

Joseph Teres School

131 Sanford Fleming Road • Winnipeg, Manitoba R2C 5B8

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A Message from Mrs. Kostecki



Winter is here...but you might not know it with the wonderful temperatures we have had so far. Even though there is not much snow on the ground yet and our temperatures have been fairly mild, it is still time to bundle up.

Our first term of school has flown by and report cards and virtual conferences have been completed. I would like to thank all of our parents who attended our conferences at the end of November. It was great to connect with families in order to celebrate and share in the achievements of your children. Thank you to all of our parents and guardians for navigating technology and platforms in order to conference with Teachers.

December is a very busy month at Joseph Teres. The holiday season is just around the corner. There are a number of special learning activities and classroom events being planned for students by staff.

As we reflect on the past year, we are grateful for our wonderful students, our dedicated families and our talented staff. Our entire school community is a special place for all of us. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season ahead.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2021-2022

Dec 22	Early Dismissal 2:30 pm Last day before Christmas Break
Jan 6	School Re-Opens - Day 4 or K Caterpillar Day
Feb 4	Co-ordinated Day - No Classes
Feb 21	Louis Riel Day - No School
Mar 4	Report Card Preparation - No Classes
Mar 7	Kindergarten Registration Begins
Mar 11	Reports Cards Posted
Mar 17 and	Evening Student-Led Conferences
Mar 18	Morning Student-Led Conferences - No Classes Professional Development pm - No Classes
Mar 25	Last Day before the break
Mar 28 to	Spring Break
Apr 1	
Apr 4	School Re-Opens - Day 6 or K Caterpillar Day
Apr 15	Good Friday - No School
Apr 25	Professional Development - No Classes
May 24	Victoria Day - No School
June 30	Last Day of School - Early Dismissal 2:30 pm Report Cards Posted

Joseph Teres School Fundraiser

Label everything with Mabel's Labels

Help us tell the difference!

Use Mabel's Labels and support our fundraiser.



Buy personalized labels for your child(ren) at

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

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

PIZZA NIGHT SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

FEB 21 - 27

ORDER EITHER OF THESE DEALS AND DOMINO'S WILL
DONATE \$5.00 TO JOSEPH TERES SCHOOL



USE CODE: FAM1
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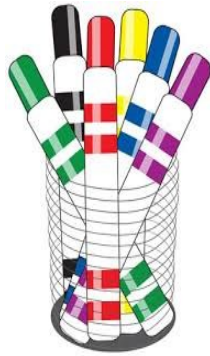


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Recycling At JT School

By: Room 113 (Ms. Schade's Grade 3 class)



Did you know that we recycle a lot of things at JT School? Do you want to know what we recycle? We collect old batteries. We take them to a recycling centre that recycles them safely. We collect used pens and mechanical pencils. We take them to Staples. They have a program that recycles them and turns them into new things. We collect dried up markers. Crayola recycles them and turns them into fuel. And finally, we collect drink tabs. The tabs go to an organization called Tabs For Wheelchairs. They help boys and girls who need a wheelchair. If you have any of these items at home they can be brought to school. You can give them to your Teacher or put them in our recycling container in the meeting area. We hope you help the environment by recycling these things.



Koats for Kids

Free winter gear is available to students through Koats for Kids. If your child needs warm winter clothing, please email pmacdonell@retsd.mb.ca

Emails will be kept confidential.

Please include in the request child's name and sizes for coats/boots.

All items will be delivered to the school by Koats for Kids and the teachers will send items home with the student.



KOATS for Kids



Online Safety

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

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

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



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Going Away on Vacation...

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

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



Call Backs Phone 204-958-6860

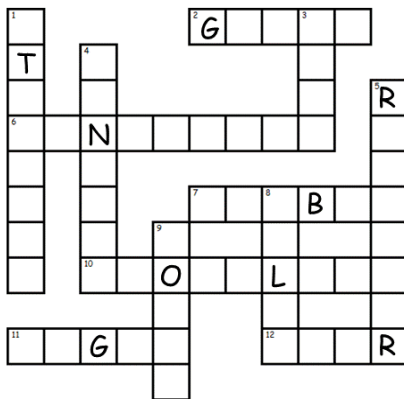
In order to minimize the calling of parents and guardians when your child/ren is ill, has an appointment or will be late, it would be greatly appreciated if you would call the school anytime before 8:50 am to advise us of this.



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

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

'Tis the Season



Across

Down



Mr. Whiskers says:

"Learn to make paper snowflakes."



Cut a square of paper.



Fold in half.



Fold in half.



Fold in half.



Open paper this far.



Fold up from X.



Fold up from X.



Fold up to center.



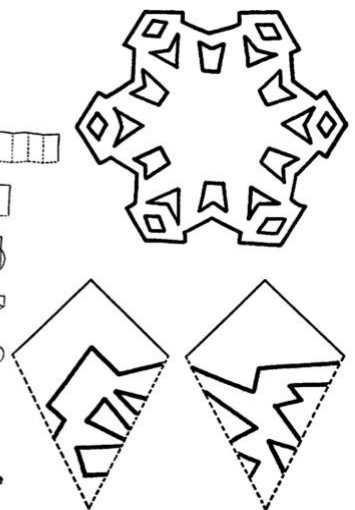
Fold up to center.



Fold in half.



Draw a design. Cut on the solid black lines."



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Parent Council

Joseph Teres

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

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| • Tiffany Schellenberg | - Chairperson |
| • Natalie Giesbrecht | - Co Chair |
| • Jen Warren | - Secretary |
| • Aryssa Rowe | - Treasurer |
| • Dylan Balzer | - Member at Large |
| • Christy Capner | - Member at Large |
| • Christina Luz | - Member at Large |

JTPC Meetings:

Tuesday January 11
Tuesday February 1
Tuesday March 1
Tuesday April 5
Tuesday May 3

At this time, meetings are being held remotely on Teams from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
If you would like to attend one of our virtual meetings, please call the school to be added to the list.



Fundraising Update

Thank you to all the families that participated in our first PAC fundraiser of the year. More information on our next fundraiser will be coming shortly.



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JT Patrol Update

Even as the temperature drops, our School Safety Patrol squads have been reliably working hard to keep students safe on the way to and from school. As a thank you, all of our JT Patrols were gifted a beautiful neon toque and a few small treats to help keep them safe and warm. Patrols were also treated to a free ticket to a Manitoba Moose Patrol Appreciation event on November 27, 2021



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

Patrol Weather Guidelines:

With colder weather here, please note the cold weather guidelines below for our 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 are 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:

-27 °C to -34 °C It is recommended that time on post not exceed 10 minutes.

Warm clothing is essential. Facial protection is recommended.

-35 °C to -39 °C 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 is essential.

-40 °C and below No student patrols on post. The school will notify the students and parents of this abbreviated patrol schedule.

How to Dress: • Scarves, hat, mitts, snowsuit, boots, and other warm clothing. Clothing should not restrict the vision of the patrol.



Upcoming Patrol Schedule:

Tues. Nov. 30 - Mon. Dec. 13	Squad 1
Tues. Dec. 14 - Mon. Jan. 10	Squad 2
Tues. Jan. 25 - Mon. Feb. 7	Squad 1
Tues. Feb. 8 - Mon. Feb. 21	Squad 2
Tues. Feb. 22 - Mon. March 7	Squad 3
Tues. March 8 - Mon. March 21	Squad 1
Tues. March 22 - Mon. April 11	Squad 2

Library News

Thank you to all who participated in our recent Book Fair. It was a great success!

Congratulations!

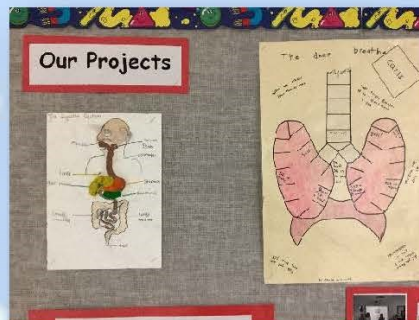
The following students entered the "Match the Decade Contest" from our Book Fair and received a book as a prize. : Jaxon Rm 211, Stella Rm 116, Nora Rm 109, Tiana Rm 116, Chloe Rm 205, and Jack Rm 210

Our next in school Book Fair will be in mid March. Details will be coming to you through email.

Look What We Did!

In mid September, we began our IBL (inquiry based learning) classes in the Library. Each class in the school will have the opportunity to work on a small project during their IBL time. Students will research, and read and discover new facts about their topic. Topics are chosen by Mrs. Friesen (Teacher Librarian) and the Classroom Teacher based on the curriculum.

Mr. Cairns, Ms. Moyer, Ms. Niblett, and Ms. Sakundiak's classes learned all about the human body in September and October. We made many interesting discoveries! Students created a board game, PowerPoint presentation or model that showed their learning of the human body.



Each student in Mr. Taylor's class is learning facts about a different country and comparing it to Canada. Did you know that the Canadian flag was only created in 1965 after weeks of debate?



Mr. Sidloski's class is learning how to code using the code.org website. They will also be exploring many of our STEM activities and our Lego wall in the library.

Kindergarten students have started learning how to use our laptop computers and playing alphabet games. They are on their way to exploring the websites Starfall.com and ABCya!



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Music Notes



Remember to check out your Music Team in Teams!

New at home lessons are posted monthly so students do not miss a beat! These lessons are an extension of what we are learning in music classes. If you are stuck at home be sure to visit your Music Team.



Grade 4 and 5 students are encouraged to play recorder with awesome backup tracks at [All Instruments - MusicplayOnline](#) (Login as a Student and use password R718817 if prompted)

Why do we listen to classical music?

We have been learning all about George Frideric Handel's *Water Music* and Edvard Grieg's *In the Hall of the Mountain King*.

Students have been analyzing musical elements, creating art, playing instruments, using body percussion, reading rhythms and learning all about the orchestra. We are having fun learning about history while improving coordination and working as a team!



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Dear JT Families,



Our Grade Four class wanted to spread some holiday cheer to the community. After brainstorming, we decided we want to send holiday cards to some of the personal care homes in our neighbourhood. We think it will make people happy to get a card, especially during the pandemic when families might not be able to see each other. We are calling our project "Holiday Cheer Cards".

We have set a goal to make 500 cards. We have already made 70! If you would like to help our project, we are looking for donations of any extra holiday cards you might have around your house. If you would like to send them to the school, we can decorate them and write a holiday message!

Please send any cards to the office with the label "Holiday Cheer Cards".
Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,
Everyone from Room 114
Grade Four



Holiday Gift Drive Wish List

Candy Canes	Playing Cards
Chocolates	Razors
Combs	Scarves
Deodorant	Shampoo
Emergency Blankets	Shaving Cream
Feminine Products	Soap Bars
Fleece Blankets	Socks
Granola bars	Toilet Paper
Haribrushes	Toothbrushes
Hand Warmers	Toothpaste
Individual sized snacks	Toques
Kleenex	Underwear
Lip Balm	Wet Ones
Mittens	

Please Note: Some items are most helpful in individual sizes (such as shampoos) so we can package them easily.
All items such as socks and underwear should be new.
Visit: www.mainstreetproject.ca for more info.

JT Gives

Traditionally Joseph Teres School has always collected items for those in need during the Christmas season. In keeping with current health orders, we are once again unable to collect donations in our school, but that does not mean we still cannot give!

This year we will be working with a JT family who is supporting the Main Street Project Holiday Gift Drive. Anyone interested in donating items like coats, blankets, toiletries, or anything on their Wish List, can simply drop them off at 86 North Meadow Drive. This family has a large collection bin in their drive way where donations can be dropped off.

Main Street Project is a wonderful organization devoted to helping Winnipeg's most vulnerable for almost 50 years. We encourage you to check out their website and see where you can help.

<https://www.mainstreetproject.ca/>

Thank You Joseph Teres for your support to this great cause.



DID YOU
KNOW?

That Joseph Teres School sponsors a child from Zimbabwe through World Vision and, that we hold fundraisers throughout the school year to help cover the yearly costs?

This year we are having 4 dress up days throughout the month of December. Every Wednesday is a different theme, and for a minimum donation of \$1.00 per dress up day, your child can participate while helping support our sponsored child. Let us introduce you to Thembeke!

Our goal is to raise \$500.00 to cover our yearly cost for Thembeke.

For every \$1.00 donation that a student donates, a paper loonie will be displayed in the meeting area of our school.

Students can bring a loonie to participate in one or all four of our theme days.

Please only send your donation on the specified themes dates listed below.

World Vision

World Vision Wednesday

Dress UP Themes:

Dec 1 - Sports Day

Dec 8 - Beach Day

Dec 15 - Festive Sweater or colors day

Dec 22 - Pajama Day

Hello, my name is Thembeke

I live with my grandmother. I help at home by running errands. I am in Grade 2. I am currently enrolled in primary school and my favourite subject is drawing. I like to play ball games. I am in good health. My birthday is December 4, 2013. I live in Zimbabwe, which is a part of Africa!



JT's Love Put Into Action

Having a sponsored child is not only about sending money to help Thembeke and her family, but also about creating opportunities for staff and students to connect with someone across the world, who lives in a very different way than we do. Our connections grow when Thembeke writes us a letter or when Ms. Sawa's Grade 1 class sent her a birthday card in November, or how Ms. Polakoff's Kindergarten class sent her a Christmas card. A letter written in music class will be sent in January. We are proud of all our staff and student's efforts in creating a strong bond with our sponsored child.





HAPPY HOLIDAYS

*We wish you much joy, happiness and
health as we enter the holiday season and
begin to look forward to the New Year.
From all the staff at Joseph Teres School*



TIME TO BUNDLE UP!

RETSD Cold Weather Guidelines

Sometimes, severe weather requires us to make changes to busing, outdoor recess, and safety patrolling to keep your children safe.

School Closures

Schools very rarely close due to winter weather.

Winter Clothing

Please ensure that your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather each day. When the temperature or wind chill is between -27°C and -34°C , warm winter clothing is essential, and facial protection is recommended. When it is below -34°C , facial protection is essential, and it's recommended that children avoid going outdoors unaccompanied—skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

Busing

When the temperature is -35°C and/or wind chill is -45°C or colder at The Forks, metro Winnipeg school divisions (RETSD included) cancel buses for the entire day—but schools usually remain open.

We will post a cancellation alert on the RETSD website home page if buses are cancelled, and alert the media. If we have not posted a cancellation alert by 6:45 a.m., buses are running.


School Patrols

When the temperature or wind chill is between -27°C and -34°C , patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it is -35°C to -39°C , patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it is -40°C and below, no patrols will be on duty.

Recess

When the temperature or wind chill is between -25°C and -27°C , a shortened recess period may be warranted. When it is below -27°C , recess is usually moved indoors. This is at the discretion of the principal. **with the exception of Polar Bear Club students*



 **All students will remain inside when the temperature/ windchill is -40°C or below. If you have any questions not addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.**



Can my child attend school after returning from travel?

PLEASE NOTE: Public Health continues to recommend against non-essential travel

INTERPROVINCIAL TRAVEL

✓ Fully vaccinated travellers

Asymptomatic, fully vaccinated individuals aged 12 and older do not need to quarantine upon arrival in Manitoba and can attend school.

✓ Children under 12 travelling with fully vaccinated individuals

Children under 12 are not required to quarantine and can attend school if they are asymptomatic and all eligible individuals they are travelling with are fully vaccinated.

✗ Children under 12 travelling with individuals who are not fully vaccinated

If children under 12 are travelling with someone who is eligible but not fully vaccinated, they must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival back in the province.

✗ Unvaccinated travellers

Unvaccinated individuals aged 12 and over must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Manitoba.

[Click here for more information on interprovincial travel.](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL (INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES)

✓ Fully vaccinated travellers

Asymptomatic, fully vaccinated individuals aged 12 and older do not need to quarantine upon arrival in Canada and can attend school.

✗ Children under 12 travelling with fully vaccinated individuals

Unvaccinated children under 12 travelling with fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine, but must follow *enhanced public health measures*, including not attending school or daycare for 14 days upon arrival in Canada.

✗ Children under 12 travelling with individuals who are not fully vaccinated

If children under 12 are travelling with someone who is eligible but not fully vaccinated, they must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Canada.

✗ Unvaccinated travellers

Unvaccinated individuals aged 12 and over must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Canada.

[Click here for more information on international travel.](#)

What Should I Do if My Child is Sick?



Students should stay home from school if they are sick, no matter how mild the symptoms. If your child comes to school with any COVID-19 symptoms, the school will immediately isolate the student and call parents to pick them up.

If students have one symptom from the Column A or two from Column B, they should immediately get tested for COVID-19.

Column A

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any ONE of the following symptoms?

- Fever $> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ or think you have a fever or chills
- Cough
- Sore throat/hoarse voice
- Shortness of breath/breathing difficulties
- Loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours

Column B

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any TWO of the following symptoms?

- Runny nose
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Headache
- Skin rash of unknown cause
- Nausea or loss of appetite
- Poor feeding (if an infant)

When Can My Child Return to School?

If your child gets tested for COVID-19 and is:



Negative: They can return to school after 24 hours of being symptom-free.



Positive: Public Health will provide guidance regarding what is required before your child can return to school.

If your child is sick and you decide not to get tested for COVID-19 the student must self-isolate for 10 days from symptom onset plus 24 hours of being symptom-free before returning to school.

When Can Students Attend School?

Generally, students who are well should go to school—"well" means they have no symptoms of COVID-19.

FULLY VACCINATED STUDENTS must stay home if they...

- Are unwell or showing symptoms of COVID-19
- Are waiting for results of a COVID-19 test
- Have tested positive for COVID-19
- Have been directed by Public Health to self-isolate

UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED STUDENTS must stay home if they...

- Are unwell or showing symptoms of COVID-19
- Are waiting for results of a COVID-19 test
- Have tested positive for COVID-19
- Have been directed by Public Health to self-isolate
- Are a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case
- Have a household member who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Have travelled outside of the province alone or with unvaccinated or partially vaccinated parents/guardians
- Have a household member who has been identified as a close contact and is now sick with COVID-19 symptoms
- Have a household member who has travelled outside of Manitoba in the last 14 days and is now sick with COVID-19 symptoms*Unless Public Health communicates otherwise to the school principal

Please access the COVID-19 screening tool here:
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

Questions? Call Health Links – Info Santé:
204-788-8200 • 1-888-315-9257

