



Joseph Teres School

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Dear JT families,

Our staff are already anticipating Valentine activities for students and are thinking creatively about how to keep students safe and healthy, while still enjoying the day together. We are thinking about "safety over convenience" as we celebrate Valentine's Day on a smaller scale. To minimize the risk of COVID there will be classroom activities for students. **Students will not be sharing Valentines cards, snacks or food items.** Please have a conversation with your children regarding this COVID safety information for Valentine's Day celebrations. Many students will be sharing a warm fuzzy or kindness message, following safety protocols.

Winter is here, although we had warmer temperatures, it is time to bundle up for winter. Please refer to RETSD's Cold Weather Guidelines that are included in this newsletter and on JT's website. We monitor Environment Canada -The Forks for current weather conditions prior to each recess. We are responsive to determine if it's a regular recess, a shorter recess, or an indoor recess. On very cold mornings students are allowed to enter the school early via cohort doors and go to their classrooms.

We have additional challenges with the pandemic restrictions and Manitoba Health 2m restrictions, as we are not able to have students gather in common areas, which would mix cohorts.

We encourage parents to drop their students off as close to the bell as possible in the morning.

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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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
creating student success

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten for the school year 2021/2022 starts **Monday, March 1st, 2021** at 8:00 am in the 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 Manitoba Health guidelines

Appointments for registering Kindergarten students can be made beginning February 22, 2021. 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

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 TREASURER

We are currently looking for a lunch program treasurer to join the JT team as our current lunch program treasurer will complete the school year and end of year financial records through to end of July, 2021. 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. Interviews will take place later this spring.

COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL



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.



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	CKMM virgin Radio 103
CFWM (BOB) 99.9	CKSB (French)
FAB 94.3 FM	CKXL Envol 91 (French)
QX 104 FM	Clear FM 102.3
TSN Radio 1290	CTV News
CITI 92 FM	Global News
CJKR Power 97	Winnipeg Free Press online
CKMM Virgin Radio 103	

Busing

In the event of extreme weather, buses may be cancelled.

Please visit the RETSD website or listen to the radio for this information.

If buses are cancelled in the a.m., they remain cancelled for the day.





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°C and -34°C , warm winter clothing is essential, and facial protection is recommended. When it is below -34°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°C and/or wind chill is -45°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°C and -34°C , patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it is -35°C to -39°C , patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it is -40°C and below, no patrols will be on duty.


Recess

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

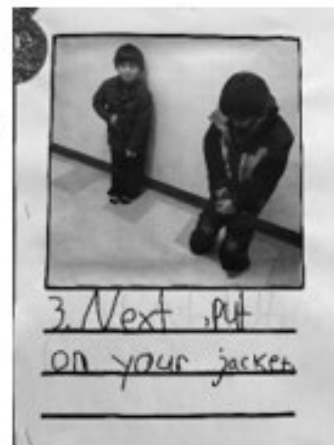
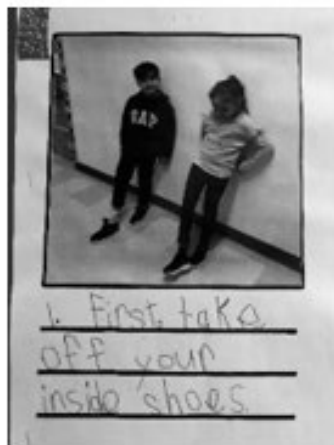
Polar Bear Club Recess

For schools participating in Polar Bear Club Recess:

- Participation is voluntary.
- Parental consent is required.
- Students who have consent can participate in all or none of the recess breaks.
- Students must be dressed appropriately, including a warm toque/hat; snow pants; face covering; warm, insulated jacket; mittens; and snow boots.
- Students can go back inside at any time.
- Staff supervision will be provided.

 **All students will remain inside when the temperature/ windchill is -40°C or below. If you have any questions not addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.**

HOW TO GET READY FOR RECESS - Room 216



PATROL WEATHER GUIDELINES



With colder weather here, 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 -40°C . Reduced patrol times are implemented for temperatures colder than -27°C .

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.

-35°C 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.

Term 2 - Patrol Schedule

Tues. Jan. 26 - Thurs. Feb. 7	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

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.

KINDERLINKS - I Love to Read Celebrations with ToyBox Manitoba

Best enjoyed by children 2-8 years and their parents/caregivers.

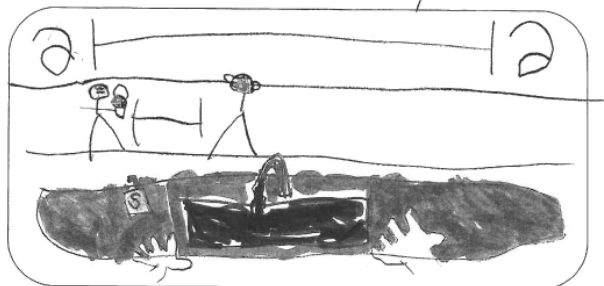
ToyBox Manitoba is excited to spend a virtual evening with Kinder Links families to share literacy, numeracy and wellness tips to celebrate I Love to Read month! During this live virtual session, you and your child will delve into interesting literacy activities such as "letter toss" and "seeing shapes" and other educational games to play at home. This interactive session will be led by ToyBox Manitoba's community team members including Dr. Sheri-Lynn Skwarchuk from the University of Winnipeg and expert numeracy educator Sarah Melo from MeloMath4Kids. No materials necessary to participate, just get ready to have fun together as a family. There will be a \$25 prize draw for those in attendance, offered by Toybox Manitoba. For more information, check out: ToyBoxManitoba.ca.

Monday, February 8 - 6-7 PM

To register, for this FREE evening session, please email kinderlinks@retsd.mb.ca or leave a message at 204-669-4043.

Covid Safety

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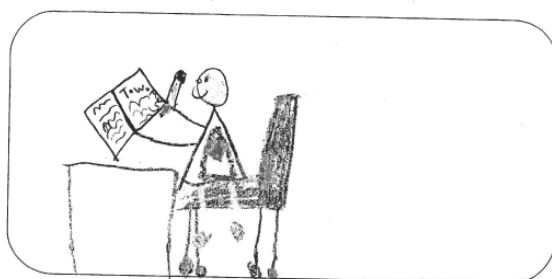
We all dont want covid. We need to follow the rules. 1 Six Feet apart. 2 Bring a mask 3 Wash your hands.

Gym PAXTON DAXT



You have to listen to the Gym teachers so you can Play the game. NO talking or interrupting. Have fun!

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T.W.A.S. Time

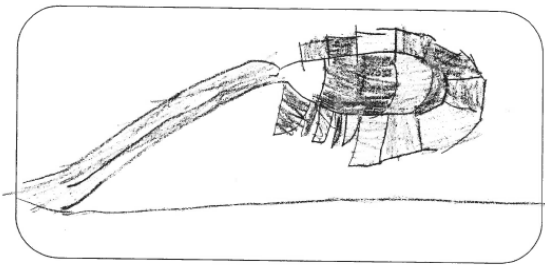
This is how you do T.W.A.S. T.W.A.S.

means this week at school. we write

about something exciting that happened at school. our parents

playground

Chloe

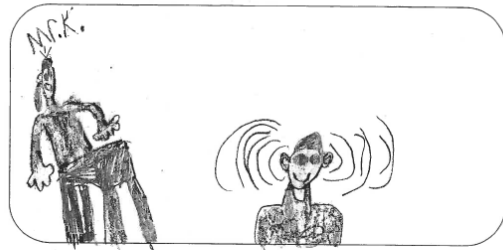


Be safe on the playground
because you don't want to
hurt yourself.

Be careful. Don't stand
too close to the edge
of the playstructure. Keep
your hands and feet
to yourself and social
distance. Have fun!

Etienne

How to be an active listener



How to be an active listener
This is about how to be
an excellent listener.
Do not blurt! Listen,
to the speaker. When
Mr. K. claps his hands
it means look and
listen. When Mr. K. is
working with some
body, wait until he
is done. Stay on a low
volume. Stay on task.

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, 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
Monday, February 22	Start booking Registration Appointments
Monday, March 1	Kindergarten Registration, 8 a.m.
Friday, March 5	Report Card preparation NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, March 15	Grades 2 & 3 @ WSO CANCELLED
Thursday, March 18	Virtual Student-led Conferences, 3:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, March 19	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Virtual 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 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)
Thursday, June 24	Farewell Assembly (Grade 5 farewell/staff & student farewell)
Wednesday, June 30	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal 2:30 p.m.