



# CONNECTIONS

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**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Margaret Fair

**VICE-PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Pam MacDonell

**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.**

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Currently Vacant Ward 5

*Mrs. Ramona Niemczyk, one of the Resource Teachers at our School has moved to a resource position at Kildonan East Collegiate. Mrs. Niemczyk supported many students and families at John de Graff School.*

*We wish her all the best in her new position, but we will miss her!*

**MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

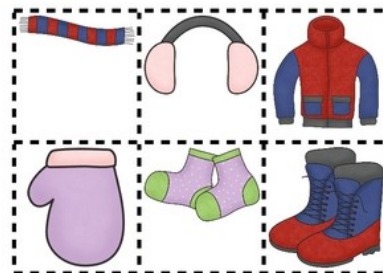
John de Graff School is working to increase our recycling! Please send used batteries and drink tabs to school to be recycled. Also, we will be asking students to take home recyclables from the lunches - to put in home recycle containers, due to our limited recycle bin space at school. Thank you for helping us with this!

Thank you to our families for joining us at our John de Graff School Open House on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>!

We were so please to have families in the school again!

As colder weather is coming, thank you for sending your child (children) in warmer clothing:

- ◆ Mitts
- ◆ Hats
- ◆ Boots
- ◆ Jackets



All students spend part of their day outdoors, unless there is severe weather.

*RETSD is on Facebook and Twitter!*

*Like and follow us to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the division.*



## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY



Do you know that Truth & Reconciliation Week was held from September 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> across Canada?

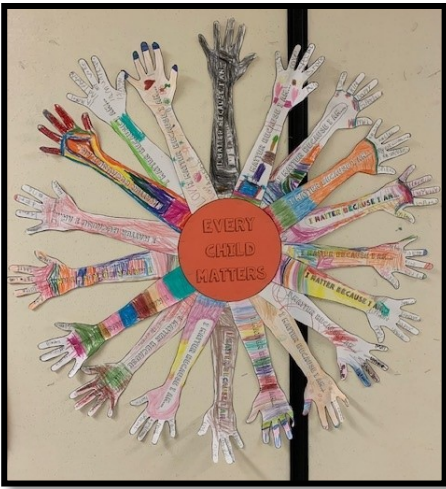
At John de Graff there were many ways that we acknowledge the past harms that were done to Indigenous children while attending Residential Schools. As citizens we grew and will continue to grow as learners through listening to, reading, writing, creating and thinking about how we can make our school a place where every child knows that they matter!!!

Individual classrooms created visual and written responses and had conversations to express the knowledge they were growing to understand. As a school we had student led morning announcements about Residential Schools, Phyllis Webstad and Orange Shirt Day. We walked in the forest and listened and reflected upon student leaders reading the book, *When We Were Alone* by Winnipeg author, David A. Robertson.

We put the words **Every Child Matters** in hearts on the school fence. We placed ribbons around the words and invited our community to join us in tying a ribbon on the fence to honour the children of Residential Schools. We thank each and every one of you!!!

The students and staff will continue learning and growing about Reconciliation and how we as citizens can make this a better place where, **EVERY CHILD MATTERS!!**

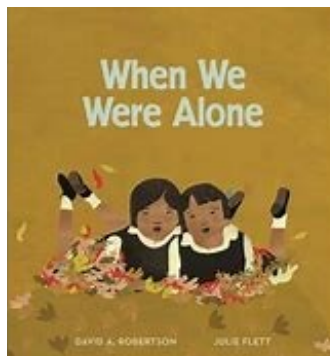




# ORANGE SHIRT DAY



STORY WALK



## JOIN THE JOHN de GRAFF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)!

- Be a part of your child's educational community
- Get to know other parents as well as school staff & administration
- Help plan and execute fundraisers
- In-school and event volunteer opportunities
- Make decisions on how to spend PAC funds
- Examples of past and present PAC-funded initiatives and programs:



- ◆ Christmas Bake Sale
- ◆ Hot Lunch Days
- ◆ Grade 5 Farewell
- ◆ Teacher Appreciation
- ◆ Artist in the School
- ◆ Purchase toys & equipment for classrooms (sleds, jump ropes, balls, etc.)
- ◆ Fund new technology (document cameras for each classroom) & learning materials

Studies show that parental involvement in their child's educational experience can help to increase academic achievement, set a positive example for volunteerism, encourage participation in social events and help students feel safer in their school environment.

PAC is an important part of the school community – please come to a meeting to see how you can be an integral part of your child's grade school years.

**WHEN:**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
(check your newsletter & email for reminders!)

**TIME:**

6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**

John de Graff School

If you have any questions, please email [jdgparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:jdgparentcouncil@gmail.com)



**SOCKTOBER HAS ARRIVED!**

We are collecting socks for The Main Street Project this October! Students from Ms. Nelson's grade 5 class will be hosting this project. Please bring your new or gently used socks to school. Teachers will have a donation box/container available for your child to place them in.

Thank you for your generosity.

# SOCKTOBER

October 1st to 31st

Help us to warm hearts  
and feet in our  
community





# John de Graff Elementary

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October 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your son/daughter's safety is very important to us. We have policies and procedures in place at both the divisional and school level to support their safety. In the past our school division has been working with the Winnipeg Police Service, (as well as referencing materials from the RCMP and Manitoba Education and Advanced Learning), in order to review and strengthen the procedures we have in place to protect students and staff in the event of a safety threat at school. We would like to share details of these procedures with you now.

Safety procedures now fall into two categories: **Hold and Secure, and Lockdown.**

**Hold and Secure** will be activated if there is a *potential threat outside the school*. In these situations, the police typically contact the school and direct the school to go into Hold and Secure. When there is no longer a threat outside the school building, the police inform us that we can resume regular activities.

If our school is in Hold and Secure, the following procedures will apply:

All exterior doors will be locked.

NO ENTRY signs will be placed on each door.

No one will be permitted to leave or enter the school until school administration announces that Hold and Secure is over.

**Lockdown** will be activated if there is a *potential threat inside the school building*. If the school is in Lockdown, the following procedures will apply:

All students and staff will proceed to the nearest classroom or office.

All doors to classrooms and offices will be locked and/or barricaded by the supervising adult.

Students will be kept away from windows and doors and instructed to remain silent and still.

No one will be permitted to leave their room until the Lockdown is over, unless there is a safe exit from the school that is possible.



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**All schools in RETSD are required to hold at least two Lockdown and one Hold and Secure practice drills each school year. The purpose of the drills is to provide training for staff and students so everyone knows what to do in the event of a safety threat. Everyone in the school building will participate in these drills. Students, staff and parents will be informed in advance of these practice drills.**

If your son/daughter arrives at school during a Hold and Secure or Lockdown procedure, he or she must proceed to the student evacuation site, sign in and remain there until directed otherwise by administration or police. **The student evacuation site for your son/daughter's school is: Bertrun E. Glavin School, 166 Antrim Road, Phone: 204-669-1277.**

If you arrive at the school during a Hold and Secure or Lockdown, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE SCHOOL.** For serious situations, please proceed to the parent/guardian information site where divisional personnel will arrive as soon as possible to assist you. **The parent information site for your son/daughter's school is: Valley Gardens School, 220 Antrim Road, Phone: 204-668-6249.**

If you hear about a serious emergency at your son/daughter's school through media reports or other means, **DO NOT PROCEED TO THE SCHOOL.** Instead, proceed to the parent information site identified above.

Please **DO NOT CALL YOUR SON/DAUGHTER'S CELL PHONE** during an emergency, particularly in a Lockdown situation where it is critical to remain silent and still and not draw attention from any threat makers that may be in the building.

In closing, our purpose in sending this letter is to reassure you that we regularly review our divisional safety procedures to ensure that we are doing our best to maintain the safety of your son/daughter's learning environment. We do this through proactive planning and practise of emergency procedures in all of our schools.

If you would like to read more information about safety policies in RETSD, please visit [www.retsd.mb.ca/YourRETSD/Policies](http://www.retsd.mb.ca/YourRETSD/Policies) and scroll to Section E: Support Services.

If you have any questions about the procedures described above, please feel free to contact me or Mrs. Pam MacDonell, Vice Principal.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Margaret Fair, Principal



**CROSS COUNTRY RUN**

On September 28<sup>th</sup> we participated in a Divisional Cross Country run at Bird's Hill Park with Grade 3, 4 and 5 students. The students had a full day outside enjoying the fresh air and scenery. All 195 students made a great effort in the run! We are proud of how well they performed and how they cheered on their fellow teammates at the finish line. A big thank you to Mr. Tuck, Mr. Maclean, Mrs. Peltz, Mrs. Bargaen, Miss Rennie, Ms. Beamish, Mrs. Lachuta, Mrs. Dallmann, Ms. Vanalstyne, Ms. Wong, Mrs. Di Bartolo, and Mr. Feir who helped coach our lunch our practices.



**TERRY FOX WALK**



On October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. classes walked around the path of the school yard for the annual Terry Fox Walk.

Donations are accepted at school or online at

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/JohndeGraff>.

Thank you for your donations!





## VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Starting October 12<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Volleyball Club for Grades 3-5.

The Grade 5 students who participated in the club will attend a volleyball event being held at Emerson School on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The lunch clubs wrap up on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Lunch cohorts will alternate coming to the club each week.

VOLLEYBALL LUNCH CLUBS			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Grade 3's	Grade 4's	Grade 5's	Grade 5's

## HALLOWEEN

We have our "Costume Parade" on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the gym.

Families are welcome to join us.

We hope to see you – Costumes Welcome!

We request "Peaceful Costumes" with no costume accessories such as guns, knives, swords etc.

Classrooms will have some Halloween Party time on October 31<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon. Students are invited to bring a special snack to eat at the party. No snacks or treats will be given out or shared!



## LUNCH EXPECTATIONS

We want students to enjoy their lunches, visit with their friends and have fun at recess. We also expect them to wash their hands before eating, use calm voices, eat their lunches, tidy up their desk areas, play kindly and safely. Lunchtime is a great relaxation time to enjoy!

BE SAFE	BE RESPECTFUL	BE RESPONSIBLE
Wash your hands. Eat your own food. Stay seated. Keep hands and feet to yourself.	Listen to adults. Use your manners. Use an indoor voice.	Raise your hand if you have a question or need to leave. Bring allergy safe food. Keep your area clean.



**RECORDER**

The Grade 4 & 5 students are beginning to play their soprano recorders in their Music classes. Just a friendly reminder to please bring a recorder from home or you can purchase a soprano recorder at John de Graff for **\$9.00**.

If you send a cheque please make it payable to John de Graff School and hand it in to Mrs. Kula.



**HOLIDAY CONCERTS**

John de Graff is alive with the Sound of Music!! The students have begun learning to sing, play and move to music for our upcoming December Christmas/Holiday Concerts.

Our John de Graff Holiday Concerts will be held at 1:00 p.m. on:

- ◆ December 5<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten (even days) & Grade 1
- ◆ December 6<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten (odd days), Grade 2 & Grade 3
- ◆ December 7<sup>th</sup> for Grade 4 & Grade 5

The theme for our concerts is **A Holiday Extravaganza!!!**

We will celebrate the season with joy and exultation!!

We look forward to sharing the season with our community!!!

Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Kula and Ms. Schau



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



**BOOK SHOPPING**

We love adding new books to our school library! We are thankful that we were able to spend around \$2000.00 on books so far this school year. Non-fiction and fictional books will be on the New Book Shelf soon! We will continue to add to our library throughout the year and we encourage the students to mention book suggestions to their teachers.

**DOT DAY**

September 15<sup>th</sup> was International Dot Day. This day is inspired by the book, **The Dot** by Peter H. Reynolds. International Dot Day was started to inspire learners of all ages to 'make their mark'. Many art pieces are found around our school celebrating our students making their own unique and wonderful marks!



**BOOK FAIR WILL BE BACK IN NOVEMBER!**

We are over the moon to tell you that we will be able to host a book fair in the library during the first term reporting period. Students have a time slot to browse the books during the week of November 22<sup>nd</sup> with their teacher.

The Book Fair will be open Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

More information will be coming closer to the date. We know the students will be very excited to have a book fair again this year!



## **LOCKDOWN PRACTISE**

We will have a Lockdown practise & a Hold & Secure practice on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon. Teachers will talk to their students before and after the practise about what we are doing and the expectations for safety.

## **FIRE DRILLS**

We have started practising our fire drills and will complete 10 in total over the course of the year. Students practise moving quickly and quietly to their outside class area. Our evacuation site, if we need to leave the John de Graff School area is Bertrun E. Glavin School located at 166 Antrim Road. The parent meeting area, if needed, would be Valley Gardens Middle School, 220 Antrim Road.

## **PATROL PROGRAM**

Congratulations to our John de Graff bus and street patrol team!! You are positive and responsible citizens who carry your duties in a caring and thoughtful manner. Bravo Team!!

As the temperature is beginning to cool off it's important to dress for the changing weather.

Patrols enjoyed a special gym recess time on October 24<sup>th</sup> to show our appreciation for their excellent work!!

Mrs. MacDonell and Mrs. Kula

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR SAFETY PATROLS:**

Welcome back, family and friends of John de Graff School. We are the Grade 5 school safety patrol team and we have a special message to deliver to you today.

Crossing the street can be very dangerous at times. We are here to help make sure you get to and from school safely every day.

Here are a few quick safety tips:

### **Students**

- \* Stop behind the patrols
- \* Walk your bike across the street
- \* Cross only when the patrol says it is safe
- \* Make sure all cars have stopped before crossing if the patrols are not on duty yet
- \* Always listen to the school patrols
- \* Be respectful of everybody on the bus and listen to the bus patrols

### **Family and Friends**

- \* Drivers need to obey the 30km/hr speed zone
- \* Parked cars need to be at least 10 meters from the patrol crossings
- \* Please do not drive through the bus loop when patrols are on duty



# JdG School Clothing Fundraiser

**Order deadline Wednesday, November 30, 2022**

Sample sizes will be available to view in the office starting November 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Order forms will be going home soon.

**\$20**



**\$15**



**\$15**



**\$50**



# 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**

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.

**Our drills took place on the following dates:**

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (KG even day classes)**

**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> KG (odd day classes) to Grade 5**

Curtis Basso  
Director of Transportation

## PROVINCIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 'OUR SCHOOL' SURVEY FOR GRADES 4 TO 12 STUDENTS

As part of our ongoing efforts to increase school effectiveness, Manitoba Education and Training will continue with the implementation of an online student survey called *OurSCHOOL* (formerly: *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM)). This is a well-known survey tool which gives students the opportunity to express their thoughts anonymously in terms of various school routines and improvement initiatives.



Students had the opportunity to participate in the *OurSCHOOL* survey from November 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Haid, our School Counsellor at 204-669-1280. Thank you for your support in this important initiative.

## EARTH RANGERS VISITED JOHN de GRAFF



**earth  
rangers**

On Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, we had a special Assembly for all students at our school. The Assembly connected ideas about the importance of protecting biodiversity and highlighting real conservation initiatives across Canada. It included live animal Ambassadors, demonstrations, current and relevant topics and a multimedia experience for our students.

One of our Sustainable Development goals at John de Graff is focused on the importance of protecting animals and empowering our students to take action.



**Koats for Kids information is available through our school Counsellor.**

**Please contact Mrs. Haid for more information.**



## TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Katie was thrilled to receive her new motorized wheelchair (picture on left) at a ceremony last spring.

The tabs collected and bagged were displayed around the gym (picture below).

Thank you for the overwhelming support. Our John de Graff School community is making a difference.

Please keep sending in your tabs for Bernard & Hayden.



**BERNARD**

Bernard will be 17 years old this summer and in Grade 12 at Vincent Massey Collegiate this fall. Bernard was born with proximal femoral focal deficiency (PFFD). This is a complex birth defect in which the upper part of the femur bone (in the thigh) is either malformed or missing, causing one leg to be shorter than the other. For Bernard, it affected the growth of his right leg. He is an above-knee hip disarticulated amputee.

He plays wheelchair basketball for Team Manitoba within the Manitoba Wheelchair Sport Association. He has also competed with the Men's U23 National Team – Wheelchair Basketball Canada. His interests are, of course, basketball, music, Japanese cartoons, and fashion.

Bernard has already played for the World Juniors and World Nationals. He is one of the youngest that has ever played for these teams. His immediate future plans, after graduation in 2023, will be to travel and compete on the Senior Men's Team with Team Canada. We will be so proud to be able to present him with not just a sport wheelchair, but a Top End Pro custom-built basketball wheelchair designed for athletes.

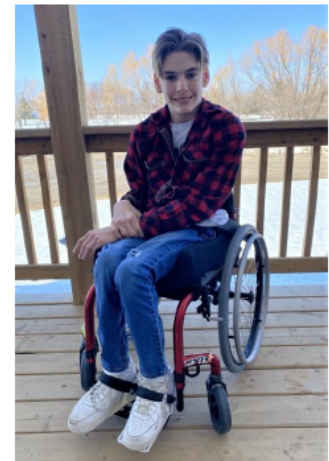


*Tabs for Wheelchairs*

25<sup>th</sup>

**ANNIVERSARY**

**2023**



**HAYDEN**

Hayden is 15 years old and will be in Grade 10 at Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School this fall. He was born with a perfect bill of health and wasn't diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy until he was nine months old.

Hayden is known for his smile, sense of humor and very kind heart. He has a younger sister whom he simply adores and loves to go to her hockey games to watch her play. When he is not getting his hair styled, he is busy online gaming with his friends, or spending the day outdoors quadding with his family. Although he sees himself being a computer programmer in the future, his family thinks he has a calling to be a counsellor. He is an "old soul" and is often giving great advice to friends and family.

Presently, Hayden has a power wheelchair, but has a great need for a manual one. A manual one will allow him to continue to work on his fine motor skills by navigating around his house and going to places that are not power wheelchair (200-300 lbs.) friendly. It will be our pleasure to give him an ultralight manual wheelchair!





## BATTERY BLITZ

Thank you so much to all who have sent in batteries so far! We were able to send off 8 boxes weighing 400 pounds (181.44 kilograms) last Friday. We have already filled 2 more boxes this week, but we need your help. Please send in old batteries to help us win the Battery Blitz and keep batteries out of our landfill.



**Did you know when you recycle your used batteries in the Call2Recycle Collection Boxes at your school you are helping protect animals?**

Batteries that go out with the trash end up in landfills, adding to solid waste that can be harmful to the environment.

**Bring in your used batteries and help protect the animals you love!**

Generously supported by:



\* No purchase necessary. In order to receive this prize, there must be a battery submission on record. The "Battery Blitz School Mission Contest" (the "Contest") closes on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:00pm CST. Open only to elementary schools in Manitoba that have been registered for the Contest. For more information and full rules and regulations, visit [www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest](http://www.earthrangers.com/batteryblitzschoolcontest)

## 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 Advisory Council.



Visit the link to shop online. [www.oliverslabels.com/JDG](http://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!



<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

# VOLUNTEERS IN OUR SCHOOL ARE IMPORTANT!

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We are happy to start welcoming volunteers back to John de Graff School starting on December 1<sup>st</sup>!

Volunteers are helpful:

- ◆ On field trips
- ◆ For special school events
- ◆ To read to students
- ◆ To be part of our Parent Advisory Council

Please let your child's teacher or a specialist teacher know if you are interested in volunteering in their class. They will let you know about opportunities that are available.

Volunteers must complete a Child Abuse Registry form to be able to work with students. These forms can be picked up and dropped off at the school office.

## **PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES**

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. will be In-Person.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. will be on TEAMS.

Parents will use the Conference Manager program to choose a conference time.

Conference Manager will open on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m.

and will end on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Please click [here](#) to view the Conference Manager Parent Guide 2022. Please be reminded if you are a parent with an existing account, but are new to John de Graff School, check page 4 of the guide to adjust your school link.

Thank you

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022—2023

### OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 26..... Civic Election in Gym  
Friday, October 28..... Hot Lunch

### NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 3 ..... Vision & Hearing Testing  
Friday, November 4 ..... Vision & Hearing Testing  
Tuesday, November 8..... PAC Meeting, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, November 10 ..... No School, School PD Day  
Friday, November 11 ..... No School, Remembrance Day  
Monday, November 14..... PTS Conference Bookings begin,  
6:00 a.m. on Conference Manager  
Monday, November 21..... Report Cards Online  
Tuesday, November 22..... PTS Conference Bookings end,  
9:00 a.m. on Conference Manager  
Thursday, November 24 ..... Picture Day for KG (odd day classes)  
& Retake Day for entire school  
Thursday, November 24 ..... Parent Teacher Student (PTS)  
Conferences, evening 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
In Person  
Thursday, November 24 ..... Book Fair Open during PTS Conferences  
4:00-8:00 p.m.  
Friday, November 25 ..... Parent Teacher Student (PTS)  
On TEAMS  
Conferences, morning 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
No School, Co-ordinated PD Day, p.m.

### DECEMBER

Monday, December 5 ..... KG (even days) & Grade 1  
Christmas Concert at 1:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 6 ..... KG (odd days), Grade 2 & Grade 3  
Christmas Concert at 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 7 ... Grade 4 & Grade 5  
Christmas Concert at 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, December 9 ..... Hot Lunch  
Tuesday, December 13 ..... PAC Meeting, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 21 . LAST Day of classes before Christmas  
Break. Regular Dismissal 3:30 p.m.

### JANUARY

Thursday, January 5 ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Day of classes after break, Day 3  
Tuesday, January 10 ..... PAC Meeting, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

Friday, February 3 ..... No School, Co-ordinated PD Day  
Monday, February 20 ..... No School, Louis Riel Day  
Tuesday, February 21 ..... PAC Meeting, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

### MARCH

Monday, March 13 ..... Report Cards Online  
Tuesday, March 14 ..... PAC Meeting, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 16 ..... Parent Teacher Student (PTS)  
Conferences, evening 4:00-8:00 p.m.  
Friday, March 17 ..... Parent Teacher Student (PTS)  
Conferences, a.m.  
No School, Co-ordinated PD Day, p.m.  
Friday, March 24 ..... LAST Day of classes before Spring Break  
Regular Dismissal

### APRIL

Monday, April 3 ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Day of classes after break, Day 5  
Friday, April 7 ..... No School, Good Friday  
Tuesday, April 11 ..... PAC Meeting, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Friday, April 14 ..... No School, Co-ordinated PD Day

### MAY

Tuesday, May 9 ..... PAC Meeting, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Monday, May 22 ..... No School, Victoria Day  
Monday, May 29 ..... No School, Co-ordinated PD Day

### JUNE

Tuesday, June 13 ..... PAC Meeting, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Monday, June 26 ..... No School, School PD Day  
Friday, June 30 ..... LAST Day of School Before Summer  
2:30 p.m. Early Dismissal

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 Website daily:

<http://retsd.mb.ca/school/jdg/Pages/default.aspx>