



Joseph Teres School

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Thank all to our families who scheduled conferences using Conference Manager and joined our virtual student-led conferences. I hope that everyone had a chance to see the growth in learning that has been happening, and that it was a celebration time for your child. Thank you to all our parents/guardians for navigating new technology and platforms in order to conference with teachers.

Winter is here, although with the current warmer temperatures, it is still time to bundle up for winter.

December is a busy month at Joseph Teres. With the holiday season approaching, there are a number of learning opportunities, activities and events planned for students by our staff. A reminder that students are not allowed to share food, and no food items (with the exception of personal lunches and snacks) can be brought to JT for classroom celebrations. Thank you for working with us to minimize the risk and keep everyone safe!

Kind regards, A. Folkerts

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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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.

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HOLD AND SECURE and LOCKDOWN

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your son/daughter's safety is very important to us. We have policies and procedures in place at both the divisional and school level to support their safety. In the last year our school division has been working with the Winnipeg Police Service, (as well as referencing materials from the RCMP and Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning), in order to review and strengthen the procedures we have in place to protect students and staff in the event of a safety threat at school. We would like to share details of these updated procedures with you now. Safety procedures now fall into two categories: **Hold and Secure**, and **Lockdown**.

Hold and Secure will be activated if there is a *potential threat outside the school*. In these situations, the police typically contact the school and direct the school to go into Hold and Secure. When there is no longer a threat outside the school building, the police inform us that we can resume regular activities.

If our school is in Hold and Secure, the following procedures will apply:

- All exterior doors will be locked.
- NO ENTRY signs will be placed on each door.
- No one will be permitted to leave or enter the school until school administration announces that Hold and Secure is over.

Lockdown will be activated if there is a *potential threat inside the school building*. If the school is in Lockdown, the following procedures will apply:

- All students and staff will proceed to the nearest classroom or office.
- All doors to classrooms and offices will be locked and/or barricaded by the supervising adult.
- Students will be kept away from windows and doors and instructed to remain silent and still.
- No one will be permitted to leave their room until the Lockdown is over.

Effective September 1, 2015, all schools in RETSD are required to hold at least two Lockdown and one Hold and Secure practice drills each school year. The purpose of the drills is to provide training for staff and students, so everyone knows what to do in the event of a safety threat. Everyone in the school building will participate in these drills. Students, staff and parents will be informed in advance of these practice drills.

In ORANGE Pandemic response, if the lockdown drill does not allow for physical distancing, verbal instructions are given. Teachers will close the classroom door and turn off lights during the "verbal lockdown". Students will remain in their seats. Students are reminded that in a real emergency, physical distancing is not needed.

Our **VERBAL Lockdown practice drills** will be:

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020 (am)
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 (pm)**

Our **Hold & Secure practice drill** will be:

Monday, January 25, 2021

If your son/daughter arrives at school during a Hold and Secure or Lockdown event, he or she must proceed to the school evacuation site, sign in and remain there until directed otherwise by administration or police. **The evacuation site for your son/daughter's school is: Park City Community Centre.**

If you arrive at the school during a Hold and Secure or Lockdown, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE SCHOOL. Instead, please proceed to the parent/guardian information site where divisional personnel will be available to assist you. **The parent information site for your son/daughter's school is: Westview School.**

If you hear about a serious emergency at your son/daughter's school through media reports or other means, DO NOT PROCEED TO THE SCHOOL. Instead, proceed immediately to the parent information site identified above.

Please DO NOT CALL YOUR SON/DAUGHTER'S CELL PHONE during an emergency, particularly in a Lockdown situation where it is critical to remain silent and still and not draw attention from any threat makers that may be in the building.

In closing, our purpose in sending this letter is to reassure you that we regularly review our divisional safety procedures to ensure that we are doing our best to maintain the safety of your son/daughter's learning environment. We do this through proactive planning and practice of emergency procedures in all our schools.

If you would like to read more information about safety policies in RETSD, please visit

www.retsd.mb.ca/YourRETSD/Policies and scroll to Section E: Support Services.

If you have any questions about the procedures described above, please feel free to contact Mrs. Folkerts or Mrs. MacDonell.

Regards,
Mrs. Folkerts
Principal

REMOTE LEARNING OPTIONS

Medically Remote Learning	K-12	Students who are immunocompromised or living with a family member who is immunocompromised, have been assigned a remote learning teacher (K-8). Students will remain in MRL for the school year unless there is a medical note approving their return to in class learning.	Medical note(s) Remote learning agreement
Temporary Remote Learning*	K-8	Families have opted in for remote learning while schools are in the orange level of the provincial response system (PRS). Within a school, students are provided with remote learning as a collective group.	Initial school survey or contact with the school office. Students participate in Temporary Remote Learning until Spring Break.
Health Directed Remote Learning	K-12	Public health has directed student to self-isolate. This could be related to a school related case, daycare, family, or community. Remote learning is provided by the classroom teacher or the collective group working with remote learners for the isolation period.	Direction from Public Health Remote learning letter sent home
NEW January Remote Learning	K-12	K-6 students may opt in for the two weeks from January 4-15. Return to school Monday, January 18. Parent/guardian may request for extension of Temporary Remote Learning up to Spring Break.	Contact with the school office No documentation necessary

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.



As the weather gets colder, this will more challenging and students being dressed for the cold temperatures is necessary. Playing outside supports students' well-being and is important to student learning and achievement.

KOATS FOR KIDS



Koats for Kids is available through Mrs. MacDonell, our school counsellor. Please contact Mrs. MacDonell at school for more information.

COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

Please note guidelines that we follow for winter weather:

-17 to -25°C Normal winter clothing generally adequate. Pleasant conditions for most outdoor activities.

-25 to -27°C Warm winter clothing recommended. Most outdoor activities unpleasant without facial protection. Exposed flesh will freeze with prolonged exposure. Shortened recess period may be warranted.



The River East School Division has advised that schools use the temperature at The Forks and to take into consideration the wind chill when determining indoor or outdoor recess.

For Temperatures Listed Below, students usually remain indoors for recess:

-27 TO -34°C Warm clothing is essential. Facial protection is recommended. Outdoor activities are not recommended. Exposed skin will freeze in **10 -15 minutes**. **Indoor recess advised.**

Below -34°C Facial protection essential. Extremely dangerous for outdoor activities or travel. Avoid going outdoors unaccompanied. Skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

Check the weather

Please check the weather by listening to the radio at the radio stations below, by checking our school's website or at the RETSD website.

You can call the Environment Canada Weather Information phone 204-983-2050 (recording updated hourly), or Internet Address www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca

CBC 990 AM, 89.3 FM

CFWM (BOB) 99.9

FAB 94.3 FM

QX 104 FM

TSN Radio 1290

CITI 92 FM

CJKR Power 97

CKMM Virgin Radio 103

CKMM virgin Radio 103

CKSB (French)

CKXL Envol 91 (French)

Clear FM 102.3

CTV News

Global News

Winnipeg Free Press online

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PATROL WEATHER GUIDELINES



Patrol Weather Guidelines



With colder weather inevitably approaching, please note the cold weather guidelines below for our 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 & lightening, or if the temperature with windchill is below -40C.

Reduced patrol times are implemented for temperatures colder than -27C.

Winter and Patrols

The following information is consistent through the RETSD. During extremely cold weather, the following guidelines for students doing street patrolling will be followed.

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

-35C to -40 C: It is recommended that time on post not exceed five minutes. Warm clothing is essential. Facial protection is recommended.

Below - 40 C: No patrols on post.

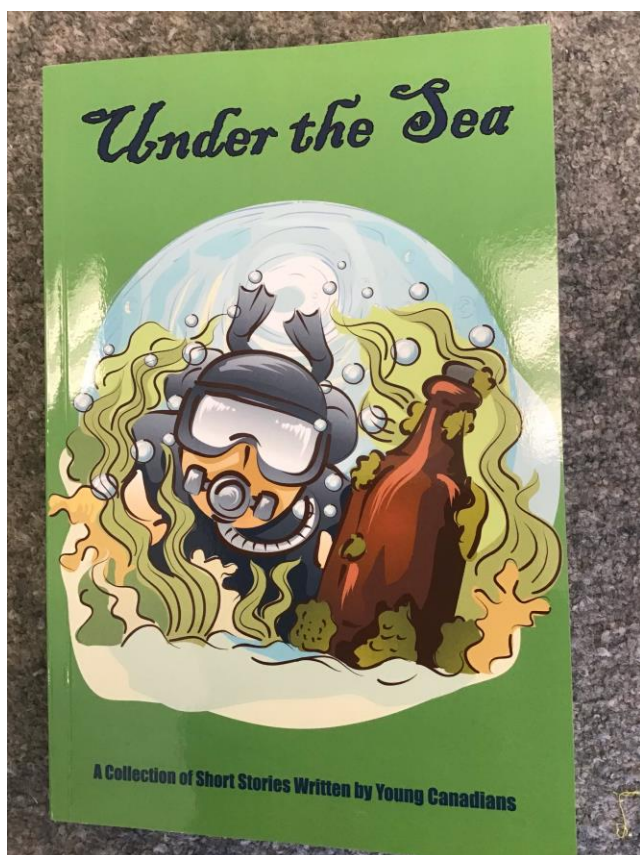
Patrol Schedule for Term 2

Tues. Dec. 15 - Mon. Jan. 11	Squad 1(Niblett & Moyer)
Tues. Jan. 12 - Mon. Jan. 25	Squad 2 (Sakundiak)
Tues. Jan. 26 - Fri. Feb. 8	Squad 1
Tues. Feb. 9 - Mon. Feb. 22	Squad 2
Tues. Feb. 23 - Mon. March 8	Squad 1
Tues. March 9 - Mon. March 22	Squad 2
Tues. March 23 - Mon. April 12	Squad 1

WRITING CONTEST

Last school year, students in Ms. Moyer's Grade 5/4 class entered the Polar Expressions short story Writing contest. Seven students' stories were chosen to be published in the 2020 book titled « Under the Sea » including Calista Hieberts' story « Saving my Human »

This year, ten students from Ms. Moyer's class entered the contest. Good luck to Delilah, Connor, Maielle, Calista, Chris, Edwin, Sophia, Gurshan, Aisha and Avery!



Saving My Human

Oh no! My human, Calista, is being attacked by a wicked sprinkler! said Asha in her head. Asha is a super dog! *I must help her! Time to transform into Super Dog!*

"Super Dog, power up!" yelled Asha. Asha taped her back paws then her front paws. Then she did a back flip! And landed in a cool pose. *Now, it's time to save Calista.*

Asha ran full speed ahead, smashed through the kitchen window, and ran down to save Calista. *I have to think of a way to save her fast.*

I know! I will throw my lava dog! Asha threw her lava dog at the monster that was trying to kill Calista, and she . . . hit the monster! The monster was defeated! "Yay!" Asha cheered.

Then Asha noticed that Calista was falling through the sky! Asha dashed to save her, and she caught her! Asha put Calista in her bed. *She will just need rest,* Asha said in her head.

Calista was very thankful for her dog, Asha.

by **Calista Hiebert** (Grade Four)

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MUSIC



Music Notes



Kids, check out your class MUSIC TEAM in Microsoft Teams!



- You can chat with Mrs. Klassen/Mrs. Friesen
- You can find fun **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES** to do at home over the break
- You can review and explore lessons we have done together in class
- You can **SING AT HOME** with musicplayonline.com!!!
- Grade 4 & 5 can **PLAY RECORDER** with musicplayonline.com!!!
- Grade 4 & 5 can earn their recorder belts!!!
 - Click on your "Music Team"
 - Click on the "Assignment" for the belt you have been working on
 - Click on "Add Work" and upload or shoot your video
 - Click "Turn In" to submit your assignment
 - Watch for your notification that Mrs. Klassen saw your video, gave you your grade and feedback



Both in-school at at-home JT music students have been busy learning all about Tchaikovsky's NUTCRACKER BALLET!



WHAT ACCESSIBILITY SHOULD LOOK LIKE

Dear JT community,

Last year, Payton Mondor entered an accessibility writing contest. She won! By writing with purpose she was able to affect change here at Joseph Teres School.

Here is an excerpt from her writing piece:

What accessibility should look like:

Deaf people should be given the opportunity to communicate to anyone at the school and in the community. Students and staff should have more opportunities to learn American Sign Language (ASL). Deaf people should have the opportunity to have an interpreter when they attend school for events so they can be included in the fun experiences at the school rather than be left out. - Payton Mondor

Joseph Teres School received a grant to make our school more accessible to others. We formed a student committee that decided to buy amplifiers for teachers so students could hear and understand directions and stories through a mask. We bought signs that will help teach others the ASL language. There are also signs created in braille so everyone can find their way to the washroom, office and gym. Finally, we purchased some audiobooks to make reading more accessible for all.



Thank you very much for all your work Payton, Sarah and Kate.

Jennifer Schlag



*Exciting news—RETSD is now on Facebook and Twitter!
Like and follow us to keep up to date on what's
happening in the division.*





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, December 18	Last day of school before Christmas Break 1 hour early dismissal
December 21 - January 1	Winter Break NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Monday, January 4	First day of 2021 - school day 4
Friday, February 5	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, February 8	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, February 15	Louis Riel Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Friday, March 5	Report Card preparation NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, March 15	Grades 2 & 3 @ WSO CANCELLED
Thursday, March 18	Student-led Conferences, 3:45 - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, March 19	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Student-led Conferences a.m./PD p.m.
March 29 - April 2	SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Monday, April 5	First Day back after Spring Break School Day 3
Friday, April 23	Co-ordinated Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Thursday, April 29	Divisional Grade 4 Zone Handball
Friday, April 30	Divisional Grade 5 Mini Handball
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)
Thursday, May 20	Grade 4/3, 4 - 5 @ WSO
Monday, May 24	Victoria Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
Thursday, June 3	Divisional Track & Field - Grade 5 (rain date June 8)
Friday, June 11	JT Field Day, K - 5 (rain date June 15)
Thursday, June 24	Farewell Assembly (Grade 5 farewell/staff & student farewell)
Wednesday, June 30	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal 2:30 p.m.

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