



Joseph Teres School

131 Sanford Fleming Rd • Winnipeg, Manitoba R2C 5B8

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Spring 2025

A Message from Ms. Kostecki

Happy Spring to all our Joseph Teres Families. I know we are all 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.

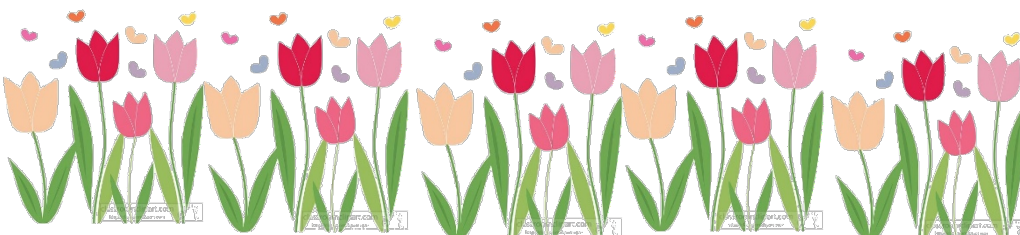
The months ahead bring many new learning activities and special activities for all our students. Many classrooms have curriculum related field trips planned. Some of our students will be involved in the Folk Dance Festival, sports clubs, field days and special music performances. We look forward to all 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 warmer jacket may still be needed. Also, splash pants help keep the children dry and comfortable during recess times. Packing extra socks and pants into your child's backpack is a great idea too. 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 keeps us all safe.

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





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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 2025

March 28 Last Day of classes before Spring Break

March 31 - April 4 Spring Break

April 7 First day back—Day 4

Caterpillar Day Kindergarten

April 11 Co-ordinated Day — No classes in RETSD

April 18 Good Friday - School Closed

May 19 Victoria Day - No School

June 9 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.



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 2025, please email the school office at jt@retsd.mb.ca.



Call Backs Phone 204-958-6860

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 changes to your information such as phone numbers, email addresses or home address.

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 2025-2026 School Year

If you have a child that will be turning 5 years old, on or before December 31, 2025, 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](#)) 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 Driver's 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 2025-2026, Go to www.retsd.mb.ca

→ Parents and Students button → Transportation

and look for the 2025-2026 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.



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2025-2026 Class Lists

In June, staff will be meeting to determine class lists for the 2025-2026 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:

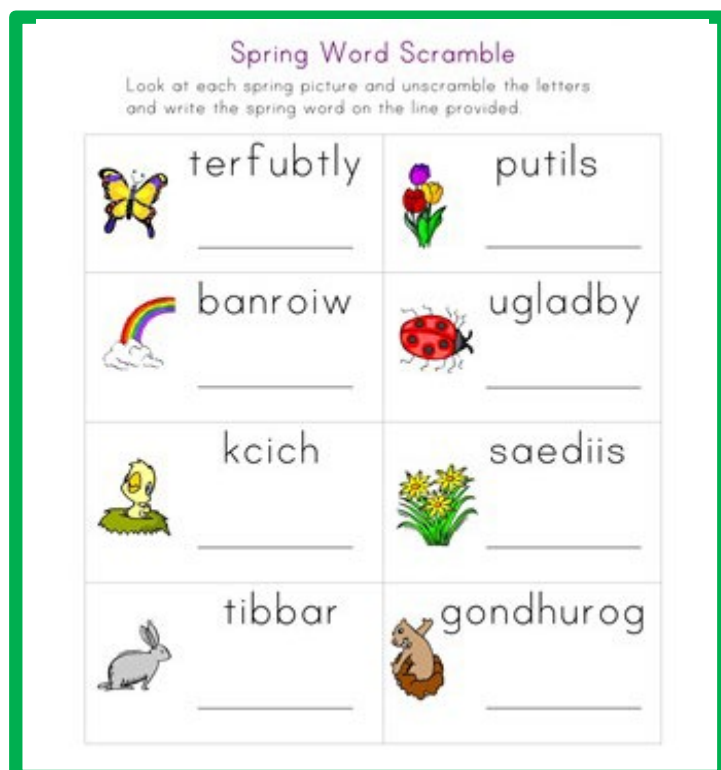
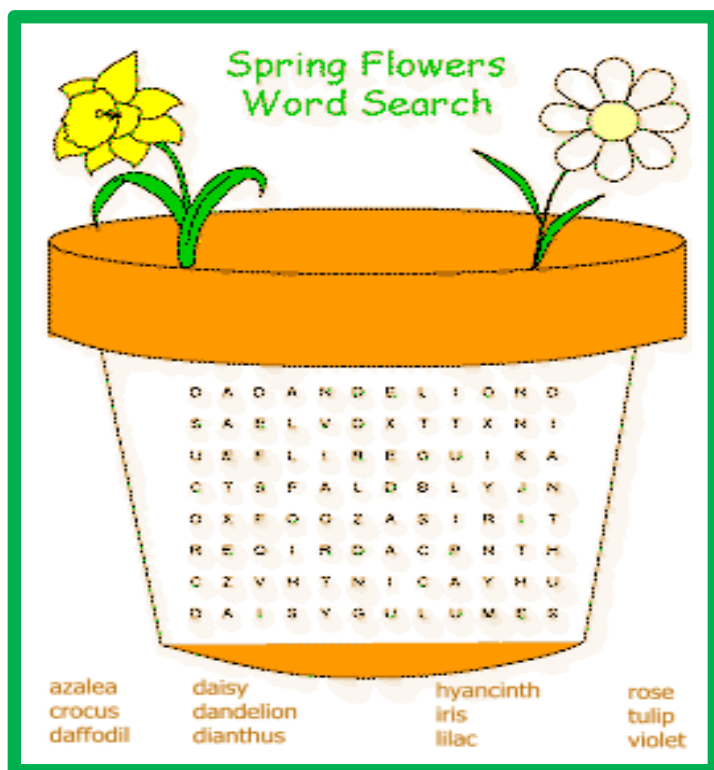
- Student academic and social functioning.
- Our knowledge of social interactions and dynamics between individual and groups of students.
- Match with class configuration and staffing allotment from our school division.
- Male/female ratio.
- Placement of students new to Joseph Teres School.
- Creating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



Parents can assist the class formation process by:

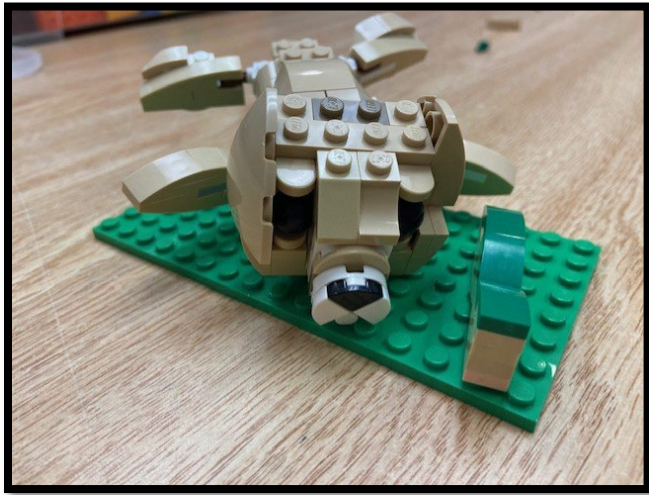
- Helping their children to understand the importance of class formation.
- Supporting placements that have been made.

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.



LEGO Club with Ms. Schlag our School Counsellor

Here are a couple of photos from our Lego Club that focused on improving social communication and social interaction. These builds involved teamwork and cooperation!



Annual Staff vs. Grade 5 Floor Hockey Game: A Tradition of Triumph and (Mild) Heartbreak!

The much-anticipated **Staff vs. Grade 5 Floor Hockey Game** took place once again at Joseph Teres, proving to be an intense showdown for the first two minutes. The Grade 5 students came out flying, full of energy, determination, and dreams of victory. Unfortunately for them, the staff came armed with experience, strategy, and (most importantly) a slightly unfair advantage in height and reach.

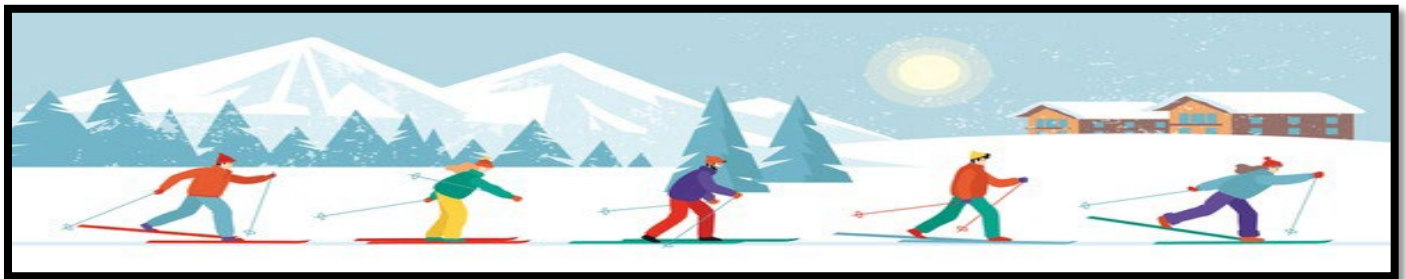
After a tight start, the staff pulled away in dramatic fashion, securing a narrow victory with a final score of

12-2. The students battled hard, showing great teamwork, speed, and some dazzling moves, but the staff's legendary (or lucky?) goaltending by Mr. Murray and well-timed goals sealed the deal. Despite the lopsided score, the Grade 5 students insisted that the teachers give it their all and **not** take it easy on them—so the staff had no choice but to unleash their full (though slightly creaky) athletic abilities!

This annual tradition is always a highlight of the year, bringing laughter, school spirit, and just a few sore muscles for the staff the next day. A huge shout-out to our Grade 5 students for their effort and sportsmanship—we're already looking forward to next year's rematch! Will the students finally claim victory? Stay tuned... **Same time, same place, next year!**



After a cold winter, our Cross-Country Ski Club has come to an end! Many students in Grades 3 and 4 were able to ski during lunch hour on our groomed tracks around JT and Park City Field. A big thank you to Mr. Sidloski for grooming the ski tracks and organizing the club!



On Monday, March 17, 2025, 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 *Wicked*-themed creative routine that really stole the show! A huge thank you goes out to all the teachers who spent countless days and weeks developing and teaching the creative routine!

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

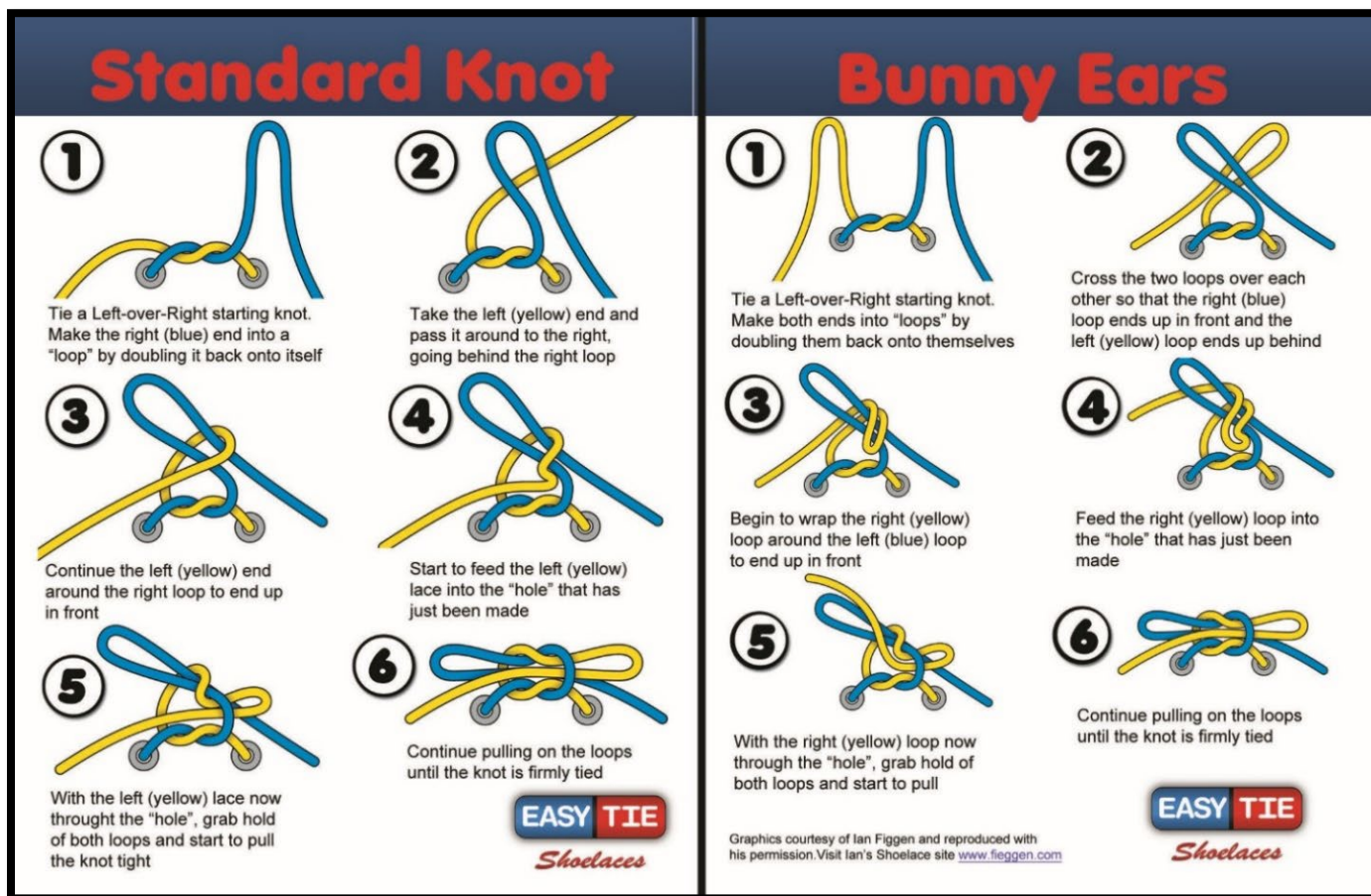


After spring break, our Grade 4 Zone Handball and Grade 5 Mini Handball clubs will begin!

Our Grade 2 and 3 students will be putting on their dance shoes as they practice various cultural folk dances in preparation for the Folkdance Festival in May at Park City West Community Club!



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



At JT School we do a lot of things to help take care of the Earth. Here are some of the things that we do:

- We save electricity by turning off the lights when we are not in the classroom
- Many students and staff have reusable water bottles
- Some classrooms compost fruit and vegetable scraps
- We have Waste Free Wednesdays, where students are encouraged to pack waste free lunches
- There are a lot of students who use reusable containers in their lunch everyday
- We try to use both sides of the paper
- Classrooms have recycling bins
- We have a bin for recycling markers, drink tabs, and batteries

You can help us recycle! If you have dead batteries, dried out markers, or drink tabs at home, send them to school with your child to recycle here.

Please try doing some of these things at home. You can help take care of the Earth too!

Written by: Room 113



SPECIAL GUESTS

Project 11 Visits

Last month, several Project 11 players including Eric Comrie, Gabriel Valardi and Nikolai Ehlers joined Jets' psychiatrist Dr. Marcoux, Mick E., Suzi and others from the Project 11 team in some class visits!

It was a great opportunity to connect with students across the community, discuss the brain and emotional regulation, and spend some quality time together. It's a powerful reminder that mental health is important for all of us.

A huge thank you to all the students for their enthusiasm, kindness and attention! It was truly a month filled with memorable experiences!



From the Library...

Did you know that we accept gently used children's books in the library. Just drop them off at the office and we will find them a new home.



Thank you for supporting this library fundraiser. We sold over \$6000.00 in books and school tools. This allowed us to purchase almost \$900.00 in books from the fair (some were gifted to classrooms) and keep some additional funds for other important Library purchases. With this money we purchase books not offered by scholastic, games, Lego, supplies for Inquiry based learning (IBL) and many other items. We could not do it without your support!

Choosing their own books empowers children and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers

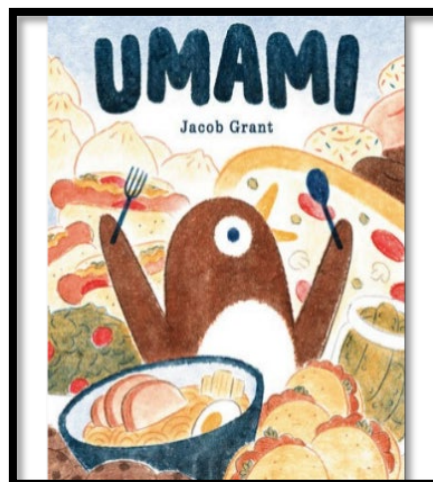
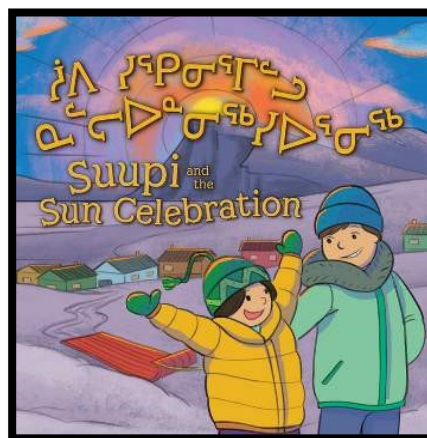
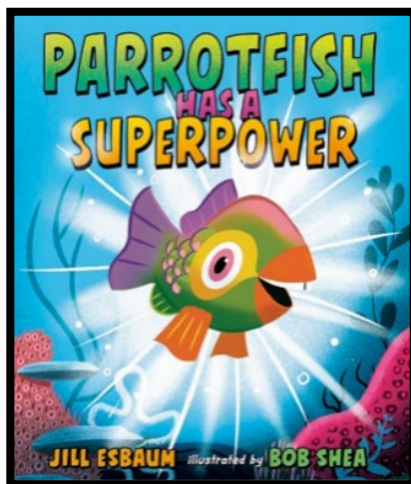
I Love to Read 2025

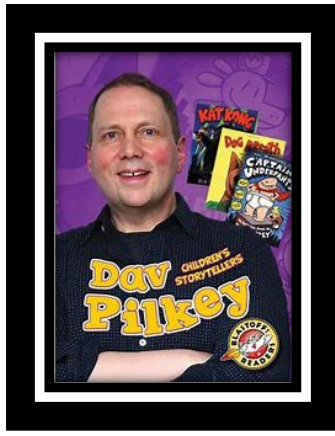
This year's theme was the BOSCARS (Book Oscars)! Classes read 3 books in each of 4 categories and voted for their favorite.

Students who did cover art or activities for the books received a gold trophy sticker, see some examples below.



These were the four winning books as voted by students.



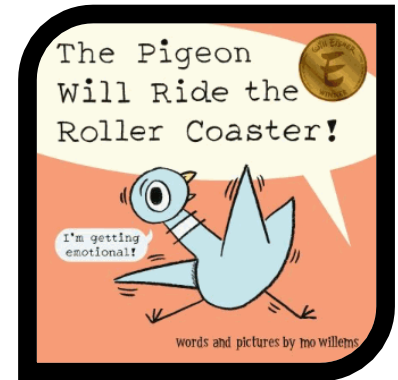


We had Student Choice Awards for Most Popular Series, the winner was Dog Man and Dav Pilkey the creator of Dog Man was also our most popular Illustrator.



SO GOOD!

Student choice for most popular picture book series was The Pigeon by Mo Willems.



The Ceremony was hosted by Tyler Magz from Virgin 103.1 Radio Winnipeg who is a former JT student. We had many students dress up. You may have seen a post on our X page



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Today we held our Boscars ceremony (think the Oscars but for books). Students (and Teachers) dressed up in their Oscar worthy clothes as Tyler Magz from @VirginRadioWPG hosted the awards for best books as chosen by the students, complete with a dance party and sing along.



The cheering for the winning books was so loud! What a great way to celebrate reading and getting our students excited about it. Ask your children to show you the song we sang and the actions we did for "Gotta Keep Reading", it can be found on YouTube. [Gotta Keep Reading with Vocals](#)

Boscars Red Carpet Fun!



Music Notes

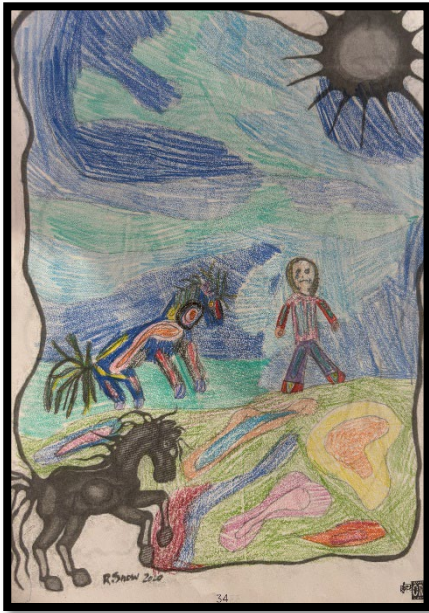
Congratulations to our **Grade 4-5 Voluntary Choir** who sang our National Anthem at the Moose game on March 5, 2025! You did an amazing job!



On February 20, 2025, all the **Grade 3, 4 and 5 students** attended "The Spirit Horse Returns". This live orchestral concert was presented by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at the Concert Hall. Through the music of Kevin Lau and Woodland Art by Rhonda Snow we learned all about the history and journey of the Ojibwe Horses.

We studied the legends and stories told through Rhonda Snow's Woodland Art. Below are some examples of our own stories in the same style.





Published Authors at Joseph Teres

Congratulations to Rupman, Blessing and Jomi for being chosen in the first-round results in the National Polar Expressions writing contest! In the Fall, Ms. Moyer submitted their short stories into the contest. Their pieces were picked out of thousands of submissions to be published in a book!

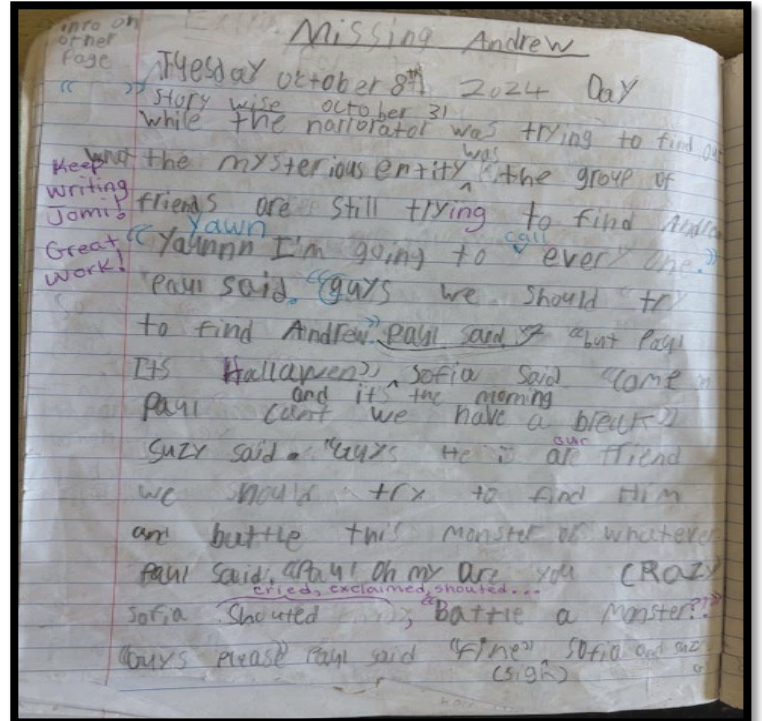
Jomi's writing will be published in a book titled "Space Shark" and Rupman and Blessing will have their work published in a book titled "Between Friends".



Back to China

My name is Amy Tang, and I was born in China. But when I was 5 years old me and my parents moved to America. It was very difficult for me to understand English in school. It wasn't any easier for my parents. My mom was a cashier at a grocery store, and she was usually very grumpy and tired. My dad picked up garbage and he did not love his job. So, when I turned eleven my parents said we should go to China for a vacation in winter break (which starts in two days!) I went straight to my room to start packing. I was very excited to go back to China. But when I looked at my desk with a big tower of books on it. I called my mom into the room and told her to pack my suitcase. By the way I stayed up very late to finish my homework. Thankfully we made it to the airport on time. It was a direct flight, so I was very sick and tired when I got off the plane. All of my aunties, uncles and cousins were waiting for us. It was so embarrassing when they all started yelling our names. Everyone said to come with us and my mom's brothers Uncle tian and Uncle tang pulled up very expensive cars and when I looked around all of China had changed. My mom took some bubble gum out of her cloth tote bag unlike my aunt's leather one. But my cousin's opened their mouths to show her they were already chewing some. This is going to be a long trip.

Written By: Rupman



ESTHER AND THE LION

Once upon a time there lived a girl whose name is Esther, she lives in Toronto Canada, she is new and she lives with her sister and parents. One beautiful afternoon she told her mom that she wants to go camping then her mom said no. After her mom finished talking to her, she was very angry and went to her room and thought of what to do. An evil thought came into her mind, after she made up her mind that she will go the next day. She started packing. The next morning she went very early and went camping. When she got to the site, she saw a lot of trees. Meanwhile it was a jungle that she didn't know. She went there because she doesn't know anywhere in Canada and even, she just started school. In the night when Esther was sleeping in her tent at the middle of the jungle, the very kind lion came looking tired from a war. He was a little bit hungry then he saw a tent in the jungle and he saw a girl. But because of its kindness he left and went to his den. And the next morning the girl left.





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. 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 17, 2025.



School Safety Patrol applications have been handed out to Grade 4 students and training will begin May 2025. We look forward to seeing our new Grade 4 patrol leaders in action!

Upcoming Patrol Schedule:

Monday April 7, 2025 - Thursday April 17, 2025	Squad 1
Monday April 21, 2025 - Monday May 5, 2025	Squad 2
Tuesday May 6, 2025 - Tuesday May 20, 2025 (Grade 4 Training)	Squad 1
Wednesday May 21, 2025 - Tuesday June 3, 2025 (Grade 4 Training)	Squad 2
Wednesday June 4, 2025 - Monday June 16, 2025 (New Patrols)	Squad 1
Wednesday June 17, 2025 - Friday June 27, 2025 (New Patrols)	Squad 2



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You, as the customer, can **follow these simple steps** to shop and pay online at www.glenleagreenhouses.com.

1. On their homepage select **Spring Fundraiser**.
2. After you are finished shopping, **go to the cart page** and select "**to support & pick up at a fundraiser group**". Afterwards, **three fields** will appear.
3. Please select from the **Fundraiser Group** dropdown Joseph Teres School
4. Under **Name of Seller** please leave empty
5. Lastly, **check** the **Checkbox** to confirm all the information in the above fields are correct and click **check out & pay**.
6. Input your email, name and address, followed by your preferred payment method.

Payment can be completed by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) or by INTERAC e-transfer **to Glenlea Greenhouses**.

Shortly after completing the order, an email confirmation is sent to the email address you provided at checkout confirming the delivery location and date, along with the products ordered. If you can not find this confirmation in your inbox, please check your spam folder for a copy of your confirmation. Your order is then forwarded to us.

Online orders will be accepted until 11:59 pm on April 15, 2025.

The plants will be delivered to Joseph Teres School on May 26, 2025, and we will need all orders to be picked up between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

All the proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards supporting the students and special events at Joseph Teres School.

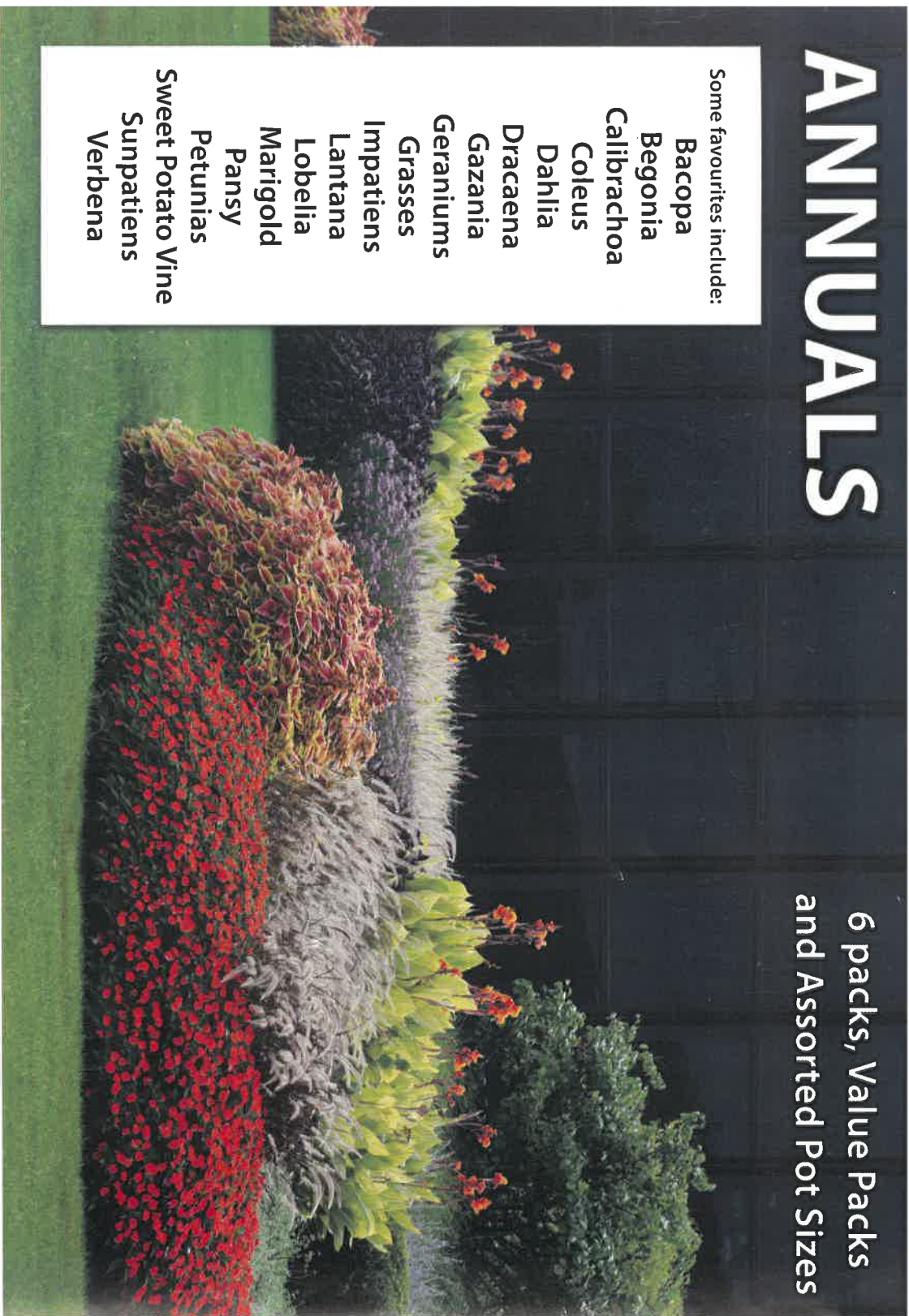
We thank you for your support!

ANNUALS

6 packs, Value Packs
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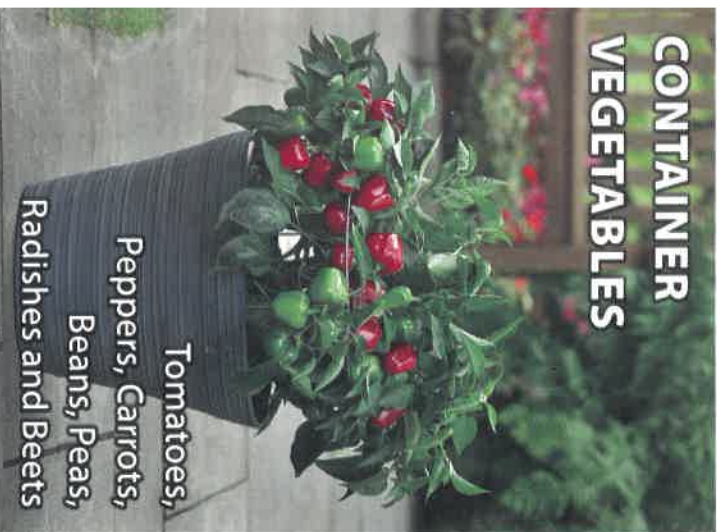
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- Calibrachoa
- Coleus
- Dahlia
- Dracaena
- Gazania
- Geraniums
- Grasses
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- Lantana
- Lobelia
- Marigold
- Pansy
- Petunias
- Sweet Potato Vine
- Sunpatiens
- Verbena



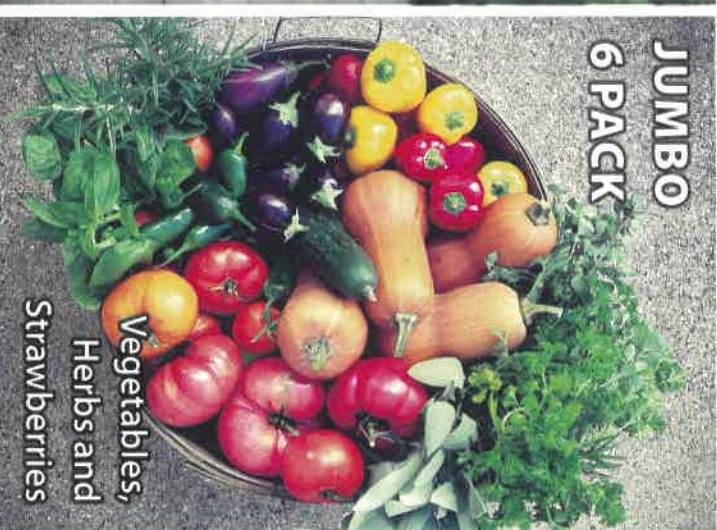
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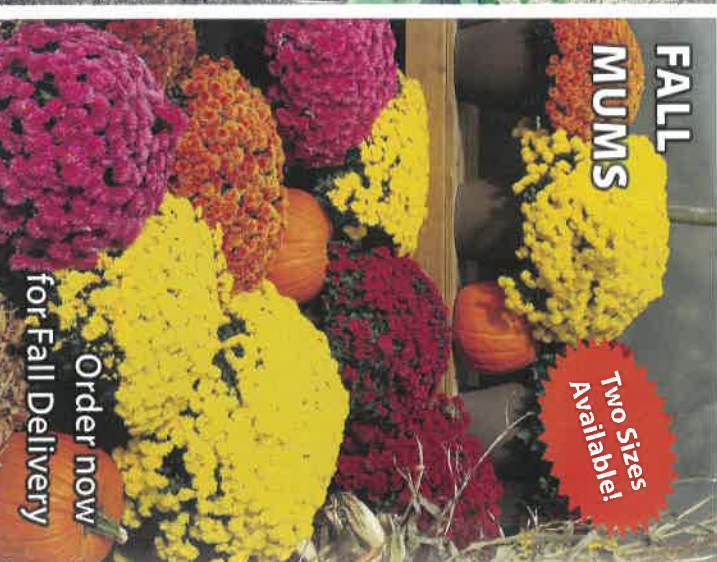
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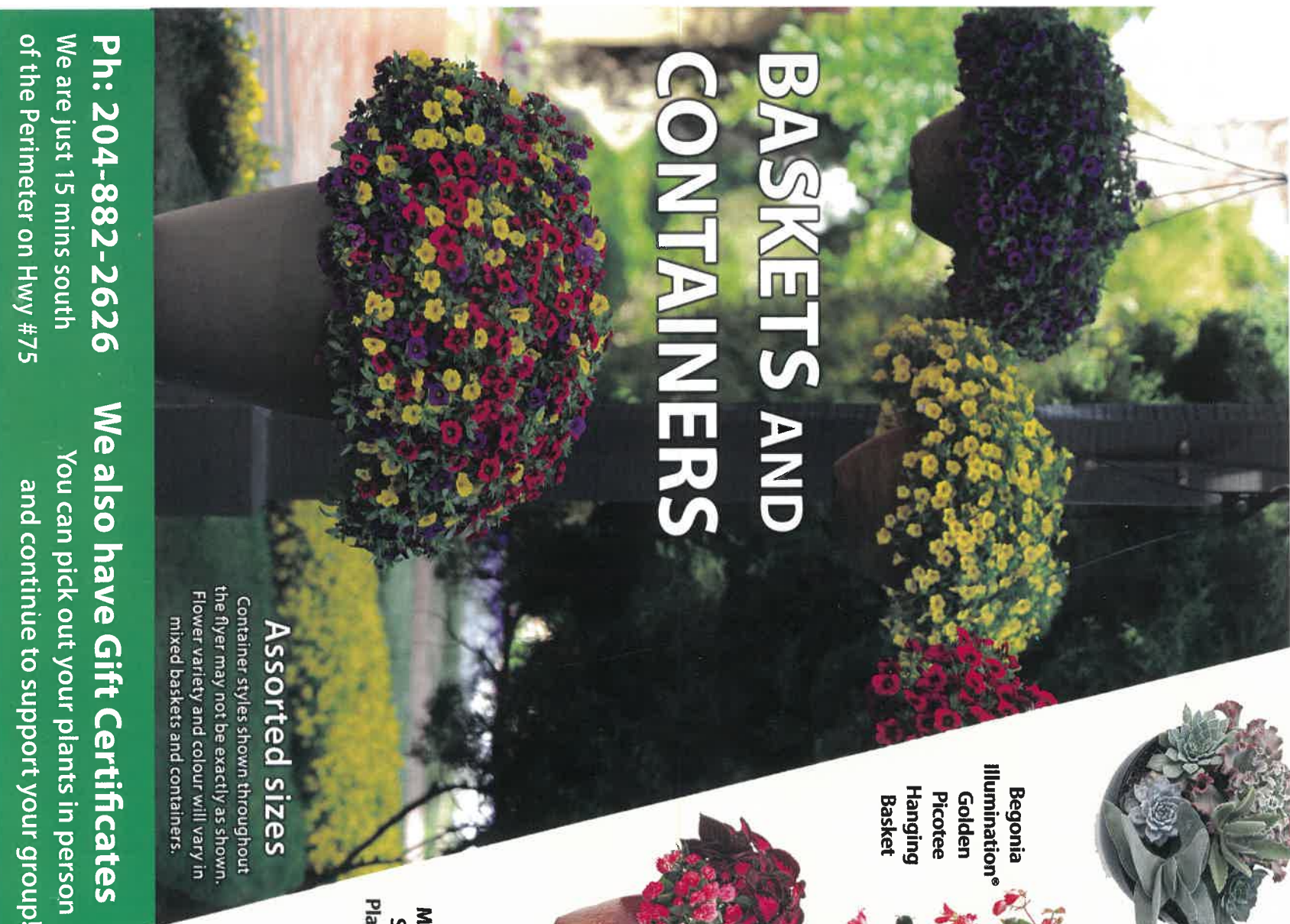
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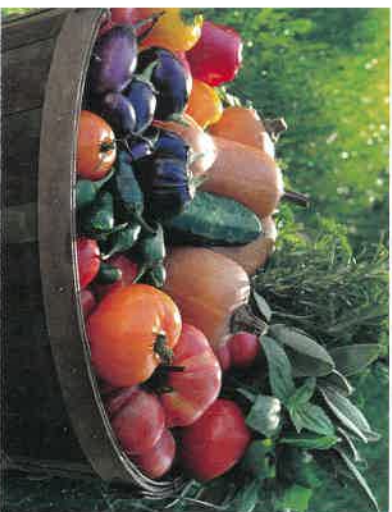
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VEGETABLES AND HERBS

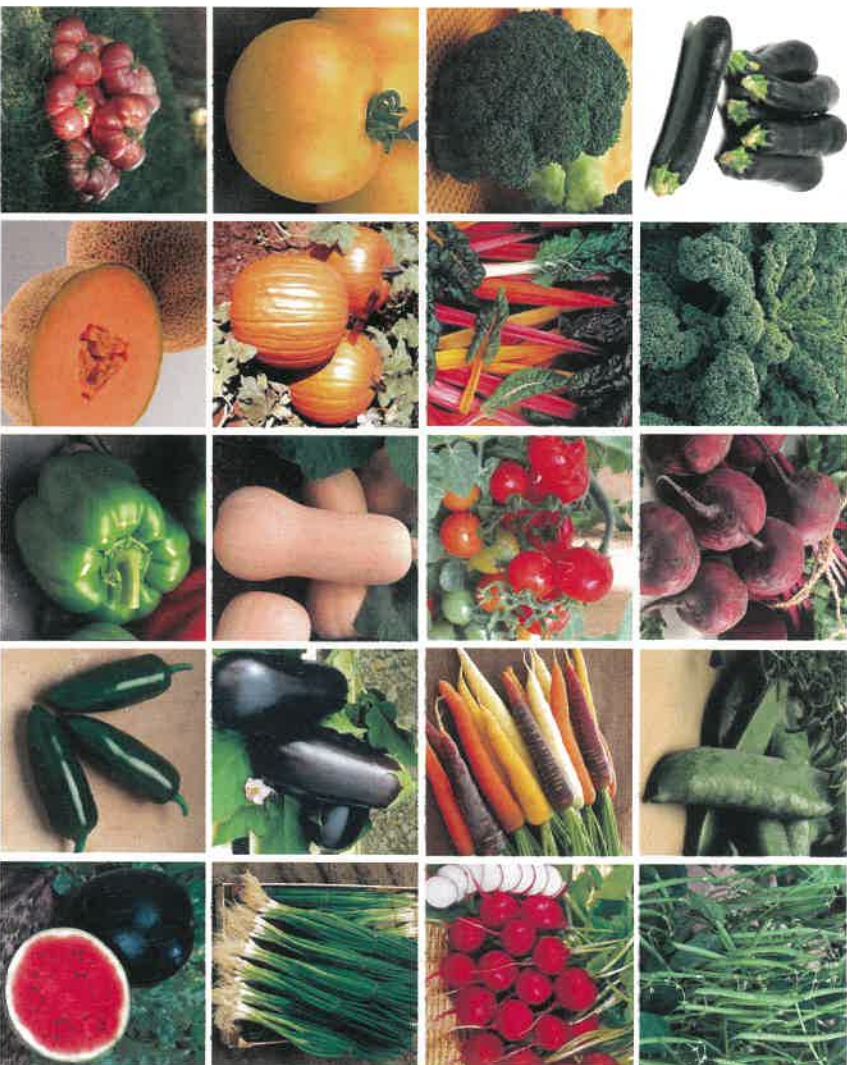
Mouth-watering flavours await you in the garden. Whether it is raised beds in the backyard or containers on the deck, nothing beats home grown. Plant your vegetables in full sun to part sun locations and provide plenty of sufficient, consistent watering for fruit development. Add some fertilizer and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



6 Packs, 3.5 inch Pots, Containers and Value Packs



HERBS

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



3.5 inch Pots, Containers and Value Packs

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Jumbo Packs with six individual 3.5 inch cells

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Mixed Lettuce	Pasta
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Succulent Mix	
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PERENNIALS

3.5 or 4.5 inch Pots
and Value Packs

Some favourites include:

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- Daisies
- Delphiniums
- Echinacea
- Ferns
- Gaillardia
- Grasses
- Hemerocallis
- Hollyhock
- Hostas
- Lilies
- Lupin
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- Salvia

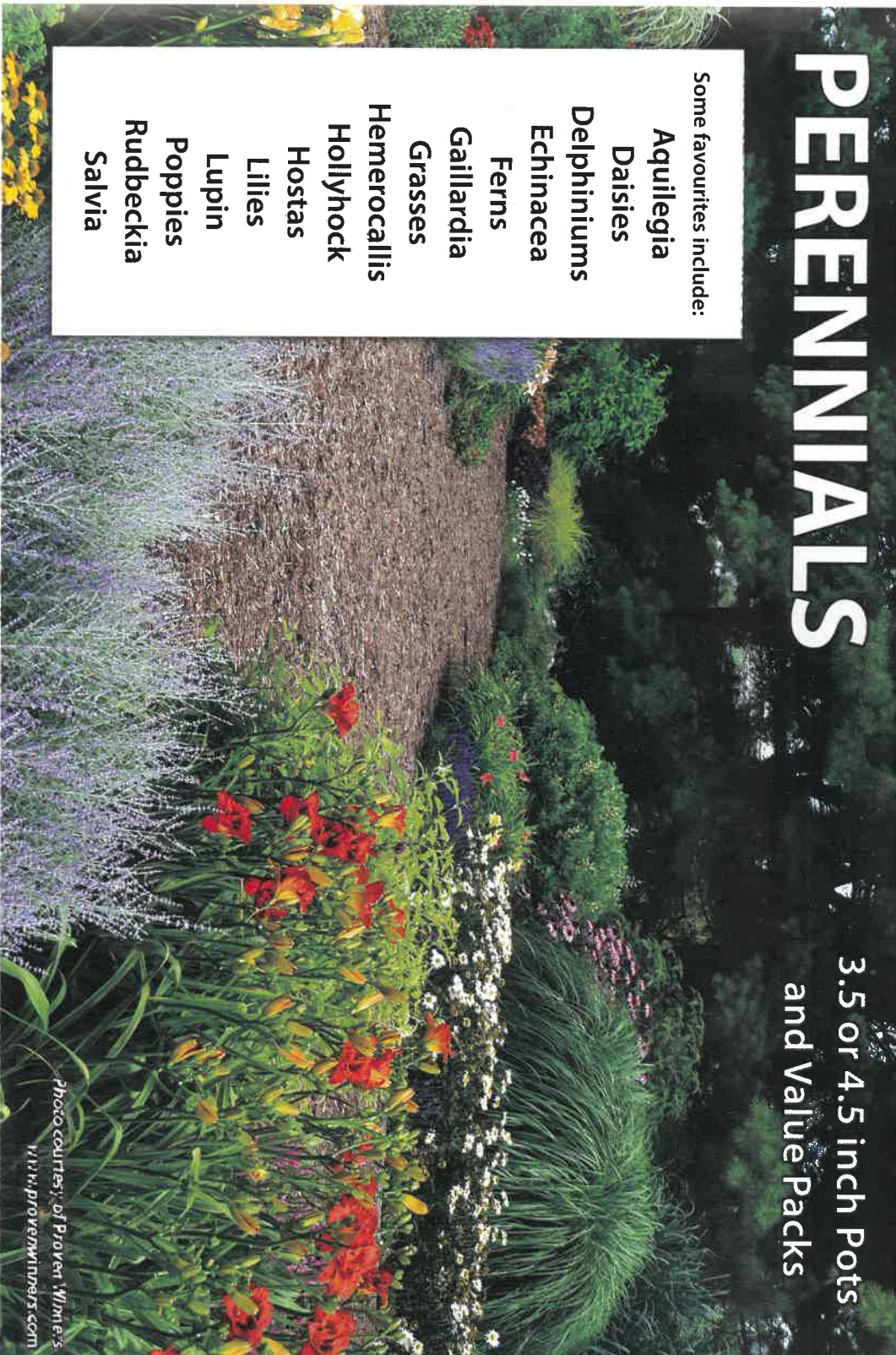


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When driving in the community club parking lot, please use rules of a parking lot, stay to the right side like vehicles do on the streets.

Speed limit should be a very slow pace because we have lots of people walking in and around the parking lot. Think safety first.

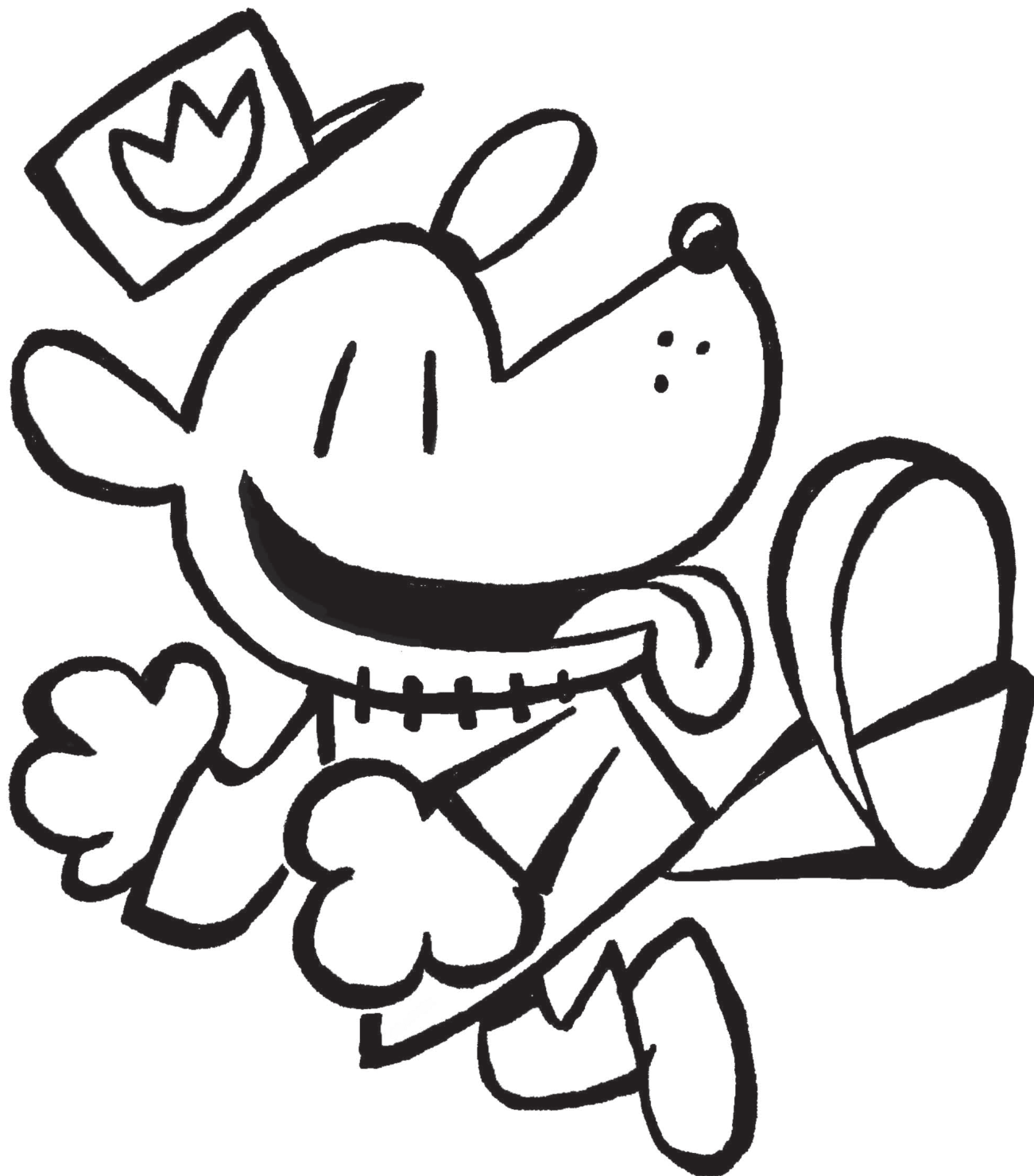
No parking at any time in front of rink gates, garage overhead door, garbage bin and recycling bins.

If you park in any of these spaces and community club staff, see a vehicle then towing will be enforced and at your cost.

Thank you,

Greg Spitula – Director of Operations at Park City West Community Club

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