



CONNECTIONS

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 Webpage: www.retsd.mb.ca/schools/jdg

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Margaret Fair

VICE-PRINCIPAL

Mr. Calvin Moore

SCHOOL TIMES:

School Bell Rings	8:50 a.m.
School Starts	9:00 a.m.
Lunch Begins	11:45 a.m.
Afternoon Bell Rings	12:40 a.m.
Afternoon Begins	12:45 p.m.
School Dismisses	3:30 p.m.

REMINDER: NO PARKING

YELLOW BUS ZONE 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RIVER EAST TRANSCONA SCHOOL DIVISION

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NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

We are so happy to have spring weather on its way! Our playground is extremely wet with melting snow piles and puddles. We have been reminding students to not go in the wet areas and snow hills. There have been some wet socks, boots and pants though!

Phys. Ed. classes have moved indoors for now. We are hoping for warm sun to let us get outside more after Spring Break.

We have started planning for next year already and this includes our priorities in our School Plans. We are going to have the areas of:

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| * Math | * Indigenous Academic Achievements |
| * Literacy | * English as an Additional Language |
| * STEAM | |
| * Behaviour | |

Parent/Guardian questions or input is welcome. Please contact Mrs. M. Fair, Principal at mfair@retsd.mb.ca.



REPORT CARDS AND PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

Report cards were available to view on the Parent Portal as of March 14th.

Thank you to our families for participating in our celebrations of students' learning at our conferences. These meetings are so important!

As we move into Term 3, students will continue to work on curriculum outcomes and big ideas that connect learning, set goals for their own learning, and practice new skills.

We celebrate all their accomplishments.



*RETSD is on Facebook and Twitter!
Like and follow us to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the division.*

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is open for all children born in 2017. This means that your child must have had their fifth birthday on or before December 31, 2022.

Registration will start on Monday, March 7th by appointment only.

Kindergarten registration forms are available on our school webpage. You will need to bring the completed registration forms to the registration appointment. If you prefer, you can complete the fillable registration forms and email them to the school prior to your appointment. School email is: jdg@retsd.mb.ca

You can call 204-669-1280 to book your appointment. Appointments will run until June 28th.

At the registration appointment, you will need to bring the following:

- ◆ Completed John de Graff School Registration form (1/child)
- ◆ 2 pieces of identification regarding proof of address (e.g. Driver's license, Utility Bill, Tenancy Agreement, Offer to Purchase)
- ◆ 1 piece of identification regarding your child's proof of age (e.g. birth certificate, baptismal certificate, Passport, Treaty Card)
- ◆ In-Division Out of Designated School Boundary form (if applying for another school in the division).

Please pass this information to any neighbours or friends who have children ready for Kindergarten, who do not receive this newsletter due to not having children attending John de Graff School. Thank you for your help.

Please visit our [webpage](#), we will update it with any changes that may arise.

John de Graff School is **closed** to "School of Choice" for the 2022-23 school year.

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 by the school division. In-Division out of Designated School Boundary requests for students living within the River East Transcona School Division will be accepted starting March 7th, 2022. Request forms can be obtained from our school website located under Registrations or at any school in the division; however, parents must hand in the form along with the registration at their designated school. The designated school will then notify the school of choice about the request. Applicants will be notified as to whether or not they have been accepted into the school of choice.

Please note the Divisional ["Welcome to Kindergarten"](#) video is on the RETSD website.





LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

As we continue to learn and grow on our reconciliation journey, our Land Acknowledgment Statement has been adjusted. The statement is:

“RETSd is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishiniwak, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Red River Metis.

We recognize our part of the Treaty relationship and, as acknowledgement of the harms done, we commit to collaborating with Indigenous communities in the shared spirit of Truth and Reconciliation for the healing and inclusion of all who share this Land.”

CLASS LISTS

After spring break we will be starting to look at class lists for next year. If you have an educational request for your child’s class placement please send it to Mrs. Fair. The last date for consideration of requests is Monday, May 2nd. Classes are made up based on several factors. While we will consider your request carefully, we cannot guarantee that it can be accommodated.



PAC MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

6:00 pm (on Teams)

Please email our Vice Principal, Mr. Calvin Moore

cmoore@retsd.mb.ca

if you would like to join our meeting.

Everyone welcome.

NOTICE REGARDING: FEE-FOR-SERVICE BUSING



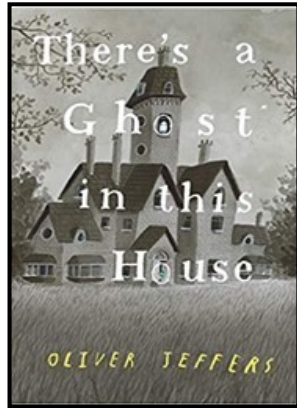
If you are requiring Fee-For-Service transportation, the application form must be submitted to the Transportation Dept. each school year. Transportation Application – Fee-For-Service 2022-2023 forms are available from the school office or follow the Quick Link “Busing Information” on the RETSD website at www.retsd.mb.ca

Fee-For-Service applications must be submitted to the Transportation Department by June 30th of each school year. Applications received after June 30th will be reviewed on an individual basis.

2021 GRADE 3 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS WINNERS

The results have been tabulated and the grade 3's at JDG have spoken! Here are the 2022 winners of our Annual Battle of the Books:

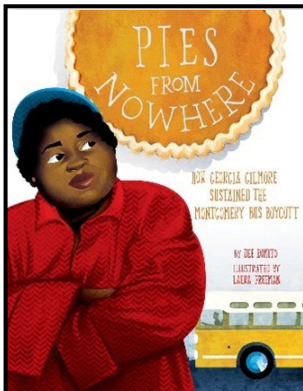
We are hoping to add each of these books to our JDG Library soon!



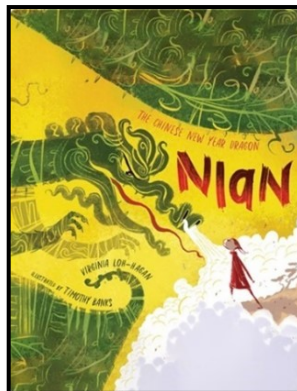
1st Place
59 votes



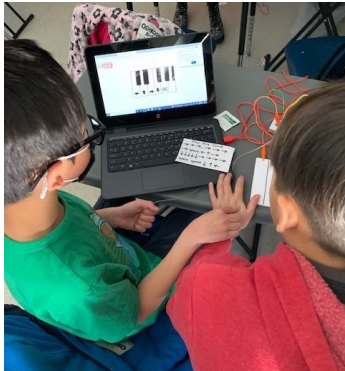
2nd place
40 votes



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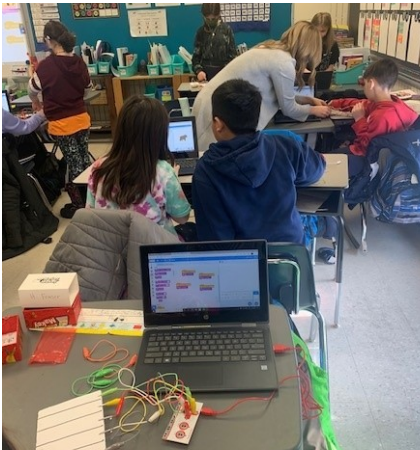


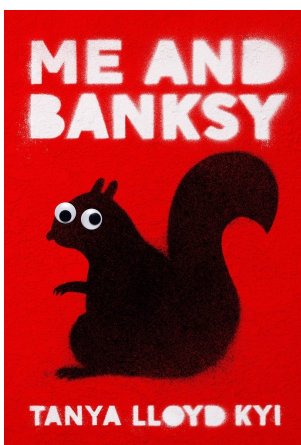
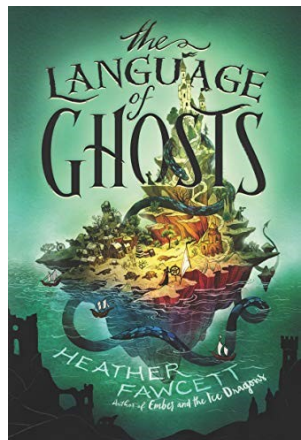
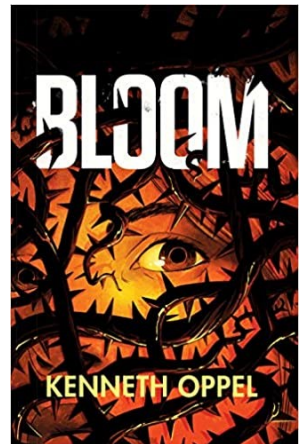
3rd place tie
39 votes each



GRADE 4 CODING

Our grade 4's have been working with Ms. Cessford on further developing their coding skills this month. They have worked on SCRATCH tutorials and using the Makey Makey kits. It is exciting to see their ability and confidence grow. The University of Manitoba WISE Kid-Netic Energy program came to do robotics workshops. We will continue building on our block coding skills next term.





MYRCA 2022 SUNDGOM NOMINEES

MYRCA for grade 4-5 students
Voting opens the week of April 21st.

Students who have read 3 books
get 1 vote.

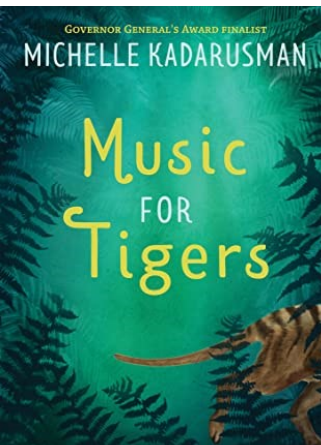
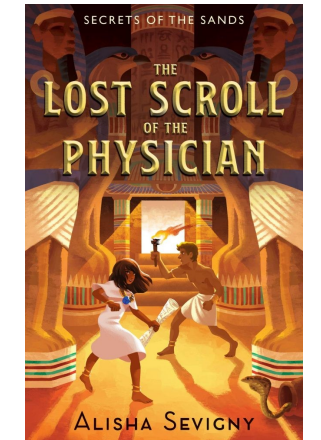
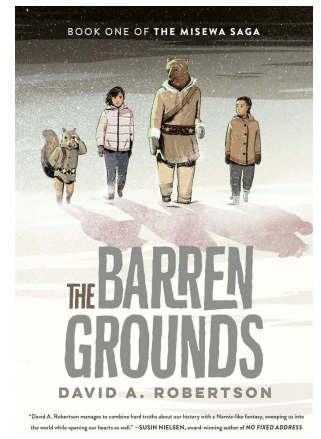
Students who have read 4-6 books
get 2 votes.

Many students in grade 5 have
already read at least 3 of the titles
displayed here and have picked a
favourite.

There is still time over Spring
Break to read another book.

Titles are available in the
classroom libraries, public library
and on SORA (our online library
accessed through Office 365).

For more information on MYRCA,
please see their website.
(www.myrca.ca)



JOHN de GRAFF PAC FUNDRAISERS

1. OLIVER'S LABELS

John de Graff PAC is participating in a fundraiser with Oliver's labels.

Why choose Oliver's Labels?

Found-it™ tracking system Oliver's Labels has become famous for our Found-it™ online lost & found system. It's exclusive to Oliver's Labels and completely free. Read more about it [here](#).

- Full-colour designs Oliver's Labels has so many beautiful full-colour graphic designs to choose from for both kids and adults, so there's something for everyone.
- Unmatched Durability Our labels and tags can stand up to the harshest environments including the dishwasher, laundry and inside your shoe. In fact, we guarantee that the printing will never rub or scuff off. You can be confident that when you buy Oliver's Labels, your labels will outlast the stuff you stick them on.
- Fair prices even though our product are premium, our prices are not.

Oliver's labels are durable labels for all your kid and household items.



Shop now and support John de Graff Parent Council.

Visit the link to shop online.

www.oliverslabels.com/JDG

20% of your purchase will support our fundraising efforts! (excluding gift cards)

Thank-you for your support
John de Graff PAC



2. TRU EARTH FUNDRAISER

We have found a remarkable new eco-friendly product our families and friends can purchase through an online store created just for our school. **Our school will earn 20% of the profit from every purchase made through our online store for the entire year.** This will help fulfill our fundraising needs while doing the earth a great deal of good! All products purchased ship directly to the purchaser, with no shipping charges.

Tru Earth Eco-Strips are the smartest way to clean laundry, period. They are ultra-concentrated, hypoallergenic, and eco-friendly; just one strip will power through dirt and grime in all types of washing machines, including high efficiency (HE). Additionally, they are:

- ◆ paraben-free
- ◆ phosphate-free
- ◆ free of added dyes
- ◆ free of chlorine bleach
- ◆ free of 1,4-dioxane
- ◆ Biodegradable
- ◆ Vegan
- ◆ NO PLASTIC BOTTLES! ZERO WASTE!
- ◆ MADE IN CANADA!
- ◆ the perfect choice for a fundraiser we can run all year!

Support our fundraiser by shopping for your everyday eco-friendly essentials with Tru Earth!



Psst... Don't forget to click through our fundraising link!

<https://fundraising.tru.earth/johndegraff>

You will find several other eco-friendly products on our online store (disinfecting multi-surface cleaner, beeswax food wrap & snack bags, produce bags, wool dryer balls, washable makeup remover pads, metal straws, bamboo cutlery...) New Swedish dishcloths!

Visit our online store at <https://fundraising.tru.earth/johndegraff>

All products purchased ship directly to the purchaser, with no shipping charges. The campaign remains open for the entire year, so you can place orders at your convenience and replenish your stock as needed while supporting our cause. Please share our link with friends, family and co-workers everywhere!

Our store is open now. Be sure to check it out and place your orders right away!

Thank you for your support!

John de Graff PAC

River East Transcona School Division

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Curtis Basso
Director of Transportation

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Edith Morissette
Assistant Director

NOTE TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS IN THE
RIVER EAST TRANSCONA SCHOOL DIVISION

BUS EVACUATION DRILLS

**COVID MEASURES RECOMMENDED AT THE DATE OF
EVACUATION DRILLS WILL BE IN EFFECT**

The Public Schools Act, P250-R.M. 465/88 R - Pupil Instruction, states the following:

"The school board shall ensure that at least twice in each school year each pupil is instructed in safe school bus riding practices and participates in emergency school bus evacuation drills which shall be conducted at least once during the fall term and at least once during the spring term of each school year."

The River East Transcona Transportation Department has an excellent safety record.

In maintaining this record, we carry out Bus Evacuation programs in all of our schools in the early fall and late spring of each school year.

These practice drills are carried out so that in the event of an emergency, our students can evacuate the bus as quickly and safely as possible.

The safety of our children is of the utmost importance and must be given first consideration.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Curtis Basso
Director of Transportation

OUR NEXT BUS EVACUATION PRACTICES
Thursday, April 7th for KG (odd days)
Friday, April 8th for KG (even days) & Gr. 1-5

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021—2022

MARCH

Friday, March 25 LAST Day of classes before Spring Break, Regular Dismissal

APRIL

Monday, April 4..... 1st Day of classes after break, Day 6

Thursday, April 7 Bus Evacuation Drill, KG (odd days) only

Friday, April 8 Bus Evacuation Drill, KG (even days) & whole school

Tuesday, April 12..... PAC Meeting on Teams, 6:00 p.m., please email our VP to join

Wednesday, April 13..... International Day of Pink (School activities will be happening)

Friday, April 15 No School, Good Friday

Monday, April 25 No School - Coordinated PD Day

MAY

Monday, May 2 Music Monday

Wednesday, May 4 Growing & Learning Event at John de Graff School, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. for new KG students

Monday, May 23 No School—Victoria Day

Thursday, May 26..... Kindergarten Open House, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (weather permitting)

JUNE

Thursday, June 2 Kindergarten Open House, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (alternate day)

Friday, June 24 Grade 5 Farewell, 1:00 p.m., more details to come.

Monday, June 27..... No School, School PD Day

Thursday, June 30 LAST Day of School Before Summer. Early dismissal at 2:30 p.m.

We continue to add important dates to our Calendar of Events as the year progresses. Please check the monthly calendar that comes home in the newsletter or our John de Graff website daily:

[Click Here](#)



If you need to get in touch with Dawn & Dusk or Kindercare, you can reach the coordinator, Deborah at
204.654.1594