



# École Birds Hill School

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## Week at a Glance

Dec 8th - 12th

Monday, December 8th - <b>DAY 1</b>	Loom Club @ 12:15 pm (Grade 3-5) Grade 5 Volleyball Club @ 12:15pm
Tuesday, December 9th - <b>DAY 2</b>	Grade 4 Volleyball Club @ 12:15pm
Wednesday, December 10th - <b>DAY 3</b>	Grade 4 & 5 - Volleyball Tournament w/ Dr. Hamilton @ ÉBHS
Thursday, December 11th - <b>DAY 4</b>	
Friday, December 12th - <b>DAY 5</b>	Last Day for Winnipeg Harvest Collections

## Stay on Track

- Please call or email school office with **ALL** student pick ups by 3:40pm if possible. Our phone number is 204-663-7669 | Email: bh@retsd.mb.ca
- When dropping off & signing in students for a late arrival, students will head to class independently once approved by office staff.
- All visitors **MUST** report to the office, prior to checking in with students or staff
- It's getting cold out! Please make sure to pack warm clothes for your student as they will be going outside for recess! Mitts, hats, ski pants, boots & winter jackets are a must!
- Please have items that are being sent to school labelled with your students name.
- Please send an extra set of clothes in your students backpack. Our fields can get very wet & accidents happen!
- Staff arrive at various hours in the morning. Please do not park in the staff parking lot when dropping off for school.
- Students **CANNOT** be dropped off prior to 9:10am as that is when our supervisors arrive
- We are a completely nut free facility. Please be mindful not to pack any products with nuts in student lunches

# Important Dates

**Friday, December 19th**  
**Early Dismissal @ 2:55pm**

**Monday, December 22nd-  
Friday, January 2nd**  
**Winter Break**

**Monday, January 5th**  
**Classes Resume**

**Monday, January 19th**  
**Lunch Program Meeting**  
6:00pm - 6:30pm in EBHS Library  
**PAC Meeting**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm in EBHS Library

**Wednesday, January 28th &  
Thursday, January 29th**  
**Grades 1-5 Winter Concert**  
**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

## Important Links

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[RETSD PowerSchool Guide](#)

[Parent Portal for Guardians](#)

## School Calendars

[2025-2026 Divisional Calendar](#)

[Kindergarten Even-Day \(Caterpillars\)](#)

[Kindergarten Odd-Day \(Ladybugs\)](#)

## SHOPPING CART CHALLENGE



**WE NEED  
YOUR  
HELP!**

THE KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1 STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP! WE ARE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR HARVEST MANITOBA. THE GOAL IS TO FILL UP 2 SHOPPING CARTS THAT ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>. ONCE OUR SCHOOL FILLS 2 SHOPPING CARTS, WE WILL CELEBRATE BY HAVING A SCHOOL WIDE PJ DAY!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SINCERELY,  
THE GRADE 1 & KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

**HARVEST**

## École Birds Hill School Lunch Program - Committee

The École Bird's Hill School Lunch Program (ÉBHSLP) provides a safe and positive environment for students over the lunch break, where parents and guardians may choose to have their children supervised. We are currently looking for Full-Time Lunch Supervisors who are available Monday to Friday. We need caring and reliable individuals to supervise students during lunch—both outdoors and while they're eating in their classrooms.

**Hours: 12:05 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. Wage: \$19.75 per shift**

Successful applicants will need to complete a Child Abuse Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check.

The ÉBHSLP Committee is also looking for parent/guardian volunteers to help oversee the business side of the program. If you're interested in applying or learning more, please email

[bhslunchprogram@outlook.com](mailto:bhslunchprogram@outlook.com).

**The next committee meeting will be held on January 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.**

# NEWS FROM YOUR PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 19th  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. IN THE ÉBHS Library.**

Our PAC plays a big role in supporting the ÉBHS community! We help plan and/or fund school events like Hot Lunches, special holiday celebrations, and the Grade 5 Farewell. We also host staff appreciation events, purchase much-needed classroom equipment, and support playground improvements. Plus, during meetings, Mme. Cockriell shares the ÉBHS Principal Report so everyone can stay in the loop. **Can't make it to meetings but still want to be involved?** We'd love your help! Our Lunch Program and Playground Committees are looking for new members, and we're always happy to have volunteers for school activities and fundraisers.

## RETLife Winter 2026 - Open for Registration!

We're excited to share that RETLife has officially launched its full 2026 Winter Programming Schedule, and registration is now open!

There are more than 80 programs to choose from this season – including sports, science and technology, cooking, art, and so much more. There truly is something for every age and interest, and the best part is that all programs are offered close to home!

A few examples of classes available for kids include:

[Dancing Together: Parent and Child \(ages 3-5\)](#)

[Playful Performance \(ages 7 – 9\)](#)

[Indoor Soccer for Kids](#)

[Origami \(ages 8 and up\)](#)

[Cooking classes for kids and their families](#)

[Stay Safe](#)

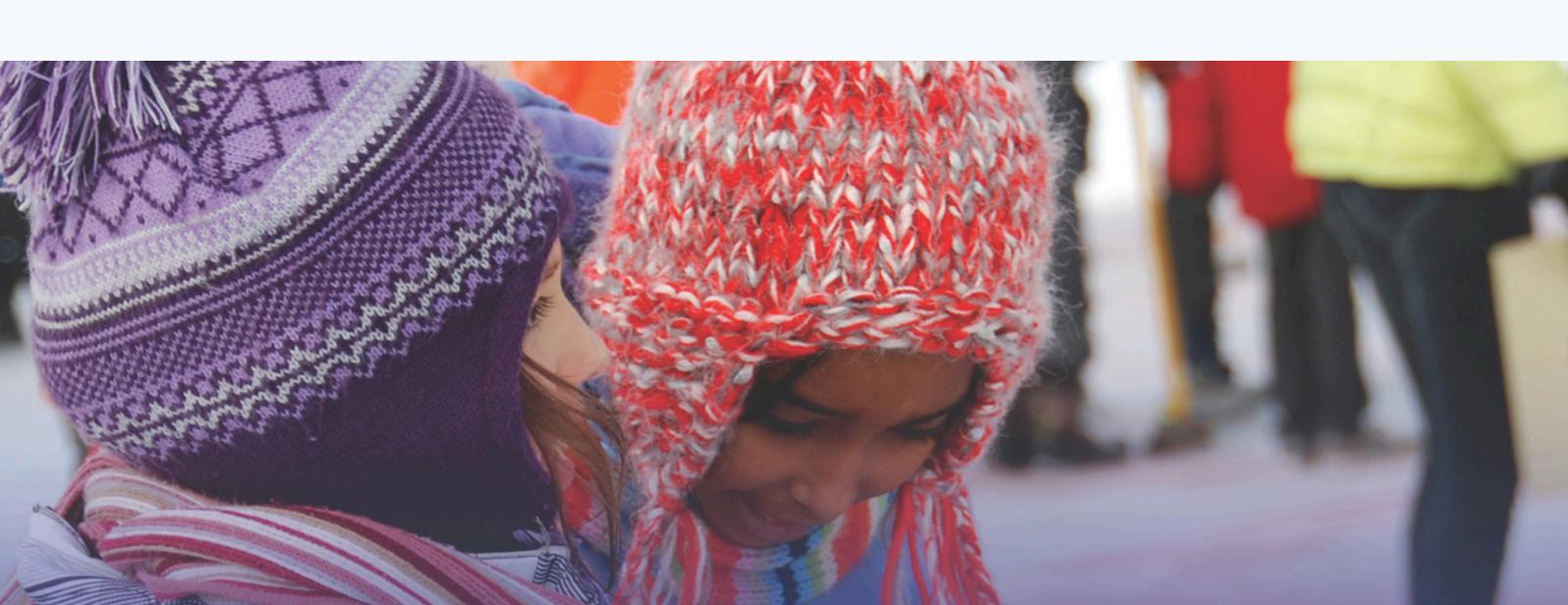
[Playground Games](#) (for kids who never have enough time at recess!)

[Gymnastics!](#)

And much more!

Take a peek at everything available by clicking **[HERE](#)**. Browse the full list of programs and register early – popular classes fill up quickly! Call or visit **[RETLife](#)** with any questions you may have - 204 667 6193.





# TIME TO BUNDLE UP!

## Cold Weather Guidelines

Sometimes, severe weather requires us to make changes to busing, safety patrolling, and outdoor recess to keep your children safe. All metro Winnipeg school divisions, including River East Transcona, use the temperature reading at The Forks as our guide.

### School Closures

Schools very rarely close due to winter weather.

### Winter Clothing

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

### Busing

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  (or colder), buses will be cancelled for the entire day, but schools usually remain open.

We'll post a cancellation alert on the RETSD website home page if buses are cancelled, and alert the media. If we haven't posted a cancellation alert by 7:15 a.m., buses are running.

### School Patrols

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-34^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it's  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $-39^{\circ}\text{C}$ , patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it's  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  and below, no patrols will be on duty.

### Recess

When the temperature or wind chill is between  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a shortened recess period may be warranted. When it's below  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ , recess is usually moved indoors.\* This is at the discretion of the principal. \*with the exception of Polar Bear Club Recess participants

### Polar Bear Club Recess

For schools taking part in Polar Bear Club Recess:

- Student participation is voluntary.
- Parental consent is required.
- Students who have consent can participate in all or none of the recess breaks.
- Students must be dressed appropriately in a warm tuque/hat, snow pants, face covering, warm insulated jacket, mittens, and snow boots.
- Students can go back inside at any time.
- Staff supervision will be provided.

 **All students will remain inside when the temperature or wind chill is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below. If you have any questions that haven't been addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.**