RIVER EAST TRANSCONA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

RETTA REVIEW

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2026 VOLLEYBALL SOCIAL

What a night! RETTA Volleyball Social was a HUGE success!

What an incredible night! Our annual **RETTA Volleyball Social** was a HUGE success, and we want to send out a massive THANK YOU to everyone who came out to play, cheer, dance, celebrate, and make the evening one to remember!
It was fantastic to see so many of our members come together for a night of friendly competition, creative costumes, lots of laughs, and some well-deserved fun outside the classroom! Events like this remind us just how wonderful our RETTA community is, and we couldn't be happier with how the evening turned out!

Of course, we can't forget the main event…. VOLLEYBALL!

The competition was fierce, the energy was high, and there was no shortage of impressive plays (and maybe a few questionable ones, too!). Whether your team was playing for the championship or just hoping to make it through without pulling a muscle, we hope everyone had a blast!

A **BIG** congratulations to our **2026 RETTA Volleyball Champions:**

A-Side Champs: HH Hornets!



B-Side Champs: Squid Happens!



And a big shout-out to every team that participated. You brought the energy, the enthusiasm, and the sportsmanship that make this event so much fun year after year!

One of the most exciting parts of this year's social was the return of our **Costume Contest!** We loved seeing everyone get into the spirit of the evening and show off their creativity!

From hilarious to downright impressive, the costumes definitely added another level of fun to the night. We were thrilled to bring this tradition back, and judging by the effort everyone put in, it was well worth it!

A special congratulations to our **Costume Contest Winners:**

The John Giraffes!



SOMETHING NEW!

This year also brought a little modernization to our social with the introduction of **Square** for payments!

We were excited to offer debit and credit card payments, making it easier and more convenient for members to enjoy the evening without worrying about having cash on hand.

As with any new system, we're always learning, but we're happy to have taken this step toward making our events more accessible and convenient for everyone

HELP US MAKE NEXT YEAR EVEN BETTER



As much as we loved this year's event, we're already thinking about how to make next year's Volleyball Social even bigger and better!

We sent a **feedback survey to our volleyball participants**, and we'd really appreciate hearing from you and your teams!

Whether you have suggestions for improvements, ideas for next year, or just want to tell us what you loved most, your feedback is incredibly valuable. We want this event to continue being something our members look forward to every year, and your input helps us make that happen.

To everyone who has already responded, **THANK YOU!** We appreciate you taking the time to provide thoughtful and constructive feedback. Your suggestions will help us continue improving the event for years to come. (We hear you loud and clear….more coolers!!!)

UNTIL NEXT YEAR…

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this night possible! From the organizers and RETTA Executive volunteers working behind the scenes to the teams, supporters, and members who showed up ready to have a great time!

Our Volleyball Social is about so much more than volleyball. It's an opportunity to connect with colleagues from across the division, build friendships, share some laughs, and celebrate the amazing community of educators we are lucky to be part of.

Thank you for making the 2026 RETTA Volleyball Social such a great success!

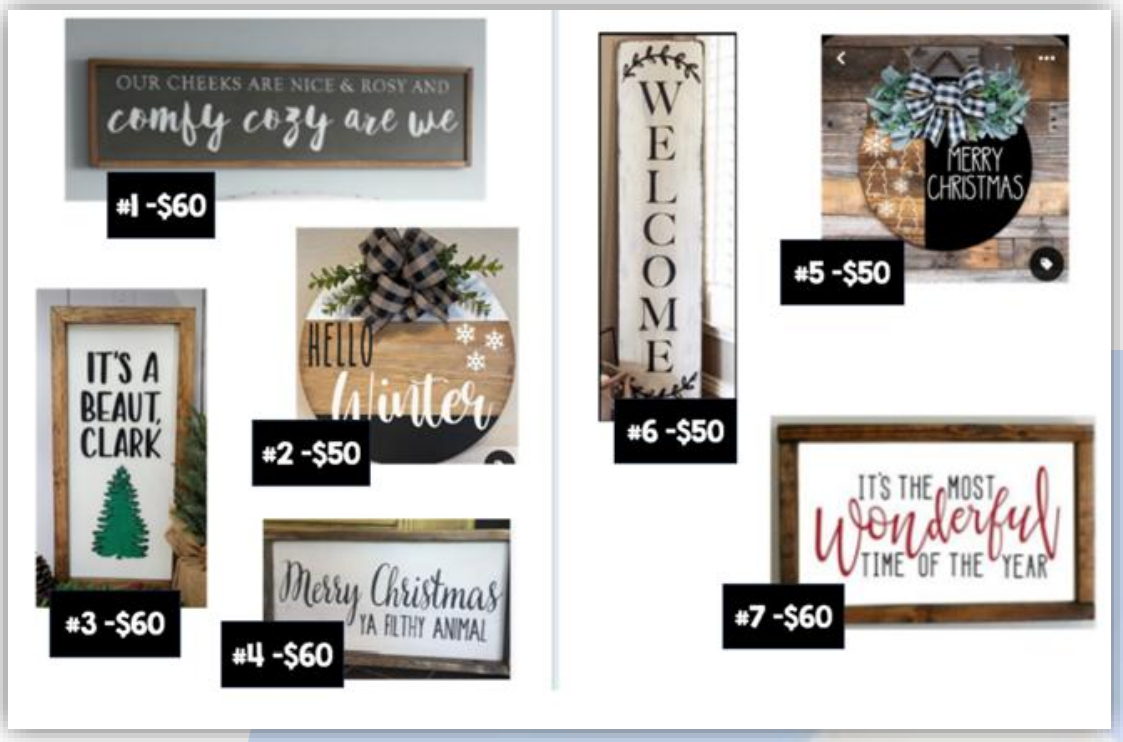
WINTER SIGN MAKING CLASS

Want to make something special this winter? 😊 ❄️

There's still room in RETTA's first ever **Winter Sign Making Class**!
Join RETTA for a fun, creative get together and make a sign you can give as a gift or display every year.
Our members voiced to us that they would like some **more creative and hands on events, SO** RETTA is excited to offer this **new** artsy event.

RETTA members, and their friends, and family are all welcome to participate.
This sign making class will have coffee, tea, pop, and a light snack for participants. With a cash bar also available, if you're feeling festive!

There are **7 sign designs** to choose from:



INTERESTED?

Register by using the **QR code** or **link below, or on the poster**.
If a non-member would like to attend with you, please complete the form on their behalf!
RETTA Winter Sign-Making Class


WINTER SIGN MAKING CLASS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2026
12-4PM
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 7
117 REGENT AVE E.
$50-$60/PERSON - ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED
CHOOSE FROM 7 DESIGN OPTIONS
MAXIMUM 60 SPACES
COFFEE, TEA, NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS &
A LIGHT SNACK PROVIDED - CASH BAR.
COME GET CREATIVE, RELAX AND CONNECT
WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES!
SIGN UP HERE!
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WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Women and Leadership Committee will be holding out first two meetings **on Monday, November 30th** at 4:00pm (virtual) and **Thursday, December 10th** at 4:00pm (virtual).

We are looking forward to hearing the ideas of our committee members for some great events this year! We will keep all RETTA members posted of our planned events!



INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THIS COMMITTEE?

If there are still RETTA members who identify as women who are **interested in being a part of this committee**, there's still time! Please reach out to Erin at president@retta.mbteach.org.

CHEERS & PEERS

We held our inaugural "**Cheers and Peers**" hangout on November 19th at Junction 59.
We had about a dozen members swing by for a drink, a bite to eat, and some great conversation. It was a great opportunity to socialize and recharge our batteries. Come join us next month for the **next** edition!

Wednesday, December 16th after work! Unwind for the holidays!



RETTA ONLINE

Be sure to follow us at on our social media: RETTA Facebook and RETTA Instagram !

Lots of great content to help you with work questions and there are also lots of opportunities for fun and frivolity. We enjoyed the social media, Halloween Group Costume bracket, that has an insane turn out! A BIG congratulations **again** to **Springfield Heights** for winning this contest, (and shout out to our VP Gord, who also won… and now Erin owes him lunch LOL).

Also - don't forget our RETTA Website. This month, we've launched a **new** monthly feature called RETTA Celebrations to fete our members and the work they do! **Check it out** and send any tips for future celebrations to Gord at vicepresident@retta.mbteach.org

MATERNITY/PARENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHOP #2

RETTA hosted another highly successful Maternity/Parental information session in collaboration with MTS on **Wednesday, October 14th** at the Educational Resource Centre. MTS representative Kelli Wiebe presented this insightful workshop for our members, while our Executive Member, E. Petroulakis along with our Admin Assistant R. Waterman, coordinated the event. 30 members along with their partners joined us for this event.

RETTA will be hosting our **second** Maternity/Parental session on **Wednesday, February 17th, 2027**.
If you are interested in attending this session, please register by **clicking the link** or **scanning the QR code** on the new poster, located in this package or on your RETTA boards.

RETTA extends our very best wishes to members embarking on this exciting new chapter! And as always, we remain committed to keeping members informed and supported.

If you are unable to attend either of this year's sessions but would like more information about maternity or paternity leave, don't hesitate to reach out at office@retta.mbteach.org. We encourage all members to connect with us anytime they have questions, we're always here to help!



TO REGISTER FOR THIS WORKSHOP CLICK THE LINK:
RETTA Maternity/Parental Information Workshop

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MATERNITY & PARENTAL LEAVE:
Maternity & Parental Leave – The Manitoba Teachers' Society

MTS EQUITY NETWORK EVENT FOR DISABLED MEMBERS

We are reaching out to invite you to an upcoming virtual gathering of the Disabled Members Equity Network.

You're invited to join us for our upcoming virtual gathering, **A Few of Our Favourite Things**, on December 9th.

This gathering is an opportunity to connect with other members in a relaxed and informal setting. As part of the conversations, we'll spend some time sharing our favourite things. Maybe it's a practical, essential item you can't live without, a favourite comfort item, a book you've recommended many times, or something that helps keep you organized at work.

Together, we'll create a member-sourced *Favourite Things List* that we'll share with attendees after the event, just in time for inspiration during the gift-giving season.

Please see the attached event **poster on the next page** with all the details.

To register, please visit: **MemberLink**

THE MANITOBA TEACHERS' SOCIETY

DISABLED MEMBERS EQUITY NETWORK VIRTUAL GATHERING

A few of Our Favourite Things

Discover what your colleagues are loving, using, and recommending.

Wednesday
DECEMBER 9, 2026 | **6:00 pm – 7:30 pm** | **VIRTUAL**

If you identify as a disabled educator or experience barriers that affect your work or daily life, we'd love for you to join us.

Come spend an evening with colleagues as we share some of our favourite things. Maybe it's a tool you use every day, a book you've recommended a dozen times, an app that keeps you organized, a comfort item that helps you get through the week, or just something that brings you a little joy.

We'll collect everyone's ideas into a member-sourced Favourite Things List and share it after the event, just in time for anyone looking for gift ideas or inspiration.

LET'S SHARE:

"What is something you would want to receive if you didn't already own it?"

- ★ One favourite personal item: Something you can't live without or find yourself recommending to others
- ★ One favourite work or school-related item: Something that makes your workday easier, more enjoyable or more productive

We'll also leave some time to connect with one another and chat about ideas for a springtime in-person/hybrid event.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Register today to reserve your spot.

https://memberlink.mbteach.org/Event.axd?e=4190

All registrants will receive the meeting link and details about how to participate.

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Manitoba
Theatre Centre
RETTA Discount Code
We are thankful to The Manitoba Theatre Centre for offering a 10% discount to our members for any performances on the MTC Mainstage or Warehouse.
You can either follow the QR code or enter the code WELCOME at checkout for your discount!
Enjoy the show!

Maternity / Parental

Information Workshop

Planning Your Leave?

Join RETTA for an information session covering your leave entitlements and benefits.

Wednesday, February 17, 2027

4:00PM - 6:30PM

95 Bournais Drive

2nd Floor, Educational Resource Centre

Doors open at 4:00PM

Workshop begins at **4:30PM**

REGISTER TODAY

Scan the **QR code** to register

RETTA Maternity/Parental Information Workshop

More Questions?

Reach out to the RETTA office and let us help you out!

Email us at:

office@retta.mbteach.org


Contest Time
This month's secret word is:
LET IT SNOW
To qualify for the contest, you must:
Follow us on INSTAGRAM and FACEBOOK.
SEND us a DM of the SECRET WORD!
We'll draw the winner on:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th.
WANT AN EXTRA ENTRY TO THE CONTEST?!?!
Tag 3 RETTA members in the comments on our contest post!



Teaching is deeply emotional work and it's okay to need support. Whether you're a beginning teacher, seeking workplace safety guidance, or exploring wellness resources, support is available through the Manitoba Teachers' Society. Scan the QR codes below to learn more about the services and supports available to you.

Mental health matters and **MTS Kii** is here for you. Scan the QR code for 24/7 support, or call 1-866-814-0018 anytime.

Medical Intervention: Planning for daily or non-emergency medical procedures.

Resources for reporting **violent incidents** in schools.

Allyship: How to support 2SLGBTQIA+ colleagues.

Online safety resources for MTS members.

Beginning teachers resources.

Explore **health benefits** provided by MTS.

Workplace safety, health resources and more.

THE MANITOBA TEACHERS' SOCIETY

Explore additional resources and more by visiting **mbteach.org**

ADD US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

River East Transcona Teachers' Association | Winnipeg MB | **Facebook**

RETTA (@retta_mb) • **Instagram** photos and videos

To take part in our **SECRET WORD** contests you **must** be following us on Instagram and Facebook.

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IMPORTANT LINKS

RETTA Celebrations (NEW)

RETTA Maternity/Parental Information Workshop (NEW)

River East Transcona Teachers' Association – Working For Our Teachers

MTS Equity Network Event for Disabled Members - REGISTER HERE

Maternity & Parental Leave – The Manitoba Teachers' Society

RETTA-Union-Learning-and-Grant-Opportunities-2026.pdf

RETTA Email Distribution 2026-2027

RETTA - Let's Chat!
