



Joseph Teres School

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2023

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 after a long winter. Spring is a time for new beginnings and here at school that means new learning. I hope all our students and families are ready to enjoy the Spring Break ahead and then return to school refreshed and ready to continue with exciting learning experiences that are planned through to the end of the school year.

The months ahead bring many new learning activities and special activities for all our students. Many classrooms have curriculum related field trips planned. Some of our students will be involved in Folkdance Festival, sports clubs, field days and special music performances. We look forward to all these events. Please remember to check our school website calendar for information related to special events including dates, times and additional details that are relevant to your child's activities and classroom.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming out to the recent session of Student Led 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.

I would like to remind students and families to dress for our weather. Even though we are into the spring season, there are times that a heavier jacket may still be needed. Also, splash pants help keep children dry and comfortable during recess times. Please dress according to the weather so that we can all enjoy our outdoor activities.

Thank you to all our families who are following the parking and speed requirements around the school. As you are aware, the busiest traffic time around the school is just before school starts and at the end of the day. Please remember to be courteous by not blocking driveways, the bus loop or staff parking stalls as you drop off or pick up your child(ren). We appreciate your extra efforts when driving and parking as this helps keep us all safe.

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Principal: Mrs. S. Kostecki

Vice Principal: Mr. Evan Murray

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	2:00 — 2:15 3-5
	2:20 — 2:35 K-2
Dismissal	3:30 pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023

March 24 Last day of classes before Spring Break

March 27-

March 31 Spring Break

April 3 First day back—Day 5

Ladybug for Kindergarten

April 7 Good Friday — No School

April 14 Co-ordinated Day — No classes in RETSD

May 22 Victoria Day - No School

May 29 Co-ordinated Day- No classes in RETSD

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 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 2023, please email the school office at 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.



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JT Patrol Update

Throughout this winter, regardless of temperature, our School Safety Patrol squads have been working hard to keep students safe on the way to and from school. At Joseph Teres School we continue to say "thank you" to our School Safety Patrols with treats such as hot chocolate and donuts, and special events to recognize the patrols importance to our school and the responsibility that they have. We also recognize a patrol squad of the month and display their photograph on our leadership bulletin board. Street Patrols have recently received their patrol toques, and all patrols now have their patrolling cards and patrol pins.

Patrols were recently treated to a free ticket to the Manitoba Moose Patrol Appreciation event on Monday, February 20, 2023, and a free movie courtesy of the Winnipeg Police Service on Saturday, March 4, 2023.



Bus patrols will be having a "thank you" field trip to Wheelies on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

School Safety Patrol applications have been handed out to Grade 4 students.

Training for new patrols will begin in April. Stay tuned!

Patrol Weather Guidelines

Please note the cold weather guidelines below for 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 and lightning, or if the temperature with windchill is below -40C. Reduced patrol times implemented for temperatures colder than -27C. During extremely cold weather, the following guidelines for an abbreviated student patrol schedule will be followed.

Temperature or Windchill:

-27C to -34C It is recommended that time on post not exceed 10 minutes. Warm clothing is essential. Facial protection is recommended.

-35C to -39C It is recommended that time on post not exceed five minutes.

Posts located more than a five - minute walk from the school will not be patrolled. Warm clothing and facial protection are essential.

-40C and below No student patrols are on post. The school will notify the students and parents of this abbreviated patrol schedule.

How to Dress: Patrols need to have scarves, toque, mitts, snowsuit, boots, and other warm clothing. Clothing should not restrict the vision of the patrol.



Upcoming Patrol Schedule:

Tuesday, March 14 - Friday, March 24	Squad 2
Monday, April 3 - Monday, April 10	Squad 1
Tuesday, April 13 - Monday, April 24	Squad 2
Tuesday, April 25 - Monday, May 15 (Grade 4 Training)	Squad 1
Tuesday, May 16 - Monday, May 29 (Grade 4 Training)	Squad 2
Tuesday, May 30 - Monday, June 12 (New Patrols)	Squad 1
Tuesday, June 13 - Friday, June 30 (New Patrols)	Squad 2



The Grade 2/1 students in Room 213 had the opportunity to welcome Rachelle to their classroom three separate times. Here is what they said about it...

During the first visit, we learned about sharing circles. Every Monday, we start off the day by sitting in a circle and sharing something from our weekend or how we are feeling. After working with Rachelle, one of the pieces we have added to our routine is passing a rock, also known as grandfather. We tell the rock our names. Learning about the land acknowledgment during Rachelle's second visit was so interesting! There was a lot of new information learned. Our final visit included a study on treaties. What is a treaty? What is a treaty medal? and so much more... we are currently making our own class treaty as well as individual treaty medals. We feel grateful to have worked with such a knowledgeable and kind person!

Kindergarten Registrations for the 2023-2024 School Year

If you have a child that will be turning 5 years old, on or before December 31, 2023 you can now register them for Kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Please come to the school office to fill out a registration package.

Registration forms can be found on the Joseph Teres School website ([Joseph Teres School](http://JosephTeresSchool1.com)) 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 2023-2024, Go to www.retsd.mb.ca → Parents and Students button → Transportation



and look for the 2023-2024 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 if you need assistance with the form.



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2023-2024 Class Lists

In June, staff will be meeting to determine class lists for the 2023-2024 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

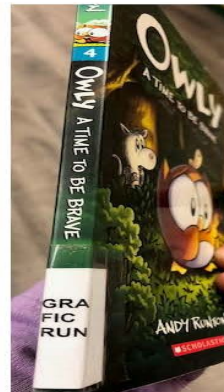
Parents are asked not to make specific class or Teacher requests. Given appropriate support at home and at school, it has been our experience that the vast majority of placements are successful. Where a placement is proving to be difficult, we ask that parents and students give it the time required for friendships to develop and comfort level to increase.





Parents, please send clean empty water bottles to school in your child's backpack. We have a wonderful water bottle filling stations here at school that can be used to fill them. We are seeing an increasing number of bottles spilling and ruining items in the backpacks including Library books. Replacement of books damaged by water often cost from \$8.00 to \$25.00.

Please look around your home and if you see books that say Joseph Teres School on them and they have a barcode sticker or a spine label please send it back to school. Sometime students forget to sign out books before they leave the Library.



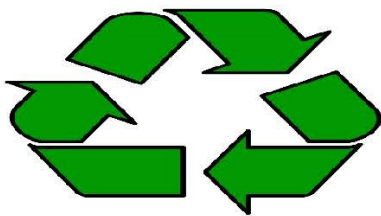
Coming Soon...The Golden Garbage Can Challenge



From April 10, 2023 to May 5, 2023 our school will be participating in the Golden Garbage Can Challenge. What is that? It is a challenge to encourage waste free lunches every day. 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. At the end of the challenge a draw will be made from the Golden Garbage Can winners for a class prize!

More information will be provided to students after Spring Break.

Hopefully you can pack some waste free lunches!



Joseph Teres School

Parent Council

The Parent Council is made up of the following parents and positions for

Aryssa Rowe - Chairperson

Natalie Giesbrecht - Vice Chair

Jen Warren - Secretary

Chloe Devries - Treasurer

Dylan Balzer - Member at Large

Christy Capner - Member at Large



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, May 2 6:00 pm

In the School Library.

Come join us to recap the year and plan for the 2023 - 2024 school year, while enjoying some coffee and donuts!

We Need You

We are looking for more parents that are interesting in being actively involved in the school. If this is you, we need you as part of our wonderful PAC. We are always looking for new parents to join. Come and learn and get involved in your child's school and educational experience. We are eager for new ideas and perspectives!

We are also eager for parents who are interested in helping with Hot Lunches. This is usually once a month, and requires a commitment between 11:15 am - 12:45 pm. It is a fun experience that allows you to be in the school and interact with students!

If you are interested in joining or volunteering please contact the school at jt@retsd.mb.ca and they will connect you with the PAC!

The 2022/2023 School Year Recap

This year has been so fun for the JT PAC. We have finally been able to meet in person and have volunteers back in the school. A huge hit this year has been the return of Hot Lunches - a memory that most of the members of PAC recall of their elementary years. The kids seem to really be enjoying their lunches and we have had an overwhelming response to all the dates. We have had many parents and grandparents volunteer on these days and I'd like to take a moment to thank each of you that have helped. An extra big shout out to Dylan Balzer who has taken on the role of coordinating the Hot Lunches, he keeps everything running smoothly and is our expert in Food Handling! **Thank you, Dylan!**



Some other highlights of the year:

- Funding MTYP presentations to Grades 2-5.
- Funding Women in Science presentations for JT students.
- Purchasing items for special celebrations for the students such as Hot Cambro containers for Hot Chocolate and large cold drink pitchers.
- Purchased a new outdoor Bluetooth speaker for the Gymnasium.
- And last but not least—thanks to the awesome response with the Cash Calendar we have committed to purchasing a new BBQ for the school, a new learning carpet, an indoor curling kit for the gym and a new golf curriculum for the gym teachers!
- A huge thank you to our school community and PAC members for their ongoing support of fundraisers to support the purchase of educational materials and special events for the students of our school.

I look forward to meeting new parents at the AGM and at meetings next year!

- Aryssa Rowe, PAC Chair

Counsellor's Corner

Hello JT families! It is hard to believe that it is already March! Hopefully soon we will see the weather warm up and see the snow start to melt.

Since the start of the year, we have been able to provide some great opportunities for students to continue to build their "tool box" of strategies to help deal with big feelings.

Every Grade 1 class had a series of lessons on Zones of Regulation that was cotaught by Ms. Ashley Ewasko, our divisional Positive Behaviour and Intervention Support Coach. Zones of Regulation teaches students how to identify and understand their own emotions, and to match the size of emotions to the size of the problem.

In Grade 2 we have started implementing Sources of Strength, which is a curriculum that focuses on building resiliency in students and helping them to discover the strengths that students have in their own lives that can help them get through difficult situations. We will implement the Sources of Strength curriculum with additional grades in the future.

Additionally, we have been able to run friendship building and social skills groups with Mr. Jonathon Bach, who has been providing additional counselling services at Joseph Teres School. Although his time at Joseph Teres is coming to an end, we are happy to have Mr. Ian McIntyre back in our building later this month to help support our students.

As a Counsellor, I am available for short term support for many needs such as anxiety, family changes, grief and friendship challenges. I am also available to help connect families to outside agency support for longer term needs. I can be reached at the school by e-mail at emurray@retsd.mb.ca



News from the Library

During I love to Read we focused on the theme Empathy. Our students are already great at being kind, but we wanted to take it a step further. Empathy means you consider things from another's perspective; you actively listen and people relate to one another.

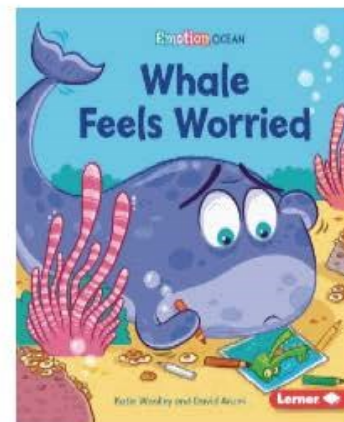
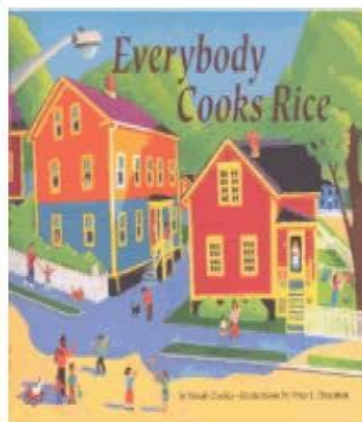
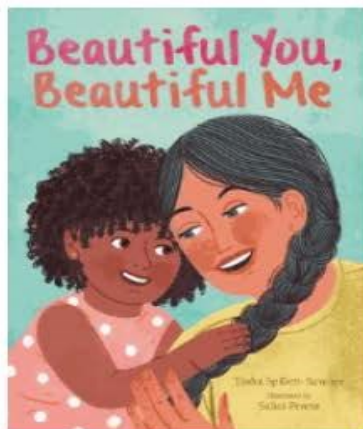
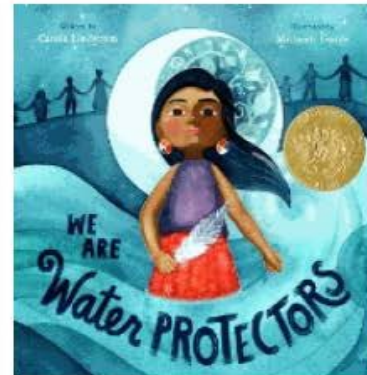
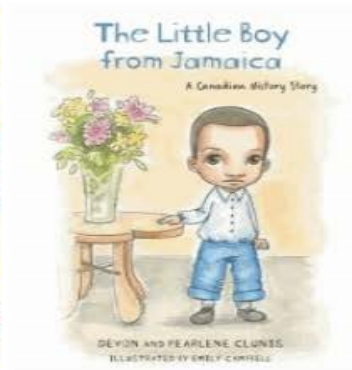
We had some wonderful guest readers, some highlights are:

- Constable Scott our School Resource Officer read to all 23 classes over several visits
- MP James Teitsma read in his many voices to some Grade 3 and 4 classes
- Virtual read aloud with Nuton Manitoba, focusing on nutrition
- Winnipeg Blue Bomber Tanner Cadwallader and mascot Boomer visited our school
- Tyler Magz, radio host from Virgin 103.1 read to many classes

We started off the month by taking the Grade 1s to Manitoba Theatre for Young People and had a special activity for Kindergartens with the help of some Grade 4 buddies. We finished off the month with the play Frozen River performed for our Grade 2 - 5 students in our gym. All these activities promoted learning about Empathy.

We were able to celebrate many students as Empathy Superheroes. We drew 4 names per grade from those that received an Empathy Superhero Shout Out and gave them an I Love to Read bracelet.

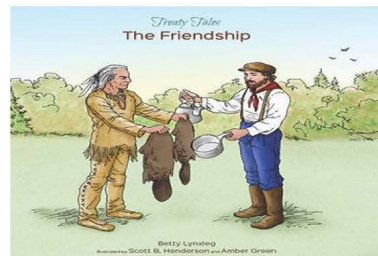
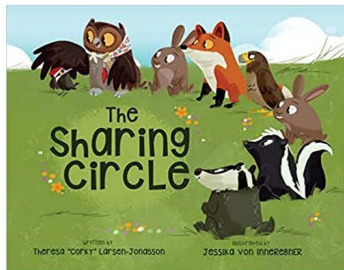
Some of the books we read were:



"Tansi" (Hello) from Mr. Kroetsch's class!

For three days in January and February, Room 206 welcomed Ms. Carlisle who taught us many things about Indigenous culture. We learned about how to use a sharing circle in class, some history of the First Nations people, and about treaties. We heard stories and got to ask many questions. Many things we learned fit in nicely with other topics we were working on such as Canadian symbols, art, and the water cycle. At the end of our learning, the Grade 2-5s were able to watch a play called Frozen River presented by MTYP.

"Miigwetch" (Thank you) to Ms. Carlisle for teaching us so much.



In *nîkwatin sîpiy* (Frozen River), Grandmother Moon told the story of two eleven year olds, born under the same blood moon, but in different parts of the world. This play followed their stories as they met in a forest, and that of their descendants who met in the present day in what is known as Manitoba. We learned that a broken promise from the past can be righted when there is an openness to learn from those who have protected and honoured the waterways for centuries.

Music Notes

Congratulations to our Grade 4 and 5 Voluntary Choir who sang our national anthem at the Moose game on February 17! You did an amazing job!



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

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)



Coming Up in the Music Room...



April 13 am - Grade 3, 4 and 5 students attend a live Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra concert at the Concert Hall!

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