



Joseph Teres School

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A Message from Mrs. Kostecki

The end of the school year is an exciting time. It is the time of the year when we are looking forward to summer plans and spending more time with our family but it is also a time when we may see less of our school friends. We may also be saying goodbye to those who are leaving the school and continuing their journey elsewhere. Fill your summer days with lots of outdoor activities, family time, exercise and of course reading!

As this school year comes to an end, we wish our Grade 5 students continued success as they move on to Middle Years. We also wish those families who are moving away, health, happiness and continued prosperity.

As the summer holidays begin, I want to thank each and every one of you for making this year at Joseph Teres an exciting and invigorating learning opportunity for all. We have had an extremely productive year with activities and special events for all students.

We are very proud of all of our accomplishments this year. Our students have grown academically as well as socially and emotionally. They have developed many new skills and

talents and we encourage all students to pursue their interests over the summer months ahead.

There are several important pieces of information included in this newsletter: staffing information, our school calendar for next year and our School Plan Community Report for 2022 - 2023.

I would like to thank the students, staff and families of Joseph Teres School for a wonderful year.

I appreciate all your support in creating an excellent environment for all students.

Enjoy the summer!

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Joseph Teres School Community Report 2022 - 2023



Joseph Teres by the Numbers...

- Student Population = 501
- Classroom Teachers = 19
- Student Services = 2.5
- Reading Recovery = .50
- Music = 1.19
- Phys. Ed. = 2.08
- Teacher Librarian = .50
- Library Technician = 1
- Educational Assistants/YCW = 12
- EAL Support Worker = .25
- ENIP Facilitator = .50
- Clerical = 2
- Custodial Staff = 2
- Custodial Aides = 2
- Administration = 1.75

Joseph Teres is an Early Years school located Winnipeg, Manitoba, within the River East Transcona School Division. We offer Kindergarten to Grade Five English programming. Our school is committed to developing academic and social skills in an inclusive nurturing environment. Programs are supported and enhanced through an extensive Resource Program, Reading Recovery, Kindergarten and Grade 1 Early Numeracy Intervention, Library and Technology Resources, Basic French, Music, Physical Education and Intramurals. Students are encouraged to take active roles in a variety of student leadership opportunities.

Looking Back...School Priorities for 2022 - 2023

- Literacy - Enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate literacy instruction.
- Numeracy - Enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate mathematics instruction.
- Wellness and Belonging - Student learning and activities to promote a feeling of safety and belonging in the Joseph Teres community.
- Sustainable Development – Enhance student understanding of sustainable development as a normal part of daily practice.

Literacy Celebrations

- Classrooms implemented home reading programs for students. An online subscription to access reading materials was also maintained.
- Teachers displayed writing samples throughout the school to motivate, recognize and celebrate writers.
- All Classroom Teachers engaged in grade level conversations to co-plan, mentor and reflect on their literacy practice.
- Student writing pieces focused on the development of purpose, audience and student voice. Students experimented with a variety of writing hooks, use of humour and imagination and beginnings and endings. Several classes wrote free verse poetry as self expression and wellness.
- Writing Buddies were formed between every classroom with a variety of shared writing around topics such as poetry, letter writing, a winter writing activity and writing notes to support environmental awareness on Sobey's paper grocery bags which were then handed out to Sobey's customers.
- Technology was an integral piece for students so that they could fully participate in the writing process and writing activities.
- All classrooms participated in "I Love To Read" month literacy activities in February under the theme of "Empathy Superheroes" with an in depth focus on understanding and caring about the feelings of others.
- Guest readers were invited to read to our students, including staff from Nuton – Nutritional Education in Manitoba, Tyler Mags from Hot 103, and Boston Pizza mascot Lionel, who presented the school with a \$500 cheque to purchase library books and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

- Students explored the meaning and many connections behind our daily Land Acknowledgement with Rachelle Carlisle, a divisional Indigenous Academic Achievement support worker.
- Students participated in an Orange Shirt Day assembly and writing activity this year to continue their learning about Indigenous cultures.

Numeracy Celebrations

- Staff participated in ongoing professional development with our EY Consultant focusing on problem solving and using open ended questions to drive mathematical thinking and reasoning. Staff observations confirmed that students were highly engaged in problem solving. Student and Teacher feedback was positive.
- Many teachers implemented numeracy learning centers in their classrooms, allowing students to have time to explore numeracy and engage with different math concepts in concrete and play based ways.
- Students participated in a variety of 100 Day Math activities and celebrations.
- Numeracy learning was paired in several instances with Literacy learning to develop deeper understanding. For example, Grade 4 students explored Math in Music, Grade 5 students explored Math in Art, and numeracy concepts were integrated into Physical Education classes.
- Our Green Team used various recycling efforts to integrate Math learning experiences in a meaningful and engaging manner including sorting, counting, tallies and comparisons.
- Our Early Numeracy Intervention Program Facilitator continued to work with identified students in Kindergarten and Grade 1.
- Students engaged in numeracy as part of our food bank drive by sorting, counting, and weighing items collected.
- Kindergarten to Grade 2 students used the divisional Math kits on a regular basis to support Math learning in the classroom. Kits are especially helpful in the problem solving strand.

Wellness and Belonging Celebrations

- Positive behavior was recognized and promoted by all staff with the use of Shout Outs. Shout Outs were accumulated towards collective school wide celebrations, creating a sense of belonging by working together towards a common goal.
- School wide participation and celebration in sustainability practices including waste free lunches led by the school Green Team.
- Students were introduced to Sources of Strength. Grade 2 classrooms had weekly Sources of Strength lessons built into their schedules.
- Grade 5 street and bus patrols participated in regular meetings and celebrations as a team throughout the year, including field trips to Wheelies and free Moose games and a free movie at SilverCity. Grade 5 patrols trained Grade 4 patrols in the Spring.
- Grade 5 students participated in various leadership opportunities, including patrolling, gym leaders, lunch bunch leaders, library helpers, technology helpers and recess leaders.
- Classroom Teachers have prioritized positive connection with students throughout the school year by including morning meetings and community building initiatives.
- Numerous intramurals and extra curriculars were run to allow for connections across classrooms and grades.
- Monthly school wide celebrations where all students were invited to participate were held throughout the year including Orange Shirt Day, Halloween, Crystal the Elf, Spirit Week, Community Cleanup, Music Monday, JT's Got Talent and Farewell.
- Assemblies have had a large impact on well being, empathy, diversity, inclusion and connection. Joseph Teres School continued with regular Day 5 assemblies throughout the school year with grade level audiences. Themes of the assemblies included: Empathy, Mindfulness, Mental Health, Zones of Regulation, Gratitude and Sources of Strength, as well as community and global connections such as: Orange Shirt Day, World Vision, Earth Day, Medicine Wheel, Recycling and Multi-Cultural Holiday Traditions.
- School Wide Behavior expectations were taught, reviewed and reinforced regularly in classrooms. Students were taught how to solve problems using our Problem Solving Wheel. The Problem Solving Wheel is being used in a variety of areas but most specifically at recess.
- Our school continued to access the support of our School Resource Officer this year. This personnel support was a powerful addition to our school community and made a positive impact on our students and staff.

Sustainable Development Celebrations

- School wide assemblies incorporated social responsibility and justice initiatives that are student driven and correlated to curricular outcomes. This includes local, city wide and global awareness and sustainable actions. Initiatives included Earth Day and Earth care taking activities, raising money for Terry Fox and World Vision, play based learning and community walks.
- Waste Free Wednesdays and draws for student celebrations occurred throughout the year.
- Students take a leadership role in recycling awareness and collection. Students actively participate in recycling efforts including batteries, drink tabs and markers recycling within our school community.
- Our Grade 1 team featured butterfly development experiences and observed the development and life cycle metamorphosis.
- The Grade 3 students took leadership roles in the school including: planting flowers on our school property, securing supplies for a school and community clean up effort in the Spring, establishing a Fun in the Sun club, overseeing school wide recycling efforts and issuing environmental challenges.
- All staff and students actively participated in sustainable development experiences within the school community.

Looking Ahead...School Priorities 2023 - 2024

- Enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate literacy instruction.
- Enhance student achievement through authentic and appropriate numeracy instruction including technology integration.
- Enhance the school climate and culture and inclusivity through an authentic and appropriate school health framework. Enhance student understanding of sustainable development as a normal part of daily practice and in authentic contexts.

Our Staffing For 2023-2024 School Year

Ms. Kostecki	- Principal
Mr. Murray	- Vice Principal
Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Mineault	- Secretaries
Mrs. Kucherhan	- Kindergarten
Mrs. Stewart	- Kindergarten
Mrs. Vanden Berg	- Grade 1 A
Mrs. Shawarsky and Mrs. Fordyce	- Grade 1 B
Ms. Vincent	- Grade 1 C
Ms. Radawetz	- Grade 2/1 D
Mrs. Aquin	- Grade 2 A
Mrs. Freiter	- Grade 2 B
Mr. Kroetsch	- Grade 2 C
Ms. Rempel	- Grade 3/2 E
Ms. Schade	- Grade 3 A
Mr. Sidloski	- Grade 3 B
Mr. Taylor	- Grade 3 C
Ms. Demke	- Grade 4/3 D
Mrs. Deroo	- Grade 4 A
Mrs. Natuik	- Grade 4 B
Mrs. Schlag	- Grade 4 C
Ms. Hum	- Grade 5/4 E
Mr. Cairns	- Grade 5 A
Mrs. Niblett	- Grade 5 B
Mrs. Moyer	- Grade 5 C
Mrs. Zagrobelny	- Grade 5 D
Mr. Gough, Mrs. Morrison and	- Physical
Ms. Christensen	Education
Mrs. Klassen and Mrs. Friesen	- Music
Mrs. Wiebe and Mrs. Lanouette	- Resource
Ms. Block	- Counsellors
Mrs. Friesen	- Teacher Librarian
Mrs. Hepworth	- Library Technician
Mrs. Taylor	- Educational Assistant
Mrs. Jolicoeur	- Educational Assistant
Ms. McIntyre	- Educational Assistant
Mr. Delaronde	- Educational Assistant
Ms. Nicholson	- Educational Assistant
Ms. Derksen	- Educational Assistant
Ms. Arya	- Educational Assistant
Ms. Kittner	- Educational Assistant
Ms. Armitage	- Educational Assistant
Ms. Kellington	- Educational Assistant
Mr. Guerrero	- Educational Assistant
Ms. Purdy	- Youth Care Worker
Mr. Da Silva	- Custodian - Day
Mr. Gosnell, Ms. Costik and Ms. Tran	- Custodians - Evening

Some small staffing adjustments may be made in the Fall.



We would like to say a fond farewell and best wishes to the following staff members as they move on to new schools or new adventures: Ms. Gossel, Ms. Kieper, Ms. Posthumus, Ms.

Smerechanski, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Kakria, Mr. Hildebrandt, Ms. Watson, Mrs. Cabak-Ralph and Mr. Mac-Intyre.

Thank you for all you have to help shape hearts and minds at Joseph Teres School.



We would like to welcome the following new staff to Joseph Teres School in September: Mrs. Fordyce, Ms. Rempel, Ms. Vincent, Ms. Demke, Mrs. Lopez, Ms. Brotherston and Ms. Christensen our new Teachers and Ms. Armitage, and Ms. Kittner our new Educational Assistants.



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END OF YEAR INFORMATION

Please note that the following information is now available on the school website:

Supply Lists

Joseph Teres School - Report to the Community

Please note how the following information will be shared:

Report cards are available through your Parent Portal account June 30, 2023.

Parents require their parent portal credentials to access report cards.

Next year's Teacher for your child can be found in the Learning Behaviour comment of the Term 3 report card.

IEPR if applicable will be sent as a hard copy with students on June 29, 2023.

EAL Summative Report, if applicable will be sent as a hard copy on June 29, 2023.

Please visit the Joseph Teres School website for Parent Portal instructions and user guide.

[Joseph Teres School - Joseph Teres School \(retsdb.ca\)](http://josephtereschool.retsd.mb.ca)



JT Lunch Program

The Joseph Teres School Lunch Program registration forms will be going home the first week of September. Please note, all students that stay for lunch must pay a user fee, unless otherwise determined by the River East Transcona School Division.

Transportation

If you require any information regarding transportation for your child(ren), you can contact the Transportation Department at 204-669-0202.



Please remember to pick up any medication by Friday June 30, 2023. Prescription medication must be signed in/signed out by an adult and cannot go home in a student's backpack.

Moving...

If you have moved during the school year or are planning a move over the summer, please inform the school office as soon as possible. It is important that we have all contact information correct, (phone numbers, emergency contact, etc.)

If your child is currently in Kindergarten to Grade 4, and **will not be attending** Joseph Teres School in September 2023, please send a note to the school. Having accurate information about our student numbers will greatly help us make the best decisions regarding our classroom groupings for next year.



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Patrols

Congratulations 2022-2023 Patrols!

The street patrols dealt with all kinds of weather this year, from frigid winter days, to rainstorms, to temperatures in the high 30s. But their dedication enabled them to win the RETSD Patrols of the Year award for a school with over 301 students! Congratulations!

During this year our street and bus patrols went to Wheelies Roller Rink, went to Manitoba Moose games, and saw a movie at Silver City St. Vital. They worked hard this year, but they were able to play hard as well.

A big thank you to Mr. Cairns and Ms. Moyer who acted as our Patrol Supervisors for the 2022-2023 school year!



Reminder to our 2023-2024 Patrols that Squad One will start us off for our new school year, and should be on post by 8:35 am. See you in September!

**HAPPY
SUMMER
VACATION!**





PAPER COUPON BOOK

EVERYONE LOVES SAVING MONEY!

Joseph Teres School will be raising money this September by selling **the much loved Show & Save Coupon Book**.

The Book will have thousands of dollars in money saving offers including coupons for purchases at restaurants, golf courses, sporting events, grocery and retail stores throughout the city and province.

For only \$25.00, you will have endless savings with the Show & Save Coupon Book.

By purchasing your Show & Save from us, you will be supporting our school while at the same time saving your family a lot of money.

Let your friends and family know on Social Media about this so they too can get in on the savings!



From the Library...

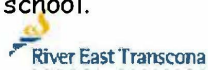
We had a great year in the library with over 20,000 circulations! Our students love to read, so please visit the Winnipeg Public Library over the summer. Our Branch is at 1 Transcona Blvd.

If you have a computer or device you can log into the TUMBLE Book Library, just go to www.tumblebooks.com and choose Tumble Book Library. The username is RETSD and the password is **books** (case sensitive).

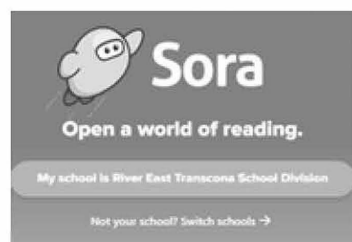
If you have a computer or device you can also download the SORA app, which is like an online library. Students use their school computer login and password to access this.

Instructions for using Sora app

1) Click on Sora app and "Find my school" or "add a library": select **River East Transcona School Division**, click yes this is my school.



Sign in



staffID@retsd.mb.ca Or studentID@retsdstudent.ca

[Can't access your account?](#)

Next

2) Sign in with student email and password

3) Browse the "Explore" tab and click to **BORROW** with an ebook or audiobook (place on **HOLD** if not available)

4) Click "Shelf" to **RETURN** or **RENEW** your ebook by clicking "Options" (or the item will be automatic returned on their due date)

MYRCA Club - Sundogs 2024

Grade 4 and 5 students will be invited to participate in a reading club in September. They can get a head start on reading the ten books this summer by signing them out at the Winnipeg Public Library or on the SORA app. Mrs. Friesen and Mrs. Hepworth will be reading them over the summer too.

Go to [2024 MYRCA Sundogs](#) for more information and a list of the Sundog books for 2024. If you are entering Grade 6 you can get a head start by doing this too.

BEST ways to PREVENT SUMMER LEARNING SLIDE

Have your child read at least
20 MINUTES PER DAY



Students who read
20 minutes
a day score
in the
90th
percentile

Students who read
5 minutes
a day score
only in the
50th
percentile

* Anne E. Cunningham and Keith E. Stanovich, "What Reading Does for the Mind," *The American Federation of Teachers: American Educator*, Vol. 22, No. 1-2, pp. 8-15.

Visit  the  Library.

Read to your child

This builds listening skills, imagination, and increases vocabulary

 **Audio Books**

Instead of **listening** to the **radio**, listen to audio **books** during **long** drives.

COOK
with your child



Have your child follow a recipe.
This enhances both reading and math skills.

Engage in meaningful conversations with your child.

Stimulating conversations boost language skills.

Quick Conversation Tips:

1. Ask questions.
2. Be positive.
3. Give your full attention.
4. Be encouraging.

Model Reading Behavior



If your child sees **you** reading, they will want to read as well.

Find reasons for your child to **practice** writing skills.

Write... 

a book, a blog, a zine, a poem

Learn a new word each week.

Post the new word with its definition and have a contest for who can use it the most times in one week.

Reciprocity

Plethora

Faith Accomplish

Erudition

Equanimity

Panacea

Music Notes



On April 13 the Grade 3-5 students visited the Concert Hall to hear a live Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Concert! Through discovering Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, Captain Manitoba helped us explore the relationship between Music and Art. We also heard pieces by Chickasaw composer Jerod Tate, Manitoba composer Craig Cassils and WSO Composer In Residence Harry Stafylakis.



Music Monday is a nationwide celebration of music in our schools acknowledged on the first Monday in May. To commemorate the day we gathered in the bus loop for an outdoor concert where we "filled the skies with music".



After the outdoor concert at JT the Grade 5 students walked over to Transcona Collegiate where they participated in a divisional Music Monday concert. It was a fabulous celebration with performances by JT, Radisson, Westview, J. W. Gunn, Bernie Wolfe and Transcona Collegiate.



JT's Got Talent!

Congratulations to all of the students that shared their talent in our classroom talent shows and with the school at JT's Got Talent! We have a talented bunch!

Get started working on your act for 2024!



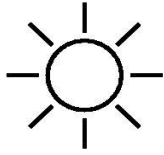
Grade 1 Spring Showcase

Congratulations to all of the Grade 1 students who gave fantastic performances in May 2023 for fellow students and then for family and friends. They sang, played instruments, shared poetry they had written, and their artwork was displayed through powerpoints. It was a wonderful celebration of their grade 1 music learning!




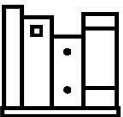












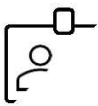




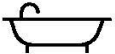





Attention upcoming Grade 4 recorder players:

Grade 4 students will require a Yamaha Recorder in the fall. Yamaha recorders will be available for purchase at the school in September for \$12.00. Please note that recorders sold at dollar stores are of inferior quality and the sound they produce is not equal to a high quality recorder. Students will notice the difference and feel that they are playing wrong notes without a Yamaha recorder.



Summer Reading BINGO



Read a book set in a different country 	Read a book published in 2021 	Read a book about nature 	Write a story and read it to someone else 	Read a cookbook (and make a recipe) 
Read a book set in the past 	Read your favourite book again 	Read a book set in winter 	Read a funny book 	Read a book with an animal on the cover 
Read a book about friendship 	Read while listening to the birds outside 	Read a book by a Canadian Author 	Read aloud with someone else 	Read a biography 
Read in the dark with a flashlight 	Read about a holiday 	Read some poems 	Read a graphic novel 	Read in a tub without water 
Read a book about outer space 	Read a book about an adventure 	Read in a fort or tent with a friend 	Read a book with a number in the title 	Read a restaurant menu 

Complete this Summer Reading Bingo by coloring in the squares after you have completed them. Put your full name and grade on the sheet and bring it back to the library in September.



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School Times:

Entry Bell 8:50 am
Recess K-2 10:15 -10:30 am
Recess 3-5 10:35 - 10:50 am
Lunch 11:45 am - 12:45 pm
Recess 3-5 2:00 - 2:15 pm
Recess K-2 2:20 - 2:35 pm
Dismissal 3:30 pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023 - 2024

September

- 4 Labour Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- 5 Coordinated Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 6 First day for Students - Day 2
- 12 Open House 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- 25 Picture Day K Odd Days - Grade 5

October

- 3 Coordinated Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 9 Thanksgiving - **NO SCHOOL**
- 20 Co-ordinated Day - **SAGE - NO CLASSES**
- 25 Picture Day K Even Days and Retakes (am only)

November

- 10 Report Card Preparation - **NO CLASSES**
- 17 Term One Report Cards Posted
- 23 Student - Led Conferences Evening
- 24 Co-ordinated Day - **NO CLASSES**
Student Led Conferences Virtual - am
PD - pm

December

- 22 Last day of classes before the break
Early Dismissal 2:30 pm



January

- 8 School Re-Opens - Day 1

February

- 2 Coordinated Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 19 Louis Riel Day - **NO SCHOOL**

March

- 1 Kindergarten Registration Begins
- 1 Report Card Preparation - **NO CLASSES**
- 8 Term Two Report Cards Posted
- 14 Student - Led Conferences Evening
- 15 Co-ordinated Day - **NO CLASSES**
Student Led Conferences Virtual - am
PD - pm
- 22 Last day of classes before Spring Break
- 25-29 Spring Break - **NO SCHOOL**

April

- 1 School Re-Opens - Day 1
- 22 Co-ordinated Day - **NO CLASSES**

May

- 20 Victoria Day - **NO SCHOOL**

June

- 7 Co-ordinated Day - **NO CLASSES**
- 28 Last Day of School - Report Cards Posted
Early Dismissal 2:30 pm



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GET INVOLVED!



JOSEPH TERES ELEMENTARY PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Joseph Teres Parent Advisory Council (PAC) invites you to join other parents and school educators as we collectively gather to discuss, problem-solve, and work together for our children.

We meet monthly on the first Tuesday evening of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the School Library. These meetings give parents the opportunity to become involved in fundraisers and goals the school is working towards.

PAC is a safe space for all and an opportunity to network and connect with other parents of the JT Community. PAC is a space where everyone is recognized as an expert by experience when it comes to our children and we would love to have you join us!

For more information, please contact the PAC Chair, Aryssa Rowe: josephterespacchair@gmail.com.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

TD
Summer
Reading
Club
2023

**Get Your
Summer
Read On**

**À vos
marques,
prêts, lisez**

Club
de lecture
d'été
TD
2023

**at Winnipeg
Public Library!**

**à la Bibliothèque
publique de Winnipeg !**

June 12 to September 1

- Receive a free bilingual reading kit.
- Participate in library programs.
- Keep kids reading, learning, and having fun all summer.
- For kids of all interests, ages, and abilities.

For more information,
visit any Winnipeg Public Library
or go online at
winnipeg.ca/library

