine! Patrols are only off post if there is thunder and lightning, or if the temperature with windchill is below -40C. Reduced patrol times implemented for temperatures colder than -27C. During extremely cold weather, the following guidelines for an abbreviated student patrol schedule will be followed.

### Temperature or Windchill:

-27C to -34C It is recommended that time on post not exceed 10 minutes. Warm clothing is essential. Facial protection is recommended.

-35C to -39C It is recommended that time on post not exceed five minutes. Posts located more than a five - minute walk from the school will not be patrolled. Warm clothing and facial protection are essential.

-40C and below No student patrols are on post. The school will notify the students and parents of this abbreviated patrol schedule.



**How to Dress:** Scarves, toque, mitts, snowsuit, boots, and other warm clothing. Clothing should not restrict the vision of the patrol.

### Upcoming Patrol Schedule:

Monday, January 6, 2024 - Monday, January 20, 2024, Squad 1

Tuesday, January 21, 2024 - Tuesday, February 4, 2024, Squad 2

Wednesday, February 5, 2024 - Tuesday, February 18, 2024, Squad 1

Wednesday, February 19, 2024 - Monday, March 3, 2024, Squad 2

Tuesday, March 4, 2024 - Monday, March 17, 2024, Squad 1

Tuesday, March 18, 2024 - Friday, March 28, 2024, Squad 2





# Joseph Teres School Parent Council

The JTPC is made up of the following parents and positions:

- Aryssa Rowe - Chair
- Gillian Surminski - Vice Chair
- Christy Capner - Secretary
- Lynn Weselowski - Treasurer
- Dylan Balzer - Member at Large

If you would like more information about what the JTPAC is, please come out to one of our upcoming meetings. We would love to have you!

## Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday January 7, 2025

Tuesday February 4, 2025

Tuesday March 4, 2025

Tuesday April 8, 2025

Tuesday May 6, 2025

Tuesday June 4, 2024

## Upcoming Hot Lunch

Thursday January 30, 2024 - Day 5

Friday February 21, 2024 - Day 2

Friday March 21, 2024 - Day 4

Friday April 25, 2024 - Day 5

Friday May 30, 2024 - Day 5





# Joseph Teres School Fundraiser

Label everything with Mabel's Labels

## Help us tell the difference!

Use Mabel's Labels and support our fundraiser.



Little kids like to share everything, including germs! Labelling helps avoid mix-ups!

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to support our organization.

Buy personalized labels for your child(ren) at

[campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)

Enter our school name in the search bar and shop away.

Joseph Teres School earns 20%  
from sales. Your labels will ship  
directly to you for FREE!





# Unpacking School Options When Moving

## Planning a Move?



If your family is planning a move to a new home, there are a few things to keep in mind when it comes to school.



## Moving Within the Division?



Find your child's designated school by using our School Locator, found at the top of the Schools page at [retsd.mb.ca](https://retsd.mb.ca). A student's designated school is based on the address of their custodial parent/legal guardian and the student's chosen program (e.g., language program, vocational program).

## Moving Outside Your Current School's Catchment Area?



If your child wants to continue attending their current school, you can apply under **Schools of Choice**. Pick up an "In Division/Out of Designated School Boundary" application from their current RETSD school.



## Moving Outside the Division – But Want Your Child to Attend an RETSD School?



You can also apply under **Schools of Choice**. Pick up an "Out of Division" application from an RETSD school.

**Just remember:** Students applying under **Schools of Choice** are considered for acceptance based on available space, the ability of the school to provide appropriate support/programming, and a number of applicant criteria listed online at [retsd.mb.ca](https://retsd.mb.ca).

*Transportation is not provided to Schools of Choice students.*



# Take it Slow in Ice & Snow

Winter driving conditions are here, and the roads are not always clear!

They may be slippery, with ice hidden under the new snow. This can make it difficult to negotiate stops, intersections, and corners, so please be cautious when you see our school buses. We may be stopping at any moment for children... we're carrying precious cargo!

The piles of snow that line streets over the winter can make for tempting hills to climb, so please talk to your children about the danger of slipping into traffic and advise them to stay on the sidewalk. And be especially alert when driving near schools, because student safety is everyone's responsibility.

Take it slow and we'll all get where we need to be—safely.







# TIME TO BUNDLE UP!

## RETSD Cold Weather Guidelines

Sometimes, severe weather requires us to make changes to busing, outdoor recess, and safety patrolling to keep your children safe.

### School Closures

Schools very rarely close due to winter weather.

### Winter Clothing

Please ensure that your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather each day. When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , warm winter clothing is essential, and facial protection is recommended. When it is below  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , facial protection is essential, and it's recommended that children avoid going outdoors unaccompanied—skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

### Busing

When the temperature is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  and/or wind chill is  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder at The Forks, metro Winnipeg school divisions (RETSD included) cancel buses for the entire day—but schools usually remain open.

We will post a cancellation alert on the RETSD website home page if buses are cancelled, and alert the media. If we have not posted a cancellation alert by 6:45 a.m., buses are running.


### School Patrols

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it is  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-39^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  and below, no patrols will be on duty.

### Recess

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a shortened recess period may be warranted. When it is below  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , recess is usually moved indoors. This is at the discretion of the principal. *\*with the exception of Polar Bear Club students*



 All students will remain inside when the temperature/ windchill is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below. If you have any questions not addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.