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## Principal's Corner

On March 28<sup>th</sup> we welcomed just over 40 teachers from Marwayne, Kitscoty, and Dewberry to join us in a Thinking Classroom workshop facilitated by educational consultant Kyle Webb from Regina. It was a very interactive, engaging day for all of us as we worked on strategies to get students more engaged in their thinking processes. The Thinking Classroom is a researched based approach to getting students thinking more developed by researcher Peter Liljedahl.

**On April 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have our last School Council meeting for the year at 7:00 pm in the Learning Commons.** We really welcome your input and attendance. The meeting is usually an hour or less long. We hope to see you there.

**Our second parent-teacher interview night is on April 9<sup>th</sup>** at which time we will be having our Grade 9 high school registration meeting with parents in our Learning Commons as well. Re-

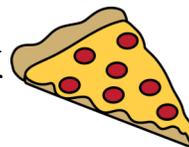
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## Around the School



Students dressed up for St. Patrick's Day Monday, March 17th as part of March Madness Week.

Congratulations to the first-period Senior High Art class (Art 10/20/30 combined) who won the food bank collection contest for March Madness. They contributed more than 25% of the school's total weight in donations. Grade 7 Homeroom won in Junior High. They each win a pizza party for their efforts.



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## Spring Fundraiser



Please check out the order form for our Spring Fundrais-

er at the end of this newsletter. Proceeds will support of our Pirate Crew activities.

### Website:

[irrobson.btps.ca](http://irrobson.btps.ca)  
**School Calendar**  
<http://irrobson.btps.ca/Calendar.php>

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/JRRobsonSchool/>

### Pirate Crew Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/jrrpiratecrews/>



## Principal's Corner Con't

member that you can book an interview with a teacher through our website. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the office.

Most high school students have completed their course registration for next year. If your student has not done so, please ensure that this happens as soon as possible. I use course enrollment numbers to determine the number of sections required for each course and what may be delivered through the BTPS distributive learning option, so this information is very important as I have already begun planning for the next school year.

During the month of March and April our school has had the good fortune of being able to welcome four educational assistant practicum students from Lakeland College to our classrooms to work with our teachers and students. Our various valued partnerships with Lakeland College definitely benefit our students and our school.

Happy Easter everyone!



## BTPS Career Coordinator's Corner

**Career Fair at JR Robson:** In April, JR Robson will host a career fair in partnership with ELAA. Several post-secondary institutions will be represented, providing a great opportunity for students to explore their options. This event will take place on Tuesday, April 8th from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. Schools and families are welcome to join. Please register at the main office of Jr Robson upon arrival.

**Try a Trade:** On Wednesday, April 30th, 2025, the Lloydminster Construction Association will host the annual "Try a Trade" event at the Lloyd Exhibition Grounds from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. This event, aimed at Grade 10 students, will feature over 20 exhibitors, providing hands-on opportunities for students to explore trades. Schools will be bringing students to Lloydminster for this exciting event.

**Post-Secondary Tour at Lakeland College:** set for Monday, May 5th, there will be a post-secondary tour, focused on Grade 9, at our valued partner, Lakeland College (Lloydminster campus).

Vince Saretsky

## Interact Club Bake Sale



The Interact club raised a total of \$315 on the Purple Pinkie Bake Sale in March in support of polio eradication. Thank you to everyone who helped support the Interact club!



## Counsellor's Corner

March certainly came in like a lamb and went out like a lion. Let's hope the trend continues and April showers will bring May flowers.

For **Grade 10 students**, First Aid courses were offered last week. Upon successful completion of your course, you will receive a high school credit and possess a valid first aid certificate if needed for summer employment. Thank you to Shannon Leonard for teaching our students the ins and outs of first aid.

The **Annual Superintendent's Public Speaking Competition** will be held on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**, at J. R. Robson School from 9:30 to noon. Our school speak off is being held on Thursday, April 3, 2025. Parents are welcome to attend. This year we have: Sofia, Polet and Byron Teran Merchan, Lance Adams, Emma Boxell, Yanaisi Mechor, Penelope Donily, Sofia Myhovich, Asia Clark and Autumn Court participating. Thanks to Arena Abuzukar and Aminata Camara for assisting with the event. Thank you to our judge this year: Ramona Mathison, Doug Stewart, Paige Jaremco, and Raynette Schroeder. Public Speaking is not easy to do, so for those who give it a try, you are already winners. Good luck to all competitors.

For **Grade 9 students**, an information meeting will be held on **Parent Teacher Interview night April 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm**. During the meeting, Mrs. Hart will explain the criteria for the Alberta High School Diploma, graduation requirements, course sequencing and course offerings at J. R. Robson. Parents and students are asked to bring a chromebook to the meeting to complete the online registration.

**For Grade 12 students, Student Loan applications are found online starting in early May.** Use this link to access the website: <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/> You will require a valid Alberta Digital ID to access the online system. <https://account.alberta.ca/login> **The Alexander Rutherford applications are also available on this website. In order to receive funding you must apply at least one month prior to your attendance**

**at a post-secondary institution.** If you take a year or two off before attending post-secondary school, as long as you qualify, the funds are available to you, so make sure you apply. For information on how to apply, use this website: <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/>. Students who have created an Apply Alberta login are encouraged to use your **PRIVATE email address** as your school address will disappear after June 30. The same login, password and email will be used to apply for your Rutherford Scholarship and Student Loan site so use one that is familiar to you, hopefully you will remember the password.

For **Scholarship applications** - please check on our school website <https://jrrobson.btps.ca/> Choose MENU - STUDENTS -SCHOLARSHIPS to access all that we are aware of.

**Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) Scholarships** are also available through the Alberta Scholarship Program. More information on how to apply for these scholarships are available here: [https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/high\\_school\\_apprenticeship\\_scholarships/](https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/financial-assistance/scholarships/high_school_apprenticeship_scholarships/)

**Grade 10 and 11 Students:** Registration for the 2025-2026 school year should be completed. Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Polishuk, on behalf of Mrs. Scully, have sent links to student email accounts. Parents are asked to review their child's course selections and have the registration completed by March 27, so we can begin the timetable scheduling process. **Please remember the timetable is built around your course selections, so you will need to make your selections wisely.** Assume you will not be able to make any timetable changes once you select a class. If you or your parents have questions regarding registration, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Scully [kelly.scully@btps.ca](mailto:kelly.scully@btps.ca) or Mrs. Hart [monique.hart@btps.ca](mailto:monique.hart@btps.ca) via email or phone 780-853-4177 to ask questions.

**Grade 10 students will be participating in**

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## Counsellor's Corner Continued

**TRY-A-TRADE in Lloydminster on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 from 12:00 - 3:15.** Students will be receiving a permission slip when we return from Easter vacation. This is a good opportunity to see the trades in our local community and make connections with potential employers. (See poster on page 7 for details)

**For students enrolled in Work Experience, RAP or Green Certificate,** please continue to submit your hours, any midterm and final evaluations you may have to complete.

**Your VIBE coach, Ramona and your SEC coach, Amy** are here and willing to work with students at lunch time. Pop by and say hi! They always have something interesting to discuss or do.

Our badminton athletes will be wrapping up their season this month as well. We hope you have learned a lot and are ready for the challenges at tournaments. Good luck to you all.

Forward planning! On **May 5, 2025 grade 9 students** will be attending the Lloydminster Campus of Lakeland College to tour the college and learn more about Lakeland College course offerings. More details and permission forms will be sent home in April.

May you take time to recharge your batteries, get outside and have a good celebration with family and friends. Wishing your family a very Happy Easter!

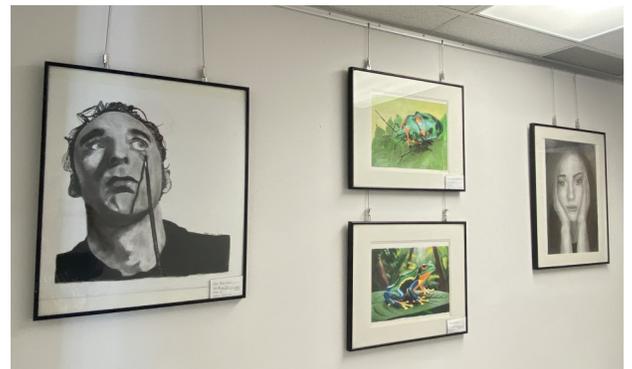


## Vermilion Public Library Sr. High Art Show

Please be sure to check out the J. R. Robson Senior High Art Show taking place at the Vermilion Public Library this month.

Image (right): artworks by Jade Delves (gr 10), Jillian Wilkinson (gr 10), Jade Delves (gr 10), Katie Sargeant (gr 11)

Image below: artworks by Maisa Mohamed (gr 11), Tyann Trach (11), Jillian Wilkinson (gr 10), Autumn Court (10), Asia Clark (10), Katie Sargeant (gr 11), Sofia Teran Merchan (gr 12)



# VIBE MENTAL HEALTH ART CONTEST

## CREATE ART ABOUT WHAT MENTAL HEALTH OR MENTAL ILLNESS MEANS TO YOU.

### WHO CAN ENTER?

Youth must attend a school or colony or come from the community of: Vermilion, Mannville, Innisfree, Marwayne, Clandonald, Dewberry, Kitscoty, Paradise Valley, School of Hope, Blessed Sacrament School, Blessed Sacrament Outreach or St. Thomas Aquinas School.

### HOW DO I ENTER?

- Create art about "What does Mental Health or Mental Illness mean to you?" (option's include paper, photography, canvas, sculpture, woodworking, discuss other mediums with VIBE)
- Submit your art entry with your name, grade and school to your VIBE Coach or school or Pat Calyniuk at J.R. Robson by April 17th, 2025.
- You can enter only one entry for competition and one additional piece can be entered but for display only.
- All art will be displayed at the Mental Health Art Gala on May 1st at the Vermilion Regional Center. All art will be returned after the Gala.
- All students who attend the gala will receive a fidget.

### PRIZES:

Grade 1-6: Top 10 will receive a prize  
 Grade 7-9: 1st \$200.00, 2nd \$100.00; 3rd \$50.00  
 Grade 10-12: 1st \$250.00; 2nd \$150.00; 3rd \$75.00  
 Grade 7-12: 4th to 10th place will receive a prize.

### PARTNERS:

Town of Vermilion FCSS, County of Vermilion River FCSS, Village of Marwayne FCSS, Village of Kitscoty FCSS, Mannville, Minburn Innisfree FCSS



FREE ART ACTIVITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD FOR ALL AGES

SENIOR'S ART DISPLAY

FREE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

THEME: MENTAL HEALTH AROUND THE WORLD ALL AGES WELCOME

VIBE MENTAL HEALTH CONTEST ART DISPLAYED

LAKELAND COLLEGE ETC EST STUDENTS WILL BE THERE. COME & MEET THEM

FREE DESSERT WITH CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN

INDOOR PLAYGROUND OPEN FOR FAMILIES TO TRY OUT

ENTER TO WIN FREE DOOR PRIZES

## 11TH YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH ART GALA

THURSDAY MAY 1ST, 2025  
 5:00-9:00 P.M.  
 VERMILION REGIONAL CENTRE  
 FREE COME & GO EVENT  
 CASUAL DRESS

PARTNERSHIP WITH:  
 VILLAGE OF KITSCOTY FCSS  
 VILLAGE OF MARWAYNE FCSS  
 COUNTY OF VERMILION FCSS  
 TOWN OF VERMILION FCSS  
 MANNVILLE MINBURN INNISFREE FCSS  
 WALKING THROUGH GRIEF

## VIBE'S LITTLE LIBRARIES 4 DAYS OF SPRING



APRIL 22ND TO APRIL 25TH

PLEASE ONLY TAKE ONE PER FAMILY OR CHILD.

TUESDAY: CHALK FOR KIDS

WEDNESDAY: BUBBLES FOR KIDS

THURSDAY: BOUNCY BALLS/FIDGETS FOR KIDS

FRIDAY: RUBBER DUCKS FOR KIDS

LOCATIONS: HERITAGE PARK AND BECKY SCOTT TRAIL ENTRANCE TO BRENNAN



AFTER THE WEEK LIBRARIES WILL BE FULL OF BOOKS FOR ADULTS, TEEN, AND CHILDREN TAKE A BOOK LEAVE A BOOK WILL BEGIN

## FREE FAMILY & PUBLIC SWIM

at Lakeland College Vermilion Aquatic Centre



Sponsored by Vermilion Wellness Coalition, Rotary Club of Vermilion, and Lakeland College



Sunday April 13th  
 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM

(Please note pool capacity for these events is 100 people.)



**Building strong relationships with neighbours benefits children:**

**Safety & Supervision** – A close-knit neighbourhood offers extra eyes to watch over kids, enhancing safety.  
**Social Skills Development** – Kids interact with different age groups, improving communication and empathy.  
**More Play Opportunities** – Living near friends encourages outdoor play, reducing screen time and promoting physical activity.  
**Positive Role Models & Support System** – Neighbours provide guidance and support, helping in emergencies when parents are unavailable.

**Neighbouring has many benefits for youth:**

**Sense of Belonging** – Strong neighbourhood connections reduce feelings of isolation and increase self-esteem.  
**Mentorship & Guidance** – Trusted adults can offer advice on school, career paths, and life choices.  
**Opportunities for Engagement** – events, sports, and volunteering build leadership skills.  
**Safer Environment** – A well-connected neighbourhood discourages negative influences and risky behaviour.  
**Emotional Support** – Knowing others care can reduce stress, anxiety, and improve mental well-being.

**Neighbouring benefits families by:**

**Shared Responsibilities** – help with childcare, school pickups, or looking after pets.  
**Stronger Support Network** – In times of need, neighbours can provide emotional or practical help.  
**Improved Well-being** – Socializing reduces stress and fosters belonging.  
**Community Events & Celebrations** – Gathering for events like holidays and barbecues strengthens relationships.  
**Safer & More Stable Environment** – Strong neighbourhood ties reduce crime and foster mutual respect.  
**Overall, neighbouring builds a resilient, caring community where everyone benefits.**

**Simple ways you can foster community:**

**Say Hello** – Greet neighbours and introduce your family.  
**Play Outside** – Encourage outdoor activities like biking, sports, or sidewalk chalk and invite kids to play, share toys, and build friendships. Youth could organize fun play for younger kids.  
**Join/start a community project** - a community garden, spring cleanup, block garage sale, or book exchange.  
**Host Gatherings** – Organize block parties, potlucks, or game nights to bring neighbours together.  
**Be Helpful** – Babysit, lend tools, or assist with small projects.

**MORE RESOURCES**

For more great ideas, visit:

<https://activateyourneighbourhood.ca/>

<https://www.lifeschoolhouse.com/>



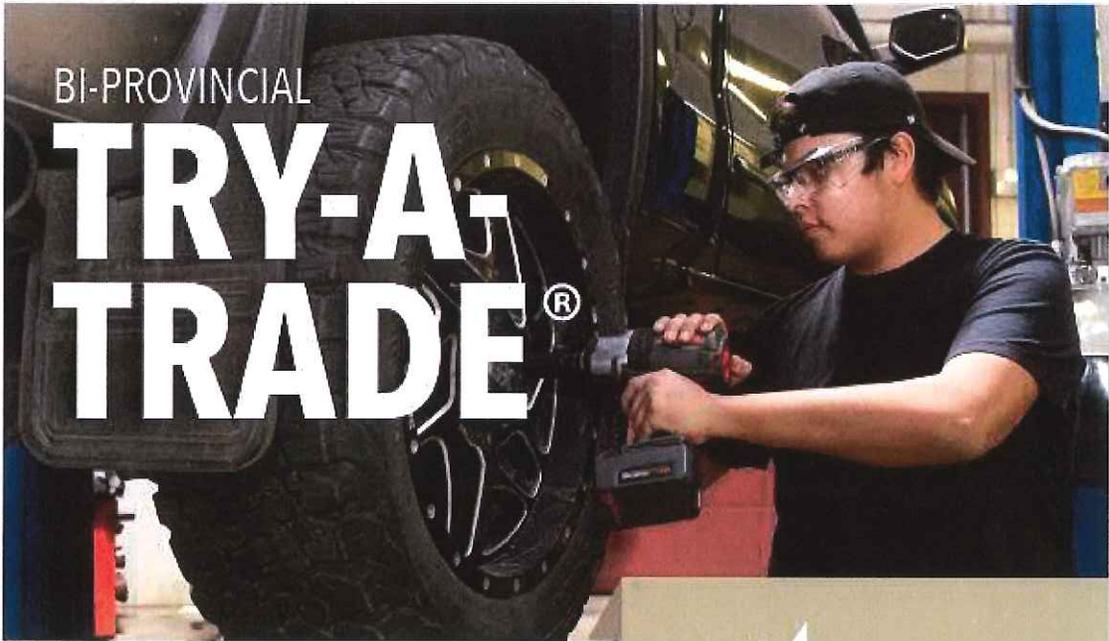
Information on mental health, community supports, programs and services in your area:



Addiction Services Help Line  
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line  
1-877-303-2642





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# TRY-A-TRADE®

## DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES IN TRADES, TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY, AND MORE!

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025**  
**9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

LLOYDMINSTER EXHIBITION GROUNDS  
CULLIGAN BUILDING • EVERYONE WELCOME



Lakeland  
COLLEGE

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ENERGY



SEE SOME OF  
THE TRADES IN  
ACTION



CHAT WITH TRADES  
PEOPLE TO DISCOVER  
HOW THEY STARTED  
THEIR CAREERS



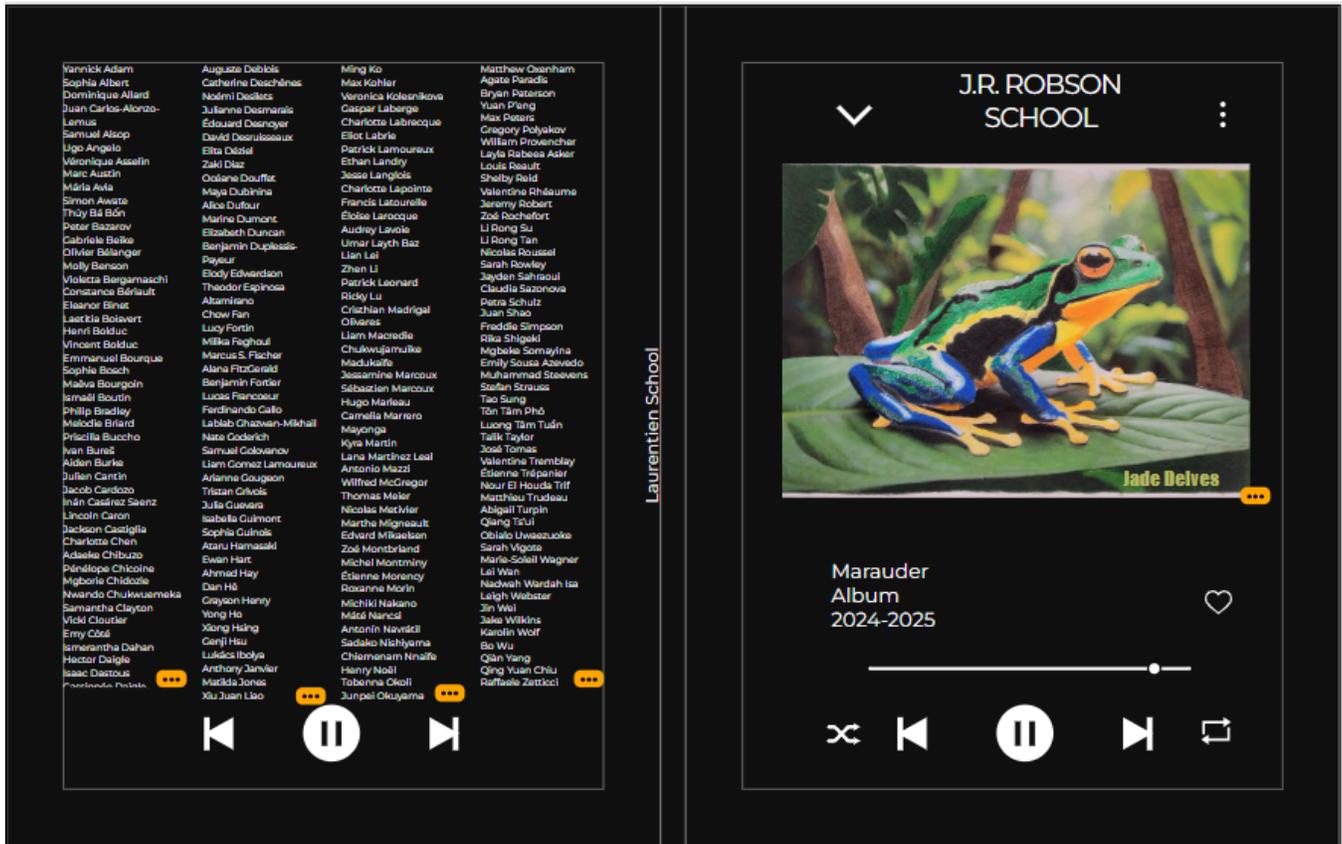
MEET WITH  
PROSPECTIVE  
EMPLOYERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE LLOYDMINSTER CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION:

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# 2024-2025 Yearbook Order Form

Get your version of our school yearbook today!



Complete the order form below and return it with payment to the office. Make sure to keep the receipt as proof of payment. Delivery date for the yearbook is November 2025.



Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address (if you require delivery) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Yearbook Cost: \$42.00 x Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ = Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Payments can be made to the office by cash or cheques payable to J. R. Robson School

# ORDER FORM

\$39



## 12" PATIO PLANTER

An upgraded blend of our top performers set to thrive in full sun. It's the ticket to springtime paradise right in your own space! *Mixes vary.*

\$39



## 12" HANGING BASKET

Say hello to our latest flower mixes! These hanging baskets are perfect for sunny spots, blooming with color & trailing plants. *Mixes vary.*

\$28



## 11" STRAWBERRY BASKET

Enjoy the treat of fresh, homegrown strawberries all summer. Blossoms in white or pink, these everbearing varieties are beautiful & delicious!



\$46



## 2G PATIO ROSE

Floribunda roses in 2-gallon patio pots with bamboo arches are bred to bloom year after year. Potential colors range from light pink to red.

\$40



## 10-PK GERANIUMS

These easy-to-grow bedding plants available in red, white, or pink, stay resilient again pesky intruders like deer & rabbits. 10x 4" pots.

\$40



## 10-PK PETUNIAS

Elevate your gardens and baskets with the popular, cascading Wave Petunias, available in purple, white, or pink. Don't miss out! 10x 4" pots.

\$33



## 10-PK MARIGOLDS

Orange marigolds promise more than just a pop of color - they're also great companions for various veggies. 10x 4" pots.

\$40

**NEW!**



## INDOOR FOLIAGE TRIO

Welcome the cascade of a trailing Pothos, the vibrant pop of color from a Tradescantia, & the elegant stature of a Dieffenbachia! Display beautifully in 3x 6" deco pots.

*Duplicates/Substitutes may occur.*

\$37



## 10-PK HERBS

An assortment of our finest herbs! Varieties may include: Basil (Sweet & Thai), Thyme, Chives (Onion & Garlic), Mint (Mojito & Peppermint), Oregano, Parsley, & Rosemary.

*Duplicates/Substitutes may occur.*

\$37



## 10-PK VEGGIES

Savor the goodness of having homegrown veggies in your garden! Varieties may include: Romaine, Kale, Cucumber, Squash, Zucchini, Tomatoes (x4) and Peppers (x2).

*Duplicates/Substitutes may occur.*

Online orders can be placed until Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Collection days for paper orders will be April 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see order form attached.

Flowers will be delivered to us May 12<sup>th</sup>. Pickup will be May 13<sup>th</sup> (with the possibility of May 12<sup>th</sup> depending on the time delivery occurs).

**J.R. ROBSON**



NON GMO FRIENDLY POT

### Please keep in mind:

Baskets and planters are grown in a variety of mixes, plants/colors/pots will vary from photos.

Herb and Veggie packs may contain duplicates and substitutions.

10-packs are sold as one item, and cannot be mixed/matched. Specific colors cannot be selected for the roses.



