

Joseph Teres School

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A Message from Mrs. Kostecki

Winter is here...we had such mild temperatures at the beginning of the season but now we have both the cold and the snow. It is time to bundle up. Thank you for ensuring that your child is wearing warm winter clothing so that outdoor recess times can be enjoyed to the fullest. Our first term of school has flown by, and report cards and virtual conferences have been completed. I would like to thank all of our parents who attended our conferences at the end of November 2023. It was great to connect with families in order to celebrate and share in the achievements of your children. Thank you to all of our parents and guardians for navigating technology and platforms in order to conference with Teachers in person or virtually.

December and January were very busy months at Joseph Teres School. The holiday season and the new year have brought many special activities and much joy. There were a number of special learning activities and classroom events planned for students by staff. We certainly felt the excitement of the holidays throughout the building and in our hearts...we hope you felt it too.

As we reflect on the first part of the school year, we are grateful for our wonderful students, our dedicated families, and our talented staff. Our entire school community is a special place for all of us.

We look forward to this second term of school, full of learning and new adventures.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023 - 2024

February

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

March

- 1 Kindergarten Registration Begins
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

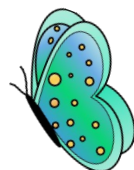
- 1 School Re-Opens Day 1
22 Co- Ordinated Day - **NO CLASSES**

May

- 22 Victoria Day - **NO SCHOOL**

June

- 7 Coordinated Day - No **CLASSES**
30 Last Day of School - Report Cards
Posted
Early Dismissal 2:30 pm



Joseph Teres School Fundraiser

Label everything with Mabel's Labels

Help us tell the difference!

Use Mabel's Labels and support our fundraiser.



Buy personalized labels for your child(ren) at

campaigns.mabelslabels.com

Enter our school name in the search bar and shop away.

Joseph Teres School earns 20%
from sales. Your labels will ship
directly to you for FREE!

Online Safety

Many parents have questions about their children's online behaviours.

- What are my children doing online? Are there risks?
- How do I keep up to date on online issues?
- Is my child safe online?

Information to help parents protect their children on the internet can be found at ProtectKidsOnline.ca



Going Away on Vacation...

If you are going away on holidays as a family, please make sure that your child's Teacher is aware as well as the office by calling (204-958-6860).

Additionally, if you are away from home and someone else is caring for your child in your absence, please make sure that we have accurate information and contact phone numbers at the school.



Call Backs 204-958-6860

In order to minimize the calling of parents and guardians 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 am to advise us of this.



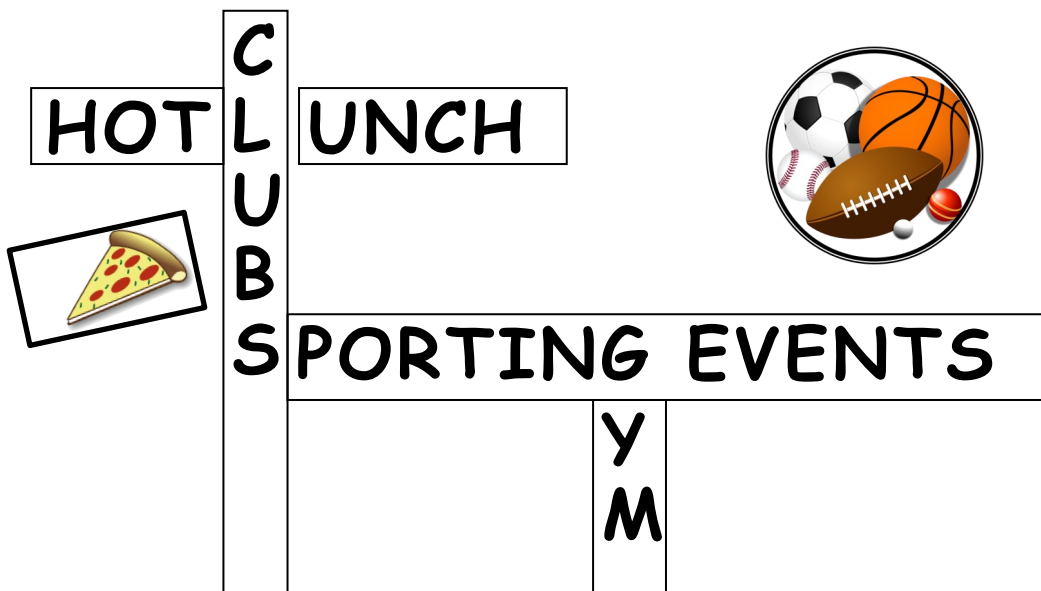
You can leave a message on our answering machine in the evenings, through the night or early in the morning. Messages are checked regularly during the day if the answering machine is on.

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

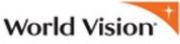
JT School Lunch Program Reminder

Just a reminder that all students must have a lunch program form filled out and payment must be provided, if students are staying for lunch for any reason at all, other than field trips. This includes PAC Hot Lunch Days, Gym Intramurals, School Clubs, etc. If you are only wanting to stay for a few days you have an option to purchase 20 days for \$20.00.

Please visit the Joseph Teres School website under the documents and forms tab for a lunch program form and more information. www.jt.retsd.mb.ca




Thank-you Joseph Teres Families





World Vision

Here is your update on Thembeke



Lives in: Nkayi community in Zimbabwe
Age: 9
Favorite Subject: Mathematics
Lives with: I live with my grandmother
Participation Update: I learned more about myself and caring for others.





With Christmas around the corner, please know that your love and support are gifts to not only Thembeke, but to all of us at World Vision Canada.

Your generosity is helping to transform Thembeke's life and the life of her family and community. This holiday season, we encourage you to reflect on how sponsorship has changed your life, too.

YOUR SPONSORSHIP IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN ZIMBABWE

We would like to **Thank You** once again for supporting our World Vision Wednesday dress up days in October and November.

Thanks to your Loonie donations each week for four weeks we were able to raise enough money to support our foster child Thembeke, for one more year.

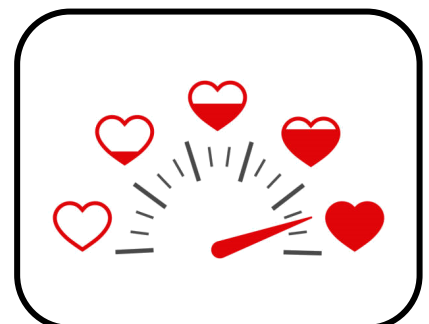
We spend time during the school year talking with our students about helping others who are less fortunate not only in our own community but around the world.

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JT Families, we are so grateful for the kindness that was shown with our Christmas food collection.

With each passing year, your generosity grows and grows. We are so proud to tell you that this year we collected 346 pounds of food to be donated. That's almost 20 pounds more than what we collected last year!

Thank you so much.



Music Notes



Congratulations to all of our amazing musicians and writers at JT!

Our Grade 1-5 Showcases on December 19 and 20, 2023, were a hit and we were proud to be able to share all of our hard work with you!

Thank you for supporting your child in this performance opportunity highlighting both music and literacy.





Congratulations to our Grade 4-5 Voluntary Choir who took their music on the road to present a special Concert for the residents at Concordia Village. Voluntary Choir will also sing the Canadian Anthem at the **Moose Game on March 3, 2024!**

Library News

Thank you for supporting the Library's fundraiser!

We had a very successful book fair and we surpassed our goal of selling 550 books, We sold 690 books! Thanks to your generous support we were able to get over 100 new books for the school library, \$500.00 in scholastic points and funds that we can use to purchase things not available within our school budget.

Some items we have purchased in the past from book fair proceeds are:

- Lego wall and Lego
- Keva Planks
- Spinning Book Racks
- School wide treat of bannock and tea
- Guest artist performances and plays



Most Signed Out Books



New Titles



Mrs. Vanden Berg's Grade 1 class counted down to winter break by doing a 12 Days of Kindness Challenge. Students worked together to colour 12 gifts of kindness. Each day, a new gift tag was added to a gift. Students practiced spreading the gift of kindness in their classroom and school community!

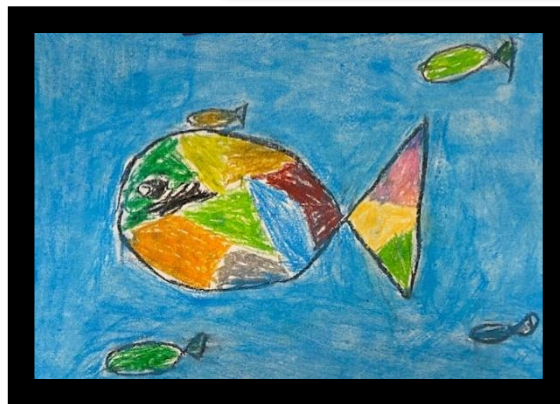


The Grade 4 students in Mrs. Schlag's class are learning about different artists as well as different styles of art. Students are working with different mediums such as oil and chalk pastels. Here are some student artworks that match the style of Cree artist George Littlechild. Students chose an animal that they love and respect, similar to the story What's The Most Wonderful Thing About Horses? written by Richard Van Camp.

Bunny by Tolu



Fish by Momore



Lizard by Rylee



Owl by Lucas



The Grade 5 students in Room 204 wrote poetry in December about 'What Peace Means to Me.' Our topic about peace sparked some heavy conversations and questions about world events.

We wanted to share just two student's poems with the community to show how young minds feel about circumstances that are affecting innocent people around the world.



WAR

The wars must stop. We don't have to fight.
We can come together and bring back the light
in our hearts,
but sometimes we can't stop this horrid tragedy
from happening.
Now all we can do is hug our loved ones and pray
this war will end,
put down our weapons and surrender,
now we must come hold hands together,
stand up and bring peace back to the world so we
can be FREE!!

By: Charlie K

WE ARE THE SAME

I am an Israeli and I am from Gaza, yet we are the same.
We both hope that bombs would stop falling on our heads.
I am a Jew, and I am a Muslim, yet we are the same.
We both wish that our religions would be honoured and
respected by both sides.
We may be different, yet we are the same.
We both wish for peace and hope.
We are both suffering, and we pray that the suffering will
end soon.
And that the hostages on both sides will be released.
And that Gaza and Israel will be rebuilt without corruption
and terrorism.
We pray for peace all over the world.

By: Praise O

Our Grade 5 Volleyball Club took place in November. We had a record number of athletes committed to learning volleyball skills, game play and teamwork. We ended our season with a fun 4 verses 4 Triple Ball tournament on November 28, 2023.



January is proving to be a busy month as well! Gymnastics club has begun for interested Grade 4 and 5 students. Gymnasts practice at 12:05-12:45 on Days 2, 4 and 6. We are working on skills, a warmup routine and a creative routine.

We have welcomed the fresh snow fall at JT! Mr. Sidloski has created ski trails outside. Many Grade 5 students have been fitted for cross country skis and have begun skiing at lunch, when the weather cooperates.



Families, we need your help! Many JT students are having difficulty tying their shoes, please practice at home when you get a chance!

Standard Knot		Bunny Ears	
<p>1</p> <p>Tie a Left-over-Right starting knot. Make the right (blue) end into a "loop" by doubling it back onto itself</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Take the left (yellow) end and pass it around to the right, going behind the right loop</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Tie a Left-over-Right starting knot. Make both ends into "loops" by doubling them back onto themselves</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Cross the two loops over each other so that the right (blue) loop ends up in front and the left (yellow) loop ends up behind</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Continue the left (yellow) end around the right loop to end up in front</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Start to feed the left (yellow) lace into the "hole" that has just been made</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Begin to wrap the right (yellow) loop around the left (blue) loop to end up in front</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Feed the right (yellow) loop into the "hole" that has just been made</p>
<p>5</p> <p>With the left (yellow) lace now through the "hole", grab hold of both loops and start to pull the knot tight</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Continue pulling on the loops until the knot is firmly tied</p>	<p>5</p> <p>With the right (yellow) loop now through the "hole", grab hold of both loops and start to pull</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Continue pulling on the loops until the knot is firmly tied</p>
<p>EASY TIE Shoelaces</p>		<p>EASY TIE Shoelaces</p>	

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Counsellor's Corner with Ms. Block and Mr. Murray



Hello JT Families!

Ms. Block is our Grade 1 and 2 Counsellor (as well as our Grade 1 and 2 Resource Teacher), and Mr. Murray is providing Counselling for the Grade 3 - 5 students (as well as serving as our Vice Principal). We have been working hard on helping students navigate all the big feelings that come with being in school. Students have been learning strategies on how to cope with a whole range of emotions, as well as learning that having both negative and positive emotions is normal. Over the course of the year, they will continue to build their "tool box" of strategies to help them self regulate, including Zones of Regulation, which is being implemented in every classroom. Some of our classrooms are running the Sources of Strength program, which is an excellent program to help students build resiliency, and all staff are being trained in Sources of Strength this year for full school implementation in 2024-2025.

It has been wonderful being able to meet and speak with as many students as possible. We have been in every classroom multiple times to introduce ourselves and build connections with students. As school Counsellors, we are available for short term support for many needs such as anxiety, family changes, grief, and friendship challenges. We are also available to help connect families to outside agency support for longer term needs. We can be reached at the school by email at cblock@retsd.mb.ca and emurray@retsd.mb.ca

JT Patrol Update

Even as the temperature drops, our School Safety Patrol squads have been working hard to keep students safe on the way to and from school. As a thank you, our School Safety Patrols have been provided with hot chocolate to warm up on those cold mornings. We also recognize a patrol squad of the month and display their photograph on our leadership bulletin board. They also receive a small reward for their dedication to patrolling. Patrols were also treated to a free ticket to the Manitoba Moose Patrol Appreciation event on Saturday, November 4, 2023.



Street patrols had a thank you field trip to Wheelies on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Bus patrols had their turn at Wheelies on January 29, 2024.

We ask drivers to be mindful of slippery conditions as you are approaching crossings. Thank you for all you do for our School Patrols!

Patrol Weather Guidelines

With the colder weather here, 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: Scarves, toque, mitts, snowsuit, boots, and other warm clothing. Clothing should not restrict the vision of the patrol.

Upcoming Patrol Schedule:

Tuesday, January 23 - Monday, February 5, 2024 Squad 2
Tuesday, February 6 - Tuesday, February 20, 2024 Squad 1
Wednesday, February 21 - Monday, March 4, 2024 Squad 2
Tuesday, March 5 - Tuesday, March 12, 2024 Squad 1
Tuesday, March 13 - Friday, March 22 Squad 2
Monday, April 1 - Monday, April 15 Squad 1



Joseph Teres School Parent Council

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

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| • Aryssa Rowe | - Chairperson |
| • Dylan Balzer | - Vice Chair |
| • Natalie Giesbrecht | - Secretary |
| • Gillian Surminski | - Treasurer |
| • Shannon Rychiliski | - Member at Large |
| • Christy Capner | - Member at Large |
| • Darshita Mansata | - Member at Large |
| • Vacant | - Community Member at Large |

If you would like more information about what the JTPAC does, please come out to one of our upcoming meetings. We would love to have you!

Upcoming Parent Council Meetings

Tuesday February 6, 2024

Tuesday March 5, 2024

Tuesday April 2, 2024

Tuesday May 7, 2024

Tuesday June 4, 2024



Upcoming Hot Lunch and Fundraising



Friday February 23, 2024 Day 4

Thursday March 21, 2024 Day 5

Friday April 26, 2024 Day 2

Friday May 24, 2024 Day 3



BE SAFE • BE RESPONSIBLE • BE RESPECTFUL



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*



 **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.**


Parents & Guardians

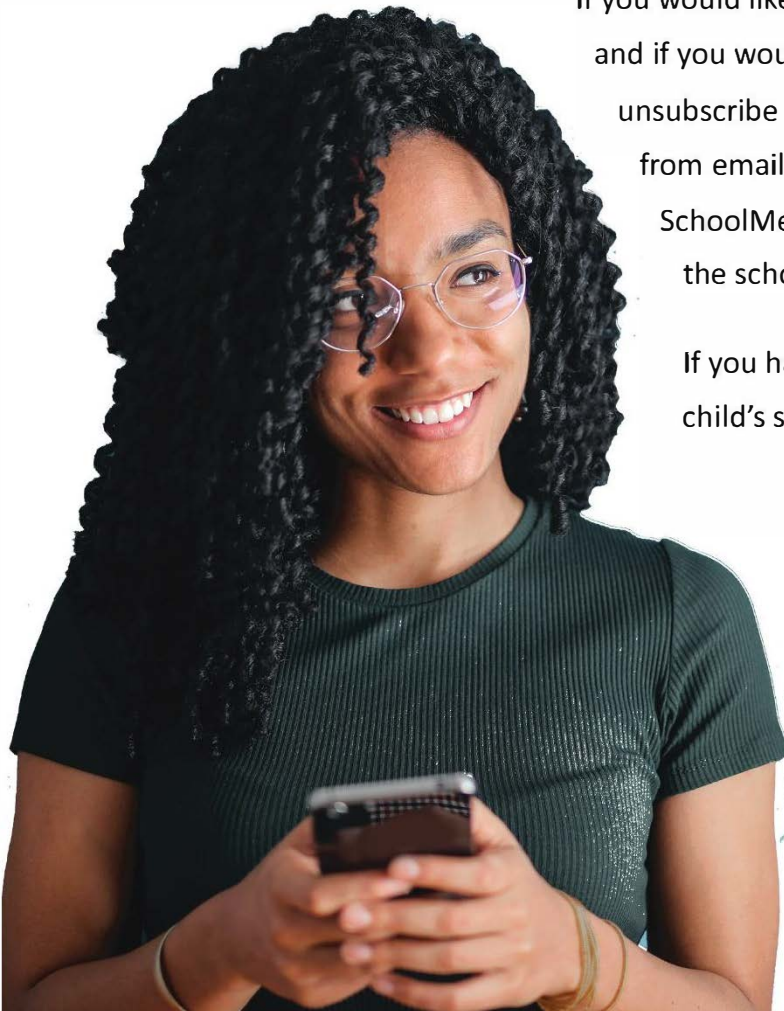
Get texts and emails about bus delays right to your phone!

The RETSD transportation department uses SchoolMessenger to deliver texts and emails about bus delays, route cancellations, and more, directly to your child's primary contact with a cellphone number and email address in the system.

If you wish to continue receiving the texts and emails, no further action is needed apart from ensuring your contact information is up to date with the school(s), with a cellphone number and email address for the primary contact.

If you would like to opt out of texts, simply reply STOP, and if you would like to opt out of emails, click the unsubscribe link. **Please note:** If you unsubscribe from emails, you will be unsubscribed from all SchoolMessenger emails, including ones from the school that may pertain to your child(ren).

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school for assistance. 



Do not Walk, Skate, or Play on Frozen Retention Ponds

Retention ponds are never safe to use for winter recreation activities. Ice conditions can change quickly without warning, and falling through the ice can be deadly. Remind your children to stay away from frozen retention ponds. Keep dogs on leashes when walking near a retention pond so they don't run onto the ice.



Do not walk, skate, or play on frozen retention ponds. Talk to your children about staying away from the ice.



Do not place hockey nets, benches, light structures, or any other items on a frozen retention pond. To report a structure or item on a retention pond, contact 311.



If you see someone on a retention pond, call 911.

Water from snowmelt or nearby water main breaks can drain into retention ponds. This water is often mixed with street salts, which can cause ice to melt and thin unevenly. This water enters retention ponds from underneath the ice, resulting in thinning of ice that can't be seen from the surface.