



Joseph Teres School

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Dear JT Community,

Happy Spring to all of our Joseph Teres families. I hope all of our students and families enjoyed Spring Break, and that students and staff are re-freshed and ready to continue with learning experiences that are planned through to the end of the school year.

We welcome back our Temporary Remote Learners who have **all** returned to in-school learning. Working through our 2020-21 school year has been a new experience for everyone! At Joseph Teres we have made many adjustments to safety expectations, learning strategies and ways that we work together. Shared solutions, making changes to our daily routines and keeping everyone healthy and safe has been important.

A special thank you for joining our Virtual Student Conferences. It was great to "see" and "hear" from many of you. Even though conferences are only scheduled to coincide with the first two report cards, I encourage you to call your child's teacher any time you have questions about their progress, strengths or areas in need of support. Open communication between families, teachers and the school is crucial to ensuring that your child has the best possible educational experience.

Term 3 report cards will be available on the RETSD Parent Portal June 30th.

Regards,

Ms. Folkerts

Principal

March/April 2021

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School Times:

School Start Time 8:50 am

Lunch Begins 11:45 am

Lunch Ends 12:45 pm

Dismissal 3:30 pm

When your child arrives late to school, please have your child come to the office for an arrival slip.

The office staff work hard to ensure student safety by monitoring adults in our building. At this time parents and visitors are not allowed in the building.

Schools in our division are located on Treaty One territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation.

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Concern Protocol

Your child's school will always try to make the learning experience a positive, safe and happy one for its students.

However, if you have a concern or an issue, please don't hesitate to let the school know. Open communication between home and school is very important to us.

1

Talk to the person most directly involved—your child's teacher. If you must leave a message, provide a day and evening phone number where the teacher can reach you.



2

If talking to the teacher doesn't resolve the issue, talk to the principal.



3

If you've talked to the principal, but the issue has not been resolved over a period of time, call the superintendent's department at 204.667.7130 or email communications@retsd.mb.ca.



4

If you disagree with the decision of the superintendent's department, you can make an appeal in writing to the board of trustees.



For more information:
Policy KE – Concern Protocol
Policy KE-R – Concerns and Complaints Process
retsd.mb.ca



River East Transcona
SCHOOL DIVISION
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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten for the school year 2021/2022 started in **March 2021** at Joseph Teres School. Kindergarten registration is open to all children born in 2016. This means that your child must have their fifth birthday on or before December 31, 2021. Kindergarten programming in RETSD is full-day, every-other-day schedules.



Registration Appointments - following Public Health guidelines

Appointments for registering Kindergarten students can be calling the school office at 204.958.6860. Appointment times are between 8:00am – 3:30pm beginning March 1st. Please call or email the school to book your 20 minute appointment. Only 1 parent/legal guardian may come to the appointment, with an interpreter if needed. No children please. We have a staff member fluent in Punjabi and Hindi available to help with the registration forms on days 2, 4, 6 of the school cycle. If you would like her to be present during your appointment, please let us know when booking the appointment.

In order to register your child, the following information **must be presented at your registration appointment:**

- **Two** pieces of identification that provide proof of address such as your driver's license and your Manitoba Health Card
- **One** piece of identification that provides proof of age of your child such as their Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate

Kindergarten Informational Videos

In February, River East Transcona School Division will be posting videos on the divisional website for kindergarten registration. Stay tuned to the RETSD website at: <https://www.retsd.mb.ca/>

Topics to be covered include:

- How do I register?
- What is school locator?
- What language programs are offered?
- How does transportation work?
- What will Kindergarten look like?
- What if my child has additional needs?
- What programs/opportunities are available in the countdown to Kindergarten?



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

In-Division, Out-of-Designated School Boundary

Parents/Guardians do have the ability to make a request that their child attend a different school from the one designated by their home address, as per the school division catchment areas. In-division, out of designated school boundary requests for students living within River East Transcona School Division are being accepted. Parents must submit School of Choice forms with the registration at their **designated, catchment school**. Applicants will be notified as to whether or not they have been accepted into the school of choice by June 30, 2021. For further information please consult RETSD's policy JFBA. Your designated school can be found by using the **School Locator** on the RETSD website.

<http://mybaragar.com/index.cfm?event=page.SchoolLocatorPublic&DistrictCode=MB09>

Please note the following schools are closed to school of choice for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Bernie Wolfe School
- Ecole Margaret-Underhill
- John de Graff School
- Springfield Heights School
- Valley Gardens School



LIBRARY VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the families who participated in the Virtual Book Fair, we sold 151 books! That means we earned \$265 in Scholastic points, we will be buying around 20 new books for the library with those points, thanks to you.

-Mrs. Hepworth

2021-2022 CLASS LISTS

Later in the school year, teaching staff will be meeting to determine class lists for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a complex process and we are seeking parental understanding and support of this process. It is our strong belief that the learning atmosphere in the classroom must be the first consideration in the formation of class groupings. Classes are organized to maximize learning and teaching opportunities for students and for teachers. Staff teams strive to create classes that are diverse in character and balanced in all respects.

The following are all considered when determining class lists:

- Student academic and social functioning
- Our knowledge of social interactions and dynamics between individual and groups of students
- Match with class configuration and staffing allotment from our school division
- Male/female ratio
- Placement of students new to Joseph Teres School
- Creating balanced classrooms based on student strengths and needs

Parents can assist the class formation process by:

- Helping their children to understand the importance of class formation
- Supporting placements that have been made

As parents, if you have specific class or teacher requests, please submit in writing to Ms. Folkerts at afolkerts@retsd.mb.ca by April 30, 2021 for consideration. Given appropriate support at home and at school, it has been our experience that the vast majority of placements are successful. Where a placement is proving to be difficult, we ask that parents and students give it the time required for friendships to develop and comfort level to increase.



LUNCH PROGRAM Coordinator

We are currently looking for a Lunch Program Coordinator to join the JT team as our current Lunch Program Coordinator will be retiring after this school year. Thank you to Mrs. Miller for 23 years of service!

The start date will be September 7, 2021. If you are interested, please email the school at jt@retsd.mb.ca to be considered for this position. A detailed description will be sent out to the JT Community in the following days. Interviews will take place later this spring.

LUNCH PROGRAM Treasurer

Allison Foster, Joseph Teres School's Head Secretary will be taking over the Lunch Program Treasurer position starting in Fall 2021. She looks forward to taking on this new role and responsibilities. Thank you to Kristen Magas who will be retiring as JTLP Treasurer at the end of this school year.

The Black in Me!

Black lives still matter and always should

And I honestly don't see why they couldn't!

Don't forget our heroes they fought for us

They fought for world peace

That is all its enough!

But why when a black man

Does something wrong they get a

Gun to their head that is so very wrong!

My heroes live in me

Viola Desmond, Martin Luther King, rosa parks, Malcom X and

Mohamod Ali **we can't forget the ones we can't see!**

We should be proud there is world peace

Because once it comes to **colour some just cannot brief**

But when I see colour I see you and me and that is all I can see!

"The melanin in me is what makes me, me

We need to embrace our skin colour not judge it

We were all put on this world different, for a reason

We might look different on the outside, but we all bleed red

Our colour is not what makes us human its our heart"

By: Aisha O.

Even Though

Even though this year has been rough.

We are tough.

We will get through this together, even if we have to stay apart.

We are strong.

I know we all have worries.

I know we all have disappointing thoughts.

But we need to think on the brighter side of things.

Even though we can't play sports or do other activity's,

We still have our family.

Even though we have to wear masks,

At least we still get to go to school.

Even though Covid 19 is still happening we need to stay safe and we
need to stay healthy.

This will end one day.

Eventually.

Thank you

By Maielle B.

WANTED LEPRECHAUN POSTERS - ROOM 214



WANTED

Name: Zippy McMagic

Wanted For: Making every holiday St. Patrick's Day.

Physical Description: Last seen wearing a black hat and a green jacket. He has red hair and a red beard.

Special Talents: He can make it rain at any time! Make sure you have an umbrella because if you get wet you will fall asleep!

Reward: Two 2-leaf clovers and two pieces of gold.

By: Zeb

WANTED

Name: Grumpy McWoozy

Wanted For: Stealing a leprechaun's gold.

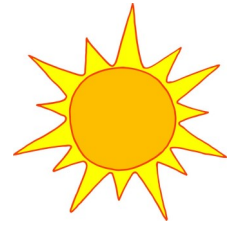
Physical Description: Last seen wearing a green scarf, shamrock earrings, and a black hat with a shamrock on it. She has long, orange hair.

Special Talents: She makes magic shoes and if you put them on you will fall asleep and she will steal all your money!

Reward: A leprechaun trophy.

By: Gurveer

SPRING



Sun is bright
Playing kids
Rain is falling
Ice is melting
Nice weather
Growing plants

By Angad

Spring is coming
People are playing
Rain is coming down
I see birds
Night time is so warm
Grass is almost green

By Gurnoor

Singing birds
Practicing flying
Rain is coming
I hear birds
No winter
Going to the park

By Adrianna

Singing birds
Puddles on the ground
Rain falling again
Ice melting to water
Nests I could see
Green grass is growing

By Sophia



MUSIC NOTES



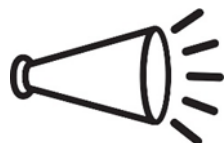
April is Music Month at JT!

Our theme for April 2021 is "All That Jazz"! We will be taking a journey through the history of Jazz as we discover and listen to a new Jazz artist everyday in April.



Music Monday is a nationwide celebration of music in our schools. Although we can't have our usual outdoor neighbourhood concert, we will be celebrating the power of music in our lives at our virtual assembly on Monday, May 3rd. We will make music collectively through singing with Sign Language, humming a tune and turning our desks into our very own drum kit!

Music has the power to bring us together and brighten our day!!



JT's Got Talent - Virtual Edition!

Calling all singers, actors, writers, dancers, artists, musicians, and performers of all kinds! JT is excited to announce the annual Talent Show! Things will look a little different this year as we present our show virtually. All students (and staff!) are welcome and encouraged to audition for "JT's Got Talent-Virtual Edition". Interested students can submit videos to Mrs. Klassen and selected talent videos will be shared with the entire school.

JT's Got Talent will be presented on May 28 to the school as a part of the virtual assembly that week.

Watch for a letter coming home with your child with all of the information that interested performers need to know!

Submission videos will be due by **May 14, 2021**.

Start practicing now!



PATROL WEATHER GUIDELINES



CALLING ALL GRADE 4 LEADERS!

Near the end of April, application forms will be sent home with all Grade 4 students for our School Safety Patrol Program. Becoming a Patrol is a very special leadership role at Joseph Teres School. As part of the team, you will be responsible for crossing children safely before and after school. If you ride the bus, you could be a Bus Patrol and help students get on and off the bus safely. Or, you may be responsible for bringing Kindergarten students to their classroom. We have two squads, and every two weeks a different squad is "on post". You must be on post and on time each day that you are scheduled. You are encouraged to apply if you are interested in joining!

CONGRATULATIONS to Greyson B.
who was selected by CAA Manitoba as a
Power Patroller for the month of March.
We appreciate your leadership Greyson!
Enjoy your prizes.

Term 3 - Patrol Schedule

Tues. March 23 – Mon. April 12	Squad 1
Tues. April 13 – Mon. April 26	Squad 2
Tues. April 27 – Mon. May 10	Squad 1
Tues. May 11 – Tues. May 25 (Training)	Squad 2
Wed. May 26 – Wed. June 2 (Training)	Squad 1

NEWS FROM THE GRADE 3 GREEN TEAM

The Golden Garbage Can

From April 12th to May 7th we are encouraging students to bring in waste free lunches. We will be tracking the number of waste free lunches in each classroom. Each week the classroom with the most waste free lunches will win the Golden Garbage Can Award.



Waste Free Lunch Tips

- Pack food items in reusable containers or bags
- Use reusable utensils
- Zip Lock bags and plastic forks/spoons will not be considered waste free as they are not recyclable in Winnipeg, even if they are reused numerous times, they still end up in the garbage
- Even though juice boxes can be recycled, the straw and wrapper cannot be, so they don't count as waste free
- Use a water bottle or thermos
- Avoid individually packaged snacks - try buying in bulk, or making your own
- Things that can be completely recycled (ex: a pop can) are not considered garbage
- Fruit & vegetables are not considered garbage because they can be composted

Hopefully you can pack some waste free lunches to help us, help the environment!

Colibri Reusable Bag Fundraiser

We are excited to let you know that we will be having a Colibri Reusable Bag Fundraiser. The bags are available in a variety of sizes and prints, are made in Manitoba, and can be cleaned and reused. The sales of these bags not only help reduce waste but will also help us raise money for the school.



The online fundraiser will run from April 13th to April 26th. More information will be provided closer to the fundraiser.



JT Calendar



Please be aware that information is subject to change based on Manitoba government / RETSD health & education directives.

Thank you for your understanding in these times of uncertainty.

Friday, April 23	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Thursday, April 29	Divisional Grade 4 Zone Handball CANCELLED
Friday, April 30	Divisional Grade 5 Mini Handball CANCELLED
Monday, May 3	Music Monday Celebrations
Wednesday, May 19 or Thursday, May 20	Folkdance Festival at McIvor Park, Grades 1 – 3 (rain dates May 26 or 27) CANCELLED
Thursday, May 20	Grade 4/3, 4 – 5 @ WSO CANCELLED
Monday, May 24	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Thursday, June 3	Divisional Track & Field – Grade 5 (rain date June 8) CANCELLED
Friday, June 11	JT Field Day, K – 5 (rain date June 15)
Wednesday, June 23	Farewell Assembly (Grade 5 farewell/staff & student farewell)
Wednesday, June 30	Last Day of School – Early Dismissal ,2:30 p.m.

PLAY and OUTDOOR LEARNING

This year we are spending more time outside. Students are playing and being creative with games, etc., as limited equipment is being provided (cleaning of play equipment is required).

Our Physical Education teachers are having classes outside as much as possible this year, following guidelines for safe participation and social distancing. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather and wears clothes they can be active in. PE lunch clubs and after school clubs are not running currently.





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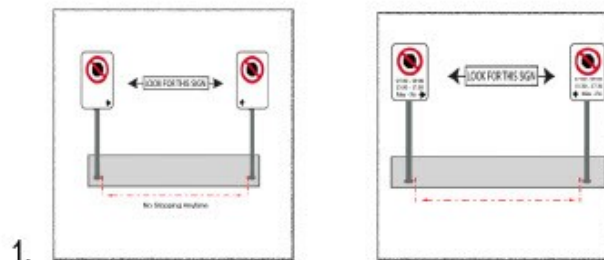
"SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE"

The Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) is often apprised of traffic and parking concerns related to schools and their immediate surroundings. Issues are brought to our attention when there is an increase in driving complaints and traffic violations. Fortunately, most drivers exercise safety & caution when travelling to, through and from schools.

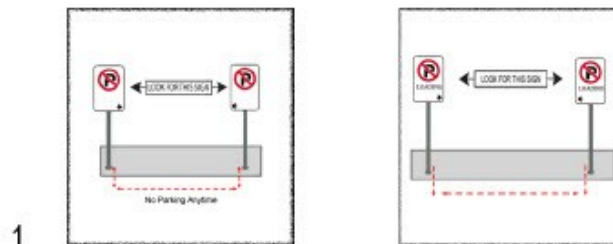
Traffic concerns are not only isolated to your child's school as many others throughout the City of Winnipeg also experience similar issues despite ongoing efforts made by the school division and staff. The School Engagement Section of the Winnipeg Police Service strive to ensure road safety through education and communication.

Please take time to review the following 9 points which have been identified as common traffic related concerns:

1. **"No Stopping" zones:** In these areas, stopping or parking is strictly prohibited. They are not considered loading zones and must remain clear at all times. (If there are no specifics such as dates and in-between times then the zone is enforceable 24hrs a day - 7 days a week).



2. **"No Parking" zones:** No vehicle may be parked in these areas however you are allowed to stop (pick up/drop off passengers). The vehicle is considered parked when the driver's seat is unoccupied, or the vehicle is stationary beyond the loading or unloading process. "No Parking" zones are not Loading Zones.
 - a. If parents/guardians chose to park and walk, the preferred and recommended option is to park legally in the vicinity of the school.
 - b. The consideration of a Loading area is to pick up / drop off and is intended for a very brief stop & go (this gives equal access to all parties and promotes safe traffic flow).



3. **"Loading/Unloading while in roadway "**: It is unsafe and illegal to stop your vehicle while in the roadway in non-designated safe loading zones for loading/unloading purposes. This has been identified as one of the most dangerous practices and is considered a serious safety concern.
4. **"U-turns"**: U-Turns on a two-way street continue to be a safety hazard for all. These risky and ill-advised turns also negatively affect the flow of traffic. It is imperative that you find alternate means such as: going around the block, conducting a safe three-point turn or proceeding to the next intersection.
5. **"Bus Loops"**: These loops, whether located at the front, side or back of schools are primarily intended for buses. Drivers should be not utilizing the loop during the posted in-between times unless permission has been granted by the school.
6. **"Drop off/Pick up loops"**: These loops (if applicable) are in place to allow drivers to safely and conveniently drop off/pick up children. It is not recommended to leave your vehicle unattended as this hinders traffic flow as well as potentially creating unnecessary frustration for other drivers.
7. **"Pedestrian Crossing"**: Utilizing marked and posted pedestrian crossings are the safest way for children and adults to cross the street. Crossing in the middle of the street or at uncontrolled areas are considered high risk and dangerous. Pedestrian Crossings are often serviced by school patrols (students) or crossing guards (Adults) to assist with safe passage. Please be patient and give them a "brake".
8. **"Distance Ruling"**: Adhering to the following parking distances ensures a better line of sight and ensures overall safety for all those who share the roadway and sidewalks. The distance ruling are as follows:
 - 3 Meters from any intersection, crosswalk and fire hydrants
 - 9 Meters from any posted traffic control device (i.e. stop signs/traffic signal)
9. **"Respecting Community Residents"**: If you feel the need to accompany your child(ren) to school, we encourage parents/guardians to locate a safe and legal parking zone. Please be mindful not to block back lanes, driveways and roadways as it's all of our responsibility to be mindful and respectful. Staff member parking lots, unless advised otherwise are not alternate means to safe and legal parking.

It is the responsibility of all drivers and pedestrians to ensure a safe and respectful environment which sets a good example for our children and our communities.

The aforementioned points are all subject to enforcement by both Winnipeg Parking Authority and Winnipeg Police Service. Please refer to the Winnipeg Parking Authority website for additional information.

On behalf of the Community Relations Division - School Engagement Section, I respectfully appreciate your attention and courtesy.

Kind Regards,

School Resource Officer
Community Relations Division
Winnipeg Police Service