



# JOSEPH WELSH PARENT NEWSLETTER

**JUNE 23-27**

## Principals' Message

### Hello Joseph Welsh Families!

As we reflect on the past school year, it is amazing to see all that our students have accomplished. I am inspired by our students every day - they have demonstrated hard work and resiliency, shown kindness and compassion for others, and grown in so many ways. I am grateful to have been principal at Joseph Welsh this past year; the people and the community make it an incredible place of learning. Thank you to all of our extraordinary staff who give everything to support our students and families all year long.

Thank you to our parents, guardians, and families who support our students in everything that they do. We appreciate working in partnership with you to support your children's learning journey here at Joseph Welsh. I would like to wish the very best to all of our grade 5 students as you transition to your next chapter. Thank you for being such positive leaders and outstanding role models throughout our school. Look back fondly on your time at our school, the connections you made, and the joy you experienced with close friends, peers, and your teachers and school staff. As you move on to middle school, I encourage you to seek out new things and follow your passions. Good luck in all that you do! For all of our returning students, I look forward to seeing you all next fall.

Have an amazing summer!

Best Wishes,  
Mr. Kevin Robertson  
Principal, Joseph Welsh School

## Around the Community

Our Grade 5 and Pre-K celebrations hosted last week were outstanding. It was a wonderful turnout with so many families attending. Thank you for being supportive of your children's learning journeys.

Joseph Welsh is a very special community and it is because of the people - our families, our students, and our staff.

We look forward to another amazing school year in the fall!

### Early Dismissal Thursday

- June 26<sup>th</sup> is the last day for students - there will be an early dismissal @ 2:00 pm.

## On The JW Calendar

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
JUNE 23-27		<b>GRADE 5 CAMP DAY</b>  Last Day for PreK Students	Choir Windup	Kindergarten Field Trip (AM & PM) Splash Park 11:30-2:00  LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS  Early Dismissal @ 2:00 pm	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  Staff Only

**JW SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:** <https://josephwelsh.rdpsd.ab.ca/calendar>

## School Council News

Thank you for all your support this past year, with our events, lunches and fundraisers. Your help and participation provides so much extra wonder and delight for all our students! We have much work to do next year and hope to see even more parents out to support School Council. Have a great summer!

Kyla Rollinson  
School Council Chair



**READ MORE AT THE JW WEBSITE:** [www.rdpsd.ab.ca/josephwelsh](http://www.rdpsd.ab.ca/josephwelsh)



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## Red Deer Public Schools Resources

### JOSEPH WELSH - School Supply Lists for 2025-2026

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our teachers at Joseph Welsh Elementary are excited to offer the opportunity to purchase your school supplies through School Start for the 2025-2026 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

**Below are specific grade level supply lists.**

- The lists have a Starter Package (base package) as well as Additional Items Required. The additional items are required by each teacher; they include items such as pencil cases, sharpeners, and calculators. These products do not need to be purchased on a year-to-year basis if you already have them.

**There are three ways to place your order:**

1. You can place your order online at <https://schoolstart.ca/>
2. You can place your order over the phone 1-800-580-1868
3. You can print and fill out the supply list and return via email to [info@schoolstart.ca](mailto:info@schoolstart.ca)

The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to your home (or to your school before school starts) if this is your school's preference. If you have any questions, please contact School Start's Customer Service Department:

Email: [info@schoolstart.ca](mailto:info@schoolstart.ca) | Phone: 1-800-580-1868

#### 2025-2026 Supply Lists by Grade

- [Grade 1](#)
- [Grade 2](#)
- [Grade 3](#)
- [Grade 4](#)
- [Grade 5](#)



### CHARTER BUS DID YOUR CHILD RIDE THE BUS THIS YEAR?

#### Charter Bus Applications

**Deadline is fast approaching for applications. A late payment fee of \$30 will be applied after June 25th.** The best way to access this is to go to our school's website:

**Joseph Welsh Elementary School:** <https://www.rdpsd.ab.ca/josephwelsh>

Select Language ▾ Quick Links

On the right hand of our website, click on Quick Links, Scroll down to Parents, Powerschool Parent Portal

Your username:

Password:

*\*If you ever forget your password, please feel free to email the school([paige.snydal@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:paige.snydal@rdpsd.ab.ca)) and it can be reset for you.*

Choose **YOUR CHILD** and **scroll down on the left hand side** to find:

- **RSVP:** Update any info regarding your child, phone, address, medical, etc.
- **RDP Reports:** Report cards (choose the term: December, March, June)
- **Student Fees and Forms:** GRADE 5 Camp \$10, Swim Fees \$42
- **School Engage:** any form without a fee - **click on student(s)** for each child to find:
  - 2025/26 Charter Bus Application
  - Volunteer Application Form
  - Field trip forms with no fee
  - ISP Signature Page



**READ MORE AT:**

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**SUMMER BOREDOM BUSTER CHALLENGE**

How many can you check off?

<b>B</b> Be outside	<b>O</b> Offer to help	<b>R</b> Read (or write!)	<b>E</b> Exercise	<b>D</b> Do something creative
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a backyard picnic	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with yard work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Listen to an audiobook	<input type="checkbox"/> Build an obstacle course	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Build a fort
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explore a nature trail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare meals locally	<input type="checkbox"/> Read under a tree	<input type="checkbox"/> Practise yoga	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a scrapbook
<input type="checkbox"/> Build a bird feeder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fix something	<input type="checkbox"/> Start a book club	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Play hide-and-seek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have an art show
<input type="checkbox"/> Plant a garden	<input type="checkbox"/> Donate old clothes	<input type="checkbox"/> Read a magazine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Play tag	<input type="checkbox"/> Take an art class
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a lemonade stand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clean up a local park	<input type="checkbox"/> Read a play aloud	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Go for a bike ride	<input type="checkbox"/> Start a new collection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Play with water balloons	<input type="checkbox"/> Help a neighbour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write a story	<input type="checkbox"/> Take a hike	<input type="checkbox"/> Practise origami
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnic in the park	<input type="checkbox"/> Set the table	<input type="checkbox"/> Create a comic	<input type="checkbox"/> Play kickball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have a puppet show
<input type="checkbox"/> Go on a nature scavenger hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> Sort clean laundry	<input type="checkbox"/> Start a journal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Play frisbee golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Have a fashion show
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organise toys	<input type="checkbox"/> Read to a pet	<input type="checkbox"/> Jump rope	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fly a kite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sweep the floor	<input type="checkbox"/> Write a haiku	<input type="checkbox"/> Swing on swings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Make a time-lapse video
<input type="checkbox"/> Watch the sunset	<input type="checkbox"/> Fold laundry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Make a list	<input type="checkbox"/> Learn a dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Build a mini golf course
<input type="checkbox"/> Create sidewalk chalk art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Help someone younger	<input type="checkbox"/> Write a letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a hopscotch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Try a new hairstyle
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a water fight	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wipe the kitchen counters	<input type="checkbox"/> Read in the dark with a torch	<input type="checkbox"/> Hula hoop	<input type="checkbox"/> Paint a picture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gaze at the clouds	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with a pet	<input type="checkbox"/> Play a word game	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kick a ball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Make a collage
<input type="checkbox"/> Catch frogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Make your bed	<input type="checkbox"/> Write a recipe	<input type="checkbox"/> Play 'Simon Says'	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Build with LEGO
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watch the birds	<input type="checkbox"/> Send a get-well-soon card	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Read to a sibling	<input type="checkbox"/> Run around outside	<input type="checkbox"/> Mould with clay
<input type="checkbox"/> Find a four-leaf clover	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with dishes	<input type="checkbox"/> Write a song	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Play catch	<input type="checkbox"/> Design a card
<input type="checkbox"/> Splash in puddles	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a meal	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a crossword puzzle	<input type="checkbox"/> Climb a tree	<input type="checkbox"/> Draw a maze
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Find a caterpillar	<input type="checkbox"/> Empty the trash	<input type="checkbox"/> Write a diary	<input type="checkbox"/> Jump on a trampoline	<input type="checkbox"/> Build a fairy garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Host an outdoor movie night	<input type="checkbox"/> Tidy up your bedroom	<input type="checkbox"/> Read a blog	<input type="checkbox"/> Play basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Record a podcast
<input type="checkbox"/> Play 'sardines'	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean your desk	<input type="checkbox"/> Write and perform a play	<input type="checkbox"/> Go swimming	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design a bookmark
<input type="checkbox"/> Go geocaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wipe the bathroom sink	<input type="checkbox"/> Read a map	<input type="checkbox"/> Play soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorate a rock
<input type="checkbox"/> Take nature photos	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant a tree	<input type="checkbox"/> Write a thank-you note	<input type="checkbox"/> Practise cartwheels	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a bracelet
<input type="checkbox"/> Blow bubbles	<input type="checkbox"/> Put away groceries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Read a mystery	<input type="checkbox"/> Do jumping jacks	<input type="checkbox"/> Create a costume
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Take out recycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Write a joke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skip rope	<input type="checkbox"/> Build a cardboard castle
	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with gardening	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Read in a fort	<input type="checkbox"/> Try slack-lining	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Write an acrostic poem	<input type="checkbox"/> Have a three-legged race	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Play capture the flag	

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