



Joseph Teres School

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Dear Joseph Teres Community,

As the end of the year and my official retirement approach, I appreciate the privilege of serving this community for the last two years. The trust, support and faith you have shown in me and our staff at Joseph Teres has been much appreciated, and never taken for granted.

I share the same hopes and dreams for your child(ren) as you do, and hope that I have contributed in some way to the fulfillment of those dreams. You have amazing children and I have enjoyed watching them grow and flourish, as learners, as friends, and as fine young people. I wish them continued success on their journey.

Come June 30th, I will miss being part of this wonderful community.

Regards,

Ms. Folkerts

May/June 2021

Issue 7

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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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#everychildmatters

Our flag will be flying at half mast from Monday, May 31st to Thursday, June 3rd to recognize and honour the children whose remains were found on the grounds of the former Kamloops Residential School in British Columbia. We acknowledge the families and community of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and join in mourning the loss of their children.



Tuesday, June 1 – Friday, June 4 teachers will incorporate a moment of silence to recognize and remember this loss with students.

On Wednesday, June 2nd the remote teaching & learning will be a response to the tragic events in Kamloops, BC, and the lost children.

Students are encouraged to wear orange to honour those children who did not make it home from Residential Schools.

2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

We have now completed our class lists and most of our staffing for the 2021-2022 school year.

We cannot accommodate any more parent requests as the due date was in April.

The list of staff, grades assignments and room numbers will be in our June, end-of-the year newsletter.

The name and room number for your child's next year's teacher will be included in the learning behaviours comment of your child's term 3 report card.

Usually, students have been able to visit their next year's teacher & their classroom before they leave for their summer holiday. Due to **RED** public health restrictions restricting mixing of student cohorts, this will not be possible.

GRADE 5 FAREWELL



This year our Grade 5 students will celebrate the completion of their learning at Joseph Teres School on June 23rd. This event will only be for students. If schools are still in RED pandemic restrictions, the farewell will be on TEAMS. Teachers will be sending more information out to families this week.

June 23rd is our TEAMS farewell assembly for Grade 5 farewell and also staff & student farewell.

PATROL NEWS



We are thrilled with the enthusiastic response to our call for participants in our School Safety Patrol program for the 2021-2022 School Year. We have 45 new patrollers and for the first time will have 3 squads! We are hoping to hold our training in June when the students have returned to in-class learning so that we are ready to go for September.

Stay tuned...



A huge **thank you** to our amazing group of Grade 5 students that devoted so much time and dedication to our program this year. You were out there through wind, snow, hot and cold and PANDEMIC and demonstrated incredible responsibility. We are so proud of you! Thank you for keeping our students safe on their way to and from school.

Grade 5's, please remember to return your flags and vests when you come back to school!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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. 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 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 have posted 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?



JT Kindergarten Information

Our **Joseph Teres Kindergarten video** has been emailed to families who have registered for 2021-2022 Kindergarten. Please contact the school office to pick up your *Welcome to Kindergarten* package. In late June families will be emailed their child's Kindergarten class, teacher and calendar.

REGISTRATION

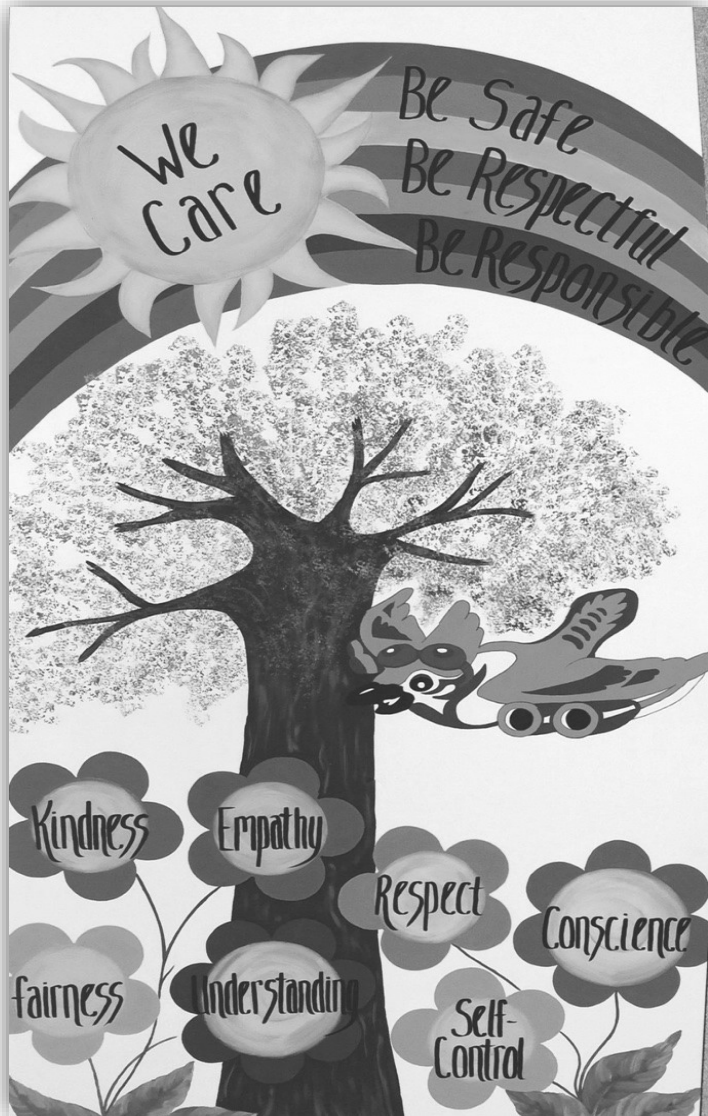
In-Division, Out-of-Designated School Boundary

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



Music Notes – COVID Style

Music Monday is a nationwide celebration of music in our schools. On May 3 we had a special virtual assembly where we made music collectively through singing with Sign Language, humming a tune, dancing and turning our desks into our very own drum kit! Mr. Gough even sang “O Canada” for us!

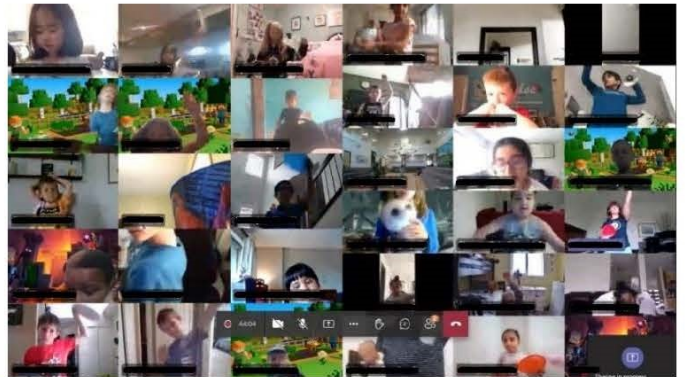


“**Choir**” times have been converted into “**Mass Music**” classes. We have one class in the music room and 2 classes participating in their classrooms through TEAMS. COVID can’t stop the power of MUSIC!!!!



Mass Music classes continue remotely!

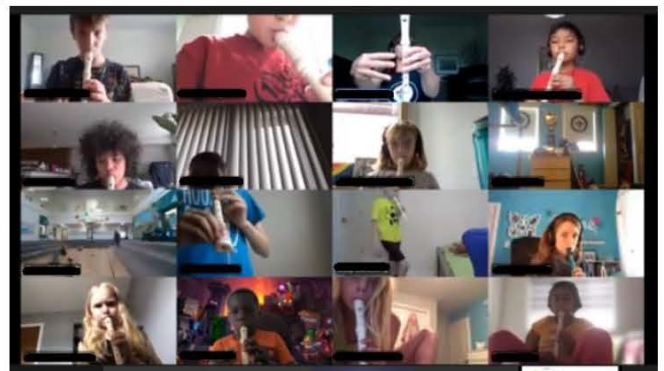
Students come together while apart during music times. Through playing instruments, dancing, singing and creating our young musicians continue to grow in their skills from home.



Our Grade 1-3 students are learning about **Music and Instruments** from all over the world!



Our Grade 4-5 students are participating in a **Manitoba Mosaic Concert** Series made especially for Winnipeg Students by our own **WSO** – Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra!



Congratulations to all of our amazing budding musicians at JT! Keep singing and making music!!



A NOTE FROM CONSTABLE CHAPKO—SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Hello everyone, it's Constable Chapko you School Resource Officer or SRO for short.

Unfortunately, I will be moving on to a new job with the Winnipeg Police Service and will no longer be the School Resource Officer for your school. I will miss all of you I really enjoyed visiting and getting to know you all.

Now I have a favor to ask, and I hope you can help me out with something. There will be a new School Resource Officer joining your school and I want to do something to help him or her be successful in their new job. So, what I am asking my early years schools to do is to have a discussion in your class and come up with ideas of what you think makes a good School Resource Officer. Once you have some ideas from your class, send me ... "10 things you should know to be a good SRO".

Just like going to a new school or joining a new team, doing a new job can be stressful and I think this list of ideas will help the police officer who takes over for me feel a little more comfortable in their new role.

Thank you very much and remember when you see a police car drive by be sure to wave because it might be me.

Stay safe

Constable Chapko



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW TO BE A GOOD SRO...

(SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER)

Room 205

1. Look after the school
2. Help students feel better
3. Follow our rules – Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible
4. Be funny – Tell jokes and do silly things
5. Help students and patrols with their work
6. Get to know us
7. Have a big heart
8. Care for our community



Room 211

1. Check in on us regularly
2. Stop and talk with us in the hallway
3. Make sure we do things safely
4. Be friendly
5. Tell funny jokes
6. Smile lots
7. Teach us how to stay safe
8. Help us to calm down
9. Cheer us up
10. Have fun with us



LUNCH PROGRAM

Students registered in the Lunch Supervision Program may eat lunch at school providing the students behave in an acceptable manner and all fees have been paid. All students staying for lunch are required to bring a lunch and we ask you to help us by sending leak proof, easy-to-open containers and spoons, etc. when needed. Lunch Starts at 11:45am. Grade K-2 have recess first and then eat. Grade 3-5 eat first then have recess. Students are not allowed to leave the school/school grounds to purchase lunch and then return, because they are not supervised. School patrols need to go directly to post for duty and then return directly to school.



STUDENTS WHO GO HOME FOR LUNCH MUST NOT RETURN BEFORE 12:35 P.M.

Joseph Teres School is a peanut and nut free school. Please be aware that foods or snacks containing peanut or nut products are not permitted in the school or on the playground. These products could have a fatal result for children with this allergy. This includes product that have the label "May contain peanuts/nuts" and/or "Made in a factory that produces nut products".

The lunch fees are used to pay supervisors' salaries. Lunch Program registration forms are available in the office & on the website.



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.

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) CANCELLED
Wednesday, June 23	Farewell Assembly—TEAMS (Grade 5 farewell/staff & student farewell)
Wednesday, June 30	Parent Portal opens for student report cards
Wednesday, June 30	Last Day of School – Early Dismissal, 2:30 p.m.

Strategic Plan 2021–23

The RETSD Strategic Plan is a roadmap for achieving our goals. Visit retsd.mb.ca to learn more about our strategic directions and actions we will take to achieve our goals.

WEST TRANSCONA SCHOOL DIVISION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MESSAGE FROM
BOARD CHAIR &
SUPERINTENDENT

The uncertainty regarding the future of p
Manitoba, as well as the challenge of ed
during a pandemic, has tested our abili
ship. However, having a strong vision for
first step to guiding the division into cal
must, and will, continue. And we feel o
direction it is headed as we dive into o
this document.

As our work continues, transparency
be presented to the board of trustee
administration and to the public. Our
our mission and vision.

As a school division, we are committed to making
the best use of our resources and collective efforts
to educate students to become inspired, skilled,
responsible citizens. This strategic plan supports our
commitment and provides a roadmap for achieving our goals.

The three strategic directions identified in this plan are the
result of thoughtful discussions among the members of our
board of trustees, whose governance responsibilities include
setting a vision for the future of our division. In consultation
with our senior administration team, the trustees have
chosen these strategic directions and actions as the division's
priorities. It will take us until 2023.

As part of the strategic plan process, an action plan has
been developed. This plan outlines the steps we will be taking to
achieve our strategic directions and actions.

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Stay Alert, Be Aware

When walking to and from school, here are some simple rules to help you stay safe:

- Walk in groups of two or more.
- Put away distractions, such as your cellphone.
- Walk confidently.
- Plan a route and stick to it.
- Use populated paths and well-lit areas.
- If you think you are being followed, change direction and head for a populated area.
- Know safe places in the community to go for help.
- Obtain permission before going anywhere with another person.
- Never approach a stranger's vehicle, even if the person is talking to you.
- If you feel unsafe in a situation or place, leave immediately and tell your parent/guardian, school, or an adult you trust.

Calling All Parents and Caregivers!

**Struggling with the pandemic? This
FREE 1-hour session is for you.**

Our Caregivers Workshop will cover:

- The distress of COVID-19
- Tips, tricks, and coping mechanisms/techniques
- Community resources
- Time to share stories, hear about other's personal experiences, and questions.

**PLUS, A RANDOM DRAW FOR A
PRIZE PACKAGE OF KIDS GAMES!**



Your Presenter:



Lise Furet, B. Psyc, BSW Student
Student Wellness Check Facilitator
lise.furet@aulneau.com



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Date: June 18, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM (CST)

Price: FREE

Where: TEAMS
(link sent once registered)

**HAVE
QUESTIONS?
WANT TO
REGISTER?**

EMAIL OUR TRAINING
COORDINATOR:
haley.bernusky@aulneau.com

Provide your full name, email address
where you would like to receive the
Teams link, your phone number, and
the name of your organization (if
applicable).



WISE Kid-Netic Energy



University
of Manitoba

Week-long, virtual **SUMMER CLUBS** for Grades 3-8

Join us this
July & August for
our Summer Clubs!

Members will get to participate
in fun daily sessions led by our
team of undergraduate Science
& Engineering students.

**French & English
clubs available!**

**2 streams to
choose from!**

Space Farm CLUB

INCLUDES A MICRO:BIT

Your team of scientists on a
spaceship is given a mission: grow
a plant IN SPACE!

Sign up to be part of the Space
Farm: a weekly club that explores
how technology and agriculture
work together for all of us!

\$125

Materials
Included!

S.T.E.A.M. CLUB

Every week, the theme of this
club changes so that members
can explore a different Science,
Tech, Engineering, Art & Math
topic each week they sign up!

\$100

Jul 5-9 **WEEK 1: Extreme Engineering!**
Jul 13-16 **WEEK 2: Going Green w/ WISE!**
Jul 20-23 **WEEK 3: Medical Science**
Jul 27-30 **WEEK 4: Ecology & Ecosystems**
Aug 9-13 **WEEK 5: Chemistry**
Aug 16-20 **WEEK 6: Codemakers**

Materials
Included!

For more info and to register, please go to:
wisekidneticenergy.ca/summer-clubs

You can also email us with any questions at:
wise@umanitoba.ca