



# Joseph Teres School

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## 2022

### A Message from Mrs. Kostecki

Happy Spring to all of our Joseph Teres families. I know we are all so ready for warmer temperatures and more opportunities to be outside. Spring is a time for new beginnings...try something new, that you can do safely with your family.

I hope that all of you are staying healthy and well. All of your efforts to follow the guidelines that health and government experts have outlined for us are truly appreciated.

Your diligence and cooperation over the past many months have helped to keep our school community as safe as possible. We appreciate all of your efforts and recognize that the changing information and protocols have been a challenge for all of us.

We are beginning to feel that there is a light at the end of this very long tunnel. However, I want to encourage all of our families to remain diligent with recommended safety protocols. We have worked so hard to get to this place...we need to stay on track for a while longer.

We want the best for our students and families and will work hard to ensure that we are connecting with you and addressing your needs as best as possible. Stay healthy, stay active and stay positive.



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## Joseph Teres School

131 Sanford Fleming Rd.

Winnipeg, Manitoba R2C 5B8

Phone 204 - 958 - 6860

Fax 204 - 224 - 4749

Principal: Mrs. S. Kostecky

Vice Principal: Mrs. P. MacDonell

## School Times:

Entry Bell	8:50 am
Recess	10:15 — 10:30 K-2
	10:35 — 10:50 3-5
Lunch Begins	11:45 am
Lunch Ends	12:45 pm
Recess	1:40 — 1:55 K-2
	2:00 — 2:15 3-5
Dismissal	3:30 pm

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2022

March 25 Last day of classes before Spring Break

March 26 to

April 3 Spring Break

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April 4 First day back—Day 6

Caterpillar for Kindergarten

April 15 Good Friday — No School

April 25 Co-ordinated Day — No classes in RETSD

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May 23 Victoria Day - No School

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June 30 Last Day of School

Students dismissed at 2:30 pm

Report Cards posted to parent portal

## Call Backs Phone 204-958-6860

In order to minimize the calling of parents when your child/ren is ill, has an appointment or will be late it would be greatly appreciated if you would call the school anytime before 8:50 a.m. to advise us of this.

You can leave a message on our answering machine in the evenings, through the night or early in the morning. Messages are checked regularly during the day if the answering machine is on.

Please inform the office of any phone number or address changes to ensure our records are up to date.



## Moving...

If you have moved during the school year or are planning a move over the summer, please email the school office at [jt@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:jt@retsd.mb.ca) as soon as possible. It is important that we have all contact information correct (phone numbers, emergency contact, etc.), as well as proper paper work completed when time permits.

If your child is currently in Kindergarten to Grade 4, and **will not be attending** Joseph Teres School in September 2022, please email the school office at [jt@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:jt@retsd.mb.ca).

Having accurate information about our student numbers will greatly help us make the best decisions regarding our classroom groupings for next year.

## Kindergarten Registrations for the 2022-2023 School Year

If you have a child that will be turning 5 years old, on or before December 31, 2022 you can now register them for Kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Please call the school office at (204) 958 - 6860 to make an appointment.

Registration forms can be found on the Joseph Teres School website ( [Joseph Teres School](#) ) under Documents and Forms. You will need to bring proof of residency, which will be TWO pieces of identification with your name and address on it, Please note one needs to be government issued, this can be a Manitoba Drivers License or Manitoba Health Card. You will also have to provide proof of birth for the child, this could be a Birth Certificate, Manitoba Health Card, Baptismal Certificate, Passport or a Valid Treaty Card.

If you have any questions, please call the school at (204) 958 - 6860.



## Notice for Fee for Service Busing (dependent on availability)

If you are requiring Fee-For-Service transportation, the application form must be submitted to Transportation Department each school year.

To print the Transportation Application - Fee-For-Service 2022-2023, Go to [www.retsd.mb.ca](http://www.retsd.mb.ca) → Parents and Students button → Transportation



and look for the 2022-23 request form.

Fee-For-Service applications must be submitted to the Transportation Department by June 30 of each school year.

Applications received after June 30 will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Please do not hesitate to call or to email the school at [jt@retsdb.ca](mailto:jt@retsdb.ca) if you need assistance with the form.

## 2022-2023 Class Lists

In June, staff will be meeting to determine class lists for the 2022-2023 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:

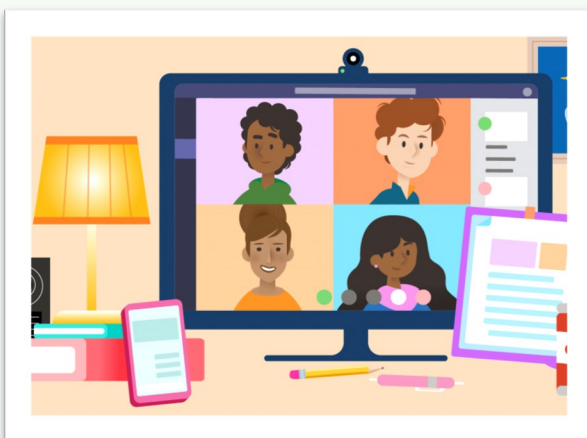
- Student academic and social functioning
- Our knowledge of social interactions and dynamics between individual and groups of students
- Match with class configuration and staffing allotment from our school division
- Male/female ratio
- Placement of students new to Joseph Teres School
- Creating balanced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

Parents are asked not to make specific class or Teacher requests. 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.

## Virtual Conferences



I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending our recent session of Virtual Conferences. It was great to see and hear from so 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.

Thank you to all of our families who have learned how to navigate and use the Conference Manager platform to book conference times. We hope this platform give you more flexibility in booking your conference slots.



# The Physical Educator

## The Latest in Joseph Teres P.E. Info!

Over the past couple months, things have been ramping up at Joseph Teres School. In honour of the Olympics and Paralympics going on in Beijing, China, our afternoon Recess Intramural schedule has been a slight modification of the traditional

Canadian sport of hockey - a game known as **broomball**. With all of the cold temperatures in January and February, the gym has been full with the sounds of hard working broomball players. Grade 3, 4 and 5 have all averaged over 40 students per recess and the PE Staff could not be more happy!



In March, we played **Monster Ball**, a fun twist on target games involving both teams trying to use their throwing skills to get a giant exercise ball across the other team's back line.

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**Basketball Club** got started as the students returned from Winter Break. We focused on the fundamental skills involved in basketball including: dribbling, ballhandling, passing, shooting and footwork. Remember to keep an athletic stance of knees bent, stay on the balls of your feet, hands ready and always keep your eyes up! As well, a huge thank you to Mr. Sidloski for coordinating and running our Ski Club at lunch! It has been a huge success with many kids attending every lunch hour that it is offered.

Our **Curling tournament** has finally come to an end with the eventual winners finishing in the following order:

1<sup>st</sup>: Jordan B, Zachary S and Haiden B

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jezreel M, Shanveer S, Nhan T and Ken M

3<sup>rd</sup>: Jasnoor S, Gage H, Kaito O, Sophia Z and Kami C

4<sup>th</sup>: Solara K, Lily C, Karamveer S, Kushreet S and Mia S



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See you in the gym!

Mr. Hildebrandt, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Ralph!



## Patrol Updates



Our 3 incredible Patrol Squads continue to impress us with their commitment and dedication to their responsibilities in keeping our students safe on the way to and from school. It was a very cold and snowy winter! Patrols have been celebrated with hockey tickets from the Manitoba Moose and Winnipeg Ice, hot chocolate and small treats as a thank you. We are also very grateful to our Captains who have been patrolling regularly and making sure that everything is running smoothly.

In April we will be sending applications home with our Grade 4 students to start building our squads for the 2022-2023 school year.

Training begins in May and Grade 4s take over post in June. We hope you will join us Grade 4s!

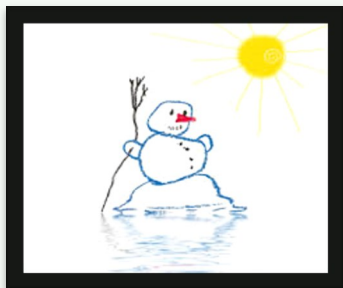


## Joseph Teres Snow Angels



Late this winter, with the support of a Wellness Grant from the WRHA, we implemented a JT Snow Angels program. Our goal with this program is to build community engagement and connection by helping with snow removal for our neighbours. The snow stayed with us well into March and kept us busy until we had to pack up our shovels for Spring's arrival. We were so proud of the volunteerism demonstrated by our Grade 4 students. We will definitely be continuing the initiative in future winters!

## Warmer Temperatures



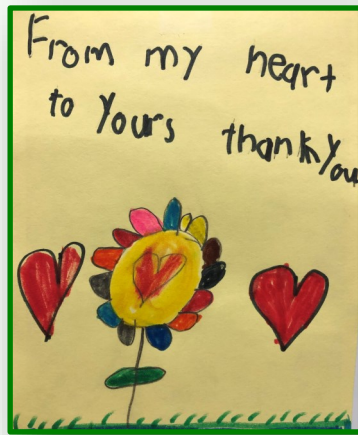
Just a reminder to parents that as the weather warms up, it might be a good idea to send some extra clothes with your child. An extra pair of pants and socks, tucked into your child's backpack is a great idea. Please also ensure that students are dressed for the weather, as recess is part of our daily routine that students are expected to be part of.







Ski Club



Buddy writing



Snow building

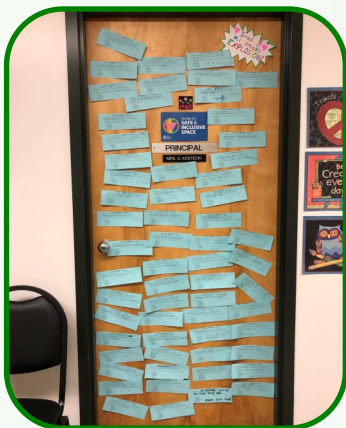


Flashlight reading

It was a cold and snowy winter, but together we found many ways to stay warm!



Artistic pursuits



Spreading kindness



Snow play



Dance parties



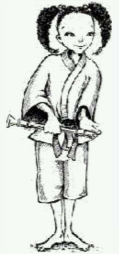


# Music Notes

## Remember to check out your MUSIC TEAM in Teams!

New at home lessons are posted monthly so students don't miss a beat! If you get stuck at home be sure to visit your MUSIC TEAM as these lessons are an extension of what we are learning in the music room.

Grade 4 and 5 students are encouraged to PLAY RECORDER with awesome backup tracks: [All Instruments - MusicplayOnline](#) (Login as a Student and use password R718817 if prompted).



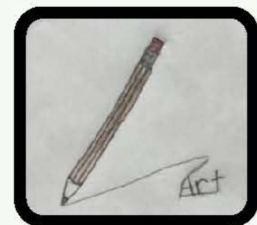
THIS IS Me

## THIS IS ME from The Greatest Showman

In the Music Room we are celebrating "This Is Me". Students have been acknowledging amazing things about themselves and learning to love the things that make them unique and special. We have been singing, playing instruments, creating patterns and learning sign language with the song "This Is Me". Here are some things our students are proud about:

I am proud of...

- ...being helpful, kind, confident, giving and musical.
- ...my ability to express my feelings on paper.
- ...myself because I am brave, strong and a great friend.
- ...my family because I have two homes.
- ...me when I help others.
- ...me when I take risks.
- ...me playing violin. I can play many songs.
- ...being a hard worker. I am proud of my learning and practicing.
- ...my ability to play soccer, basketball and 4 square. I am good at being fair.





## Our I Love to Read theme this year was "Be You".

Students celebrated all the things that make them, themselves. We read awesome books, like *Be You* by Peter H. Reynolds, *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o, *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi, *Paulette the Pinkest Puppy in the World*, *Hooray for You! A Celebration of "you-ness"* by Marianne Richmond, *Ho'Onani: Hula Warrior* by Heather Gale, *Be Yourself with Snoopy and the Peanuts gang* and many more.



Students really got into the theme through drawing self-portraits, writing about their favourites and the parts of themselves they are proud of. We saw their work posted around the school in the form of drawings, poetry and book covers where they were the main character. We even had some students make their own books. We celebrated the end of the month by doing a prize draw. Prizes for 35 students included books, pens and erasers, personalized keychains, and posters.

When you receive this newsletter our Scholastic Book Fair will be done for March. Thank you again for your support! A portion of all books sold comes back to the school so we can purchase books and other supplies. It really makes a difference. Our favourite part of hosting a book fair is how excited the students get about reading books!



We are also having Kindergarten through Grade 3 students read ten Canadian picture books that are nominated for the Blue Spruce Award. After reading the students will vote on their favourite and we will see if JT's choice is the same as the rest of the nation. More information about the books and program can be found at [www.forestofreading.com](http://www.forestofreading.com) and clicking on the nominated lists button.

## IBL and the Library

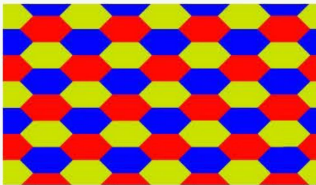


Ms Sawa, Ms Watchorn and Ms Watson's Grade 1 classes have completed their study of polar bears and Arctic animals. Students researched information and then wrote their own polar bear book! Students also planned, designed and created their dioramas. We celebrated with some "polar bear food" of fishy crackers.



All of our Kindergarten students had focused computer time this winter. They were busy learning to log on independently, begin using the Word program and playing Starfall and the interactive game ABCya!.

In March all Grade 4 students explored coding using the website code.org. We used some of our STEAM activities like ozobots, keva planks, matatalab coding, wonder workshop robots and students built amazing creations for our Lego wall in the library. They also learned about tessellations and how these interesting patterns connect and repeat.



Tessellations Pattern



Ozobots



Wonder Workshops Robots

## News From The



### The Golden Garbage Can

From April 4 to April 29 2022, 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 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!

### Look What We Did In Ms.Sawa's Grade One Class





On Wednesday March 23, 2022, as a reward for students filling up our shoutout bucket, we celebrated with a school wide, extended afternoon special recess. We had "snow" much fun enjoying the end of Winter with activities such as: snow painting, sled races and snowshoeing. We ended the afternoon with a hot chocolate treat for everyone. What a wonderful time we had!



# "Snow" Long Winter



## Joseph Teres School

# Parent Council

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

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| • Tiffany Schellenberg | - Chairperson     |
| • Natalie Giesbrecht   | - Co Chair        |
| • Jen Warren           | - Secretary       |
| • Aryssa Rowe          | - Treasurer       |
| • Dylan Balzer         | - Member at Large |
| • Christy Capner       | - Member at Large |
| • Christina Luz        | - Member at Large |

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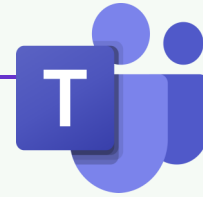
### JTPC Meetings:

Tuesday April 5

Tuesday May 3

At this time, meetings are being held remotely on Teams from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

If you would like to attend one of our virtual meetings, please call the school to be added to the list.



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## We Need You!

Do you have 1 hour a month to get involved in your child's school?

We need you as part of our wonderful PAC. We are always looking for new parents to join our existing PAC group. Come and learn and get involved in your child's school and educational experience. We want your ideas and perspective at the table.

We may be looking for additional help with Hot Lunch and Fundraising. Any new positions are typically filled in May so that we can start the school year off in September with a full executive. There is support for new people to be mentored by current PAC members.

If you are interested please email the school at [jt@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:jt@retsd.mb.ca)



A huge thank you goes out to our school community and PAC for their ongoing support of educational materials and special events for the students of our school.



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