

Joseph Teres School

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A Message from Ms. 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 our Winter season. 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 Spring Break 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 the 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 form 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 the 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 lot 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.

Please review the parking maps in this newsletter to be familiar with the parking expectations before and after school.







Joseph Teres School

131 Sanford Fleming Rd. Winnipeg, Manitoba R2C 5B8 Phone 204 - 958 - 6860 Fax 204 - 224 - 4749 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 2024

March 22 Last day of classes before Spring Break March 25 - 29 Spring Break

April 1	First day back—Day 1	
	Ladybug for Kindergarten	
April 22	Co-ordinated Day — No classes in RETSD	
May 20	Victoria Day - No School	
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June 28 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 any time 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 numbercoordsaddress too hadragtees. to ensure ar



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 paperwork completed when time permits.

If your child is currently in Kindergarten to Grade 4, and will not be attending Joseph Teres School in September 2024, please email the school office at <u>jt@retsd.mb.ca.</u>

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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Kindergarten Registrations for the 2024-2025 School Year

If you have a child that will be turning 5 years old, on or before December 31, 2024, 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 (<u>Joseph Teres School</u>) under Documents and Forms. You will need to bring proof of address, 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 the Transportation Department each school year. To print the Transportation Application - Fee For Service 2024-2025, Go to www.retsd.mb.ca

-> Parents and Students button -> Transportation

and look for the 2024-2025 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 or transportation at (204) 669 - 0202 if you need assistance.

2024-2025 Class Lists

In June, staff will be meeting to determine class lists for the 2024-2025 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:

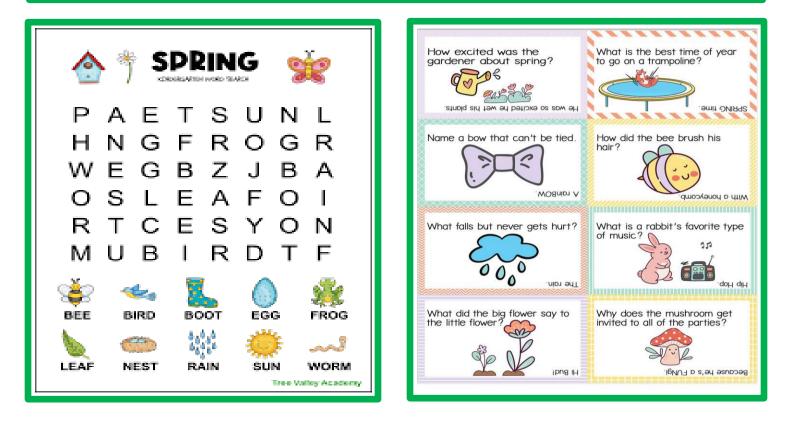
- Student academic and social functioning.
- Our knowledge of social interactions and dynamics between individual and groups of students.
- Match with class configuration and staffing allotment from our school division.
- Male/female ratio.
- Placement of students new to Joseph Teres School.
- Creating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





Congratulations to our **Grade 4 and 5 Voluntary Choir** who sang our National Anthem at the Moose game on March 3, 2024! 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: <u>All Instruments - MusicplayOnline</u> (Login as a Student and use password R718817 if prompted)

Coming Up in the Music Room...

April 4, 2024 in the AM - Grade 3, 4 and 5 students will attend a live Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra concert at the concert hall!



BACH TO THE FUTURE



A fascinating adventure through music & time for ways to be better stewards of this planet

This adventure through time begins at Centennial Concert Hall in April, 2024 where students will quickly find themselves whisked through musical time, exploring orchestral music by many of the great symphonic composers through time and from across the globe. Students will learn through music how we can be good stewards and take better care of this great planet we call home.

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

Hello JT Families!

It is hard to believe that it is already March! Hopefully soon we will see the weather warm up and 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. In Grade 2 we have continued to run the Sources of Strength program, 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 staff situations. All have been trained on the Sources of Strength curricula, and many classrooms are already implementing the lessons and resources. In 2024 - 2025, Sources of Strength will be implemented school wide. As well, we have been able to run friendship building and social skills groups through Ms. Block (one of our Resource Teachers and Counsellors) and Mrs. Calderwood (our divisional Social Worker). We also had the opportunity to welcome Mrs. Schlag (a Grade 4 Teacher at Joseph Teres School) to our Student Services team in a half time capacity.

As 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.

Have a great Spring Break! Ms. Block (Grade 1 - 2 Counsellor) Mr. Murray (Grade 3 - 5 Counsellor)



Coming Soon...The Golden Garbage Can



From April 16 to May 10, 2024, the school will be doing 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.

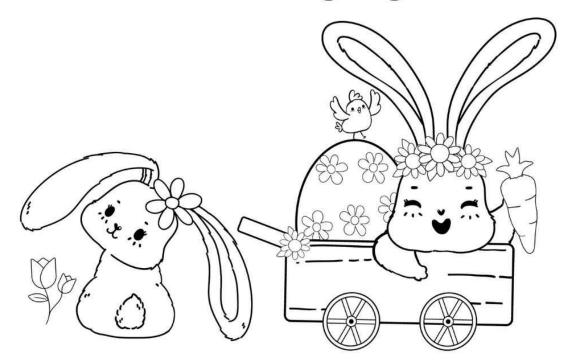
At the end of the challenge a draw will be made from the Golden Garbage Can winners for a waste free pizza party!

More information will be provided to students after Spring Break.

Hopefully you can pack some waste free lunches!



Easter Coloring Pages



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After a crazy unpredictable winter that witnessed above normal temperatures and grass in early February, our Cross Country Ski club has come to an end! When we did have snow, many students in Grade 5 were able to ski during lunch hour on our groomed tracks around the JT and Park City field. A big thank you to Mr. Sidloski for grooming the ski tracks and organizing the club!



On Monday, March 18, 2024, Our Grade 4 and Grade 5 Gymnastics club participated in the Divisional Tumbling Rally at Bernie Wolfe School. JT gymnasts performed a mass warm up, five families of gymnastic skills and an awesome Mario

Brothers themed creative routine that really stole the show! A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Klassen for spending countless days and weeks developing and teaching the creative routine!



Thank you also to our many staff members that helped coach and supervise the Gymnastic club.



The gymnasts, Physical Education teachers and coaches would like to thank everyone who attended the Tumbling Rally, we appreciate your support!

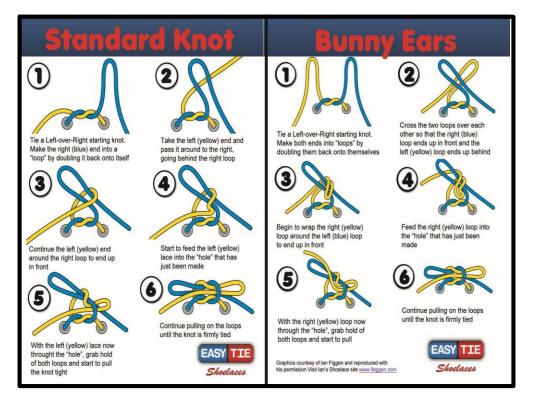
After Spring break our Grade 4 zone handball and Grade 5 mini handball clubs will begin!





Our Grade 2 and 3 students will be putting on their dance

shoes! They will be practicing various cultural folkdance songs in preparation for the Folkdance Festival in May at Bunn's Creek Centennial Park!



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











Library News

February, was I Love To Read!

We had a great month celebrating reading and the fact that **We are Book Dragons** at JT, not book worms!



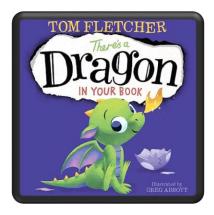
We had several students participate in our contest by drawing a Dragon book cover or writing a dragon story along with a few other writing and drawing options. Everyone who participated received a dragon sticker. Then we drew names and awarded 24 students with a Pop-it Dragon keychain.



We really enjoyed our **Battle of the Dragon Books!** We over read 16 books that featured Dragons. Each class voted on their favorite and we tallied all the Thetschool wide favorite won by only 3 votes!

1st Place: Nian





Runner Up: There's a Dragon in Your Book







MLA Dela Cruz read to a couple of classes and donated a book to the school library.



Our School Resource Officer read to many classes and had some great conversations with our students.





If you were at our in person Student Led Conferences and happened to come to the book fair, you would have seen this dragon outside our library doors. This dragon was part of the dragon series we did this past month and represents all the students in our school, as each student colored a scale.

The dragon hanging in the library was also a collective effort. Each student wrote their name and the title of one of their favorite books on a paper chain that was then assembled into the dragon.

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Thank you for your support of the Scholastic Book Fair. This event is a fundraiser for the Library, that allows us to purchase items needed for STEAM activities, contests, celebrations and of course additional new books. About half of the dollars spent come back to us in the form of books, scholastic points or cash.

We love seeing our students excited about new books. It is fun to help them count their money, talk about a budget and learn the difference between a want and need.

Extra thanks to those who supported Classroom Libraries by purchasing a book from their Teacher's Wishlist.



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 chips, and special events to recognize the patrols importance to our school and the responsibility that they have. We also recognize a street patrol and bus patrol of the month and display their photograph on our leadership bulletin board. Street Patrols have received their patrol toques, and all patrols have received their patrolling cards and patrol pins.

Patrols were also recently treated to a free ticket to the Manitoba Moose Patrol Appreciation event on Monday, February 19, 2024.





School Safety Patrol applications will be handed out to Grade 4 students in the coming week, and training will begin in April. Stay tuned!

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:

Monday, Apr. 1 - Monday, Apr. 15	Squad 1
Tuesday, Apr. 16 - Monday, Apr. 29	Squad 2
Tuesday, Apr. 30 - Monday, May 13 (Grade 4 Training)	Squad 1
Tuesday, May. 14 - Monday, May 27 (Grade 4 Training)	Squad 2
Tuesday, May 28 - Wednesday, Jun. 12 (New patrols)	Squad 1
Thursday, Jun. 13 - Friday, Jun. 28 (New patrols)	Squad 2



Joseph Teres School Parent Council

The Parent Council Board for the 2023-2024 School Year Includes:

Aryssa Rowe - Chair Dylan Balzer - Vice Chair Natalie Giesbrecht - Secretary Gillian Surminski - Treasurer Christy Capner - Member at Large Shannon Rychliski - Member at Large Darshita Mansata - Member at Large





Annual General Meeting Tuesday, May 7 6:00 p.m. In the School Library

All JT Parents are Welcome to attend this meeting

A Message from the JT PAC Chair...

As we approach the end of another fantastic school year, I have spent some time reflecting on the incredible journey we have had together as a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) community. Throughout the year, I have been privileged to work alongside a dedicated group of parents who have not only attended meetings but also generously contributed their time and energy to support our school's initiatives.

One of the highlights of this year has been the increased involvement of new parents within our PAC. It has been truly heartening to witness fresh faces joining the committee, bringing with them new perspectives, ideas and enthusiasm. I cannot stress enough how much this new members, have enriched our community and reinforced the importance of collaborative engagement in our children's education.

Our Hot Lunch program has once again shone brightly this year, serving as a highlight for both students and volunteers. The joy on the faces of the kids as they come up to get their lunches is matched only by the fulfillment experienced by our volunteers who enjoy the opportunity to interact with the amazing JT students!

We also hosted our first Community Fun Night at the start of the school year. This event was a huge success, bringing together members of our school community for an evening filled with laughter, games, and delicious snacks. I think I speak on behalf of the entire committee when I say we look forward to organizing more events in the future to continue fostering bonds without our school community.

As we approach the end of another memorable year, I want to extend my gratitude to each and every member of our PAC community for your unwavering dedication, support, and commitment to enhancing the educational experience of our children.

Together, we have achieved great things, and I eagerly anticipate the opportunities and adventures that the coming school year will bring! I also can not thank our school community enough for supporting our Raffle Calendar fundraiser we ran earlier this year.

We sold an overwhelming amount of tickets and the profits from this have provided Manitoba Theatre for Young People Presentations for students, Women in Science presentations for students, and many supplies to allow Recess and Lunch Hour Clubs to run for our students fostering new experiences and friendships! I am truly honored to be a part of this school community!

I look forward to hopefully meeting new parents at the upcoming AGM. If you ever have any questions about getting involved please contact me at josephterespacchair@gmail.com.

Aryssa Rowe, 2023 - 2024 JT PAC Chair

Parking Information

Please reference the diagram below for before school parking and after school parking.

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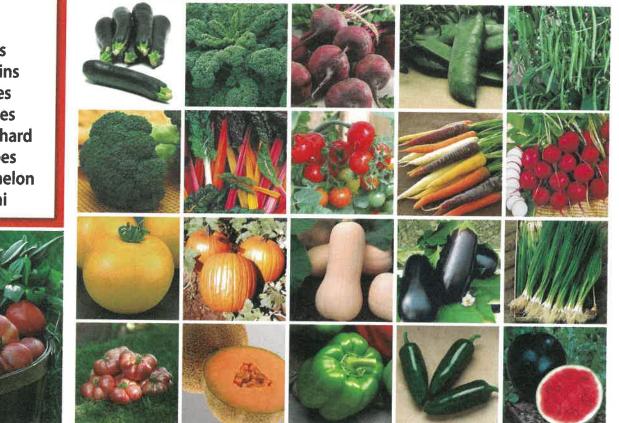
VEGETABLES AND HERBS

Mouth-watering flavours await you in the garden. Whether it is raised beds in the backyard or containers on the deck, nothing beats home grown. Plant your vegetables in full sun to part sun locations and provide plenty of sufficient, consistent watering for fruit development. Add some fertilizer and you are on your way.

VEGETABLES

Beans Onions **Beets** Peas Broccoli **Peppers** Cantaloupe **Pumpkins** Carrots **Radishes** Celery **Squashes** Cucumber **Swiss Chard** Eggplant **Tomatoes** Kale Watermelon Lettuce Zucchini

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HERBS

Basil	Mints
Catnip	Oregano
Chives	Parsleys
Cilantro	Rosemary
Dill	Sage
Lavender	Tarragon
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