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Week at a Glance

Jan 5th-9th

Monday, January 5th - DAY 5	Classes Resume!
Tuesday, January 6th - DAY 6	
Wednesday, January 7th - DAY 1	
Thursday, January 8th - DAY 2	Pancake Lunch (For Even Kindergarten Students)
Friday, January 9th - DAY 3	Pancake Lunch for ALL STUDENTS

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!
- 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

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

Friday, January 30th
Co-ordinated Day - NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 2nd
Co-ordinated Day - NO SCHOOL

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 \(Ladybugs\)](#)

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

from the entire staff at EBHS



Pancake Lunch



**EVENKINDERGARTENSTUDENTS - THURSDAY JANUARY 8TH
ALL STUDENTS - FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH**

Hot Lunch is Back!

We're excited to kick off hot lunch for the new year with Nuburger on January 26! Be sure to place your order through Munchalunch by Sunday, January 11 (yes, it's a Sunday – but luckily it's all online!).

- Go to MunchaLunch.com/schools/birdshill

Important Info:

- Questions or ordering help: BirdsHillPAC@outlook.com
- If your child is away on lunch day, you may pick up their meal, otherwise it will be donated.
- No refunds (PAC fundraiser). Funds support our playground, classrooms, and school needs.

A special thanks to our parent community and volunteers for making this program possible!

Stay tuned... more delicious hot lunch options will be coming your way soon!

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!)

[Gymtastics!](#)

And much more!



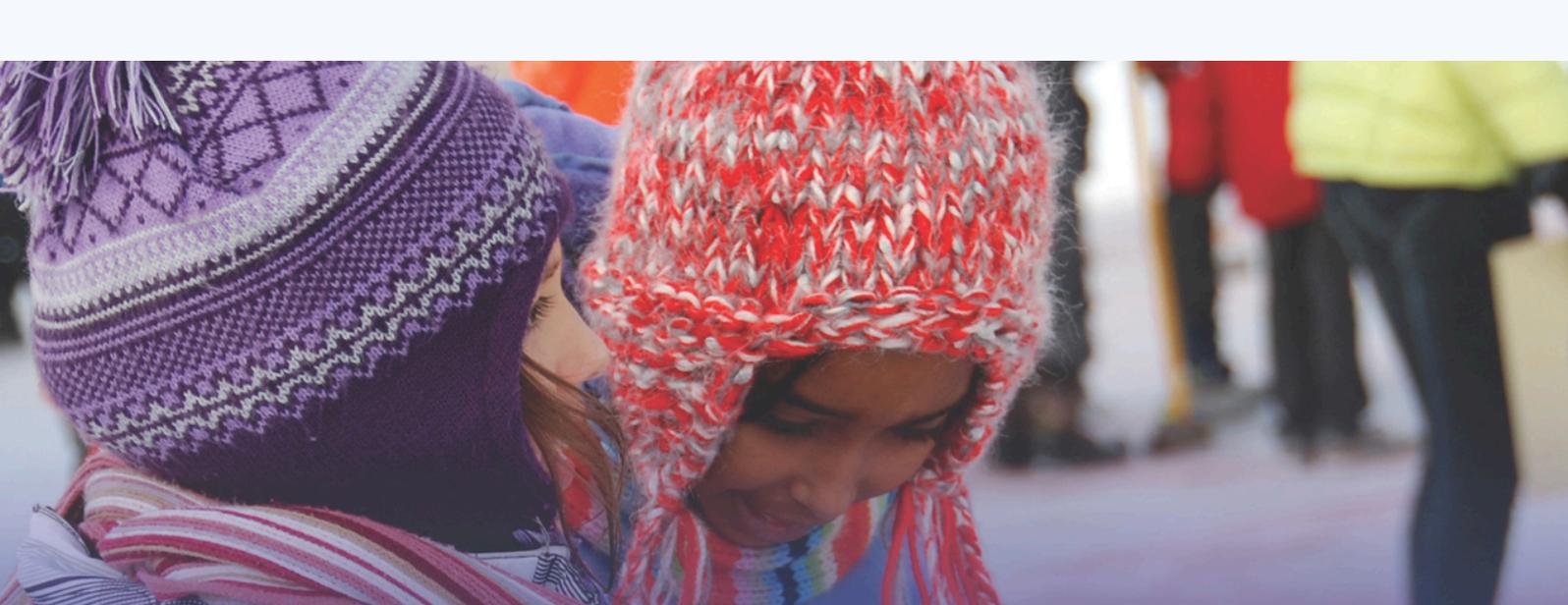
Take a peek at everything available by clicking [HERE](#). Browse the full list of programs and register early – popular classes fill up quickly! Call or visit [RETLife](#) with any questions you may have - 204 667 6193.

From the RM of East St. Paul

The poster is titled "Winter WORKSHOPS" in a white, cursive font for "Winter" and a bold, white, sans-serif font for "WORKSHOPS". Below the title, it states "Registration closes December 18th" in white text on a blue background. The workshops are listed in a grid of blue boxes with white text:

December 22	December 23	
Engineering for Kids 10am-12pm	Breakdancing 10am-11:30am Graffiti Art 1pm-2:30pm	
December 29	December 30	January 2
Holiday Cookie Decorating 1pm-3pm	Adaptive Art Adventure 10am-12pm	Nerf Party 1pm-3pm

At the bottom, it says "Visit eaststpaul.com to register" in white text on a blue background.



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°C and -34°C , warm winter clothing is essential, and facial protection is recommended. When it's below -34°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°C and -45°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°C and -34°C , patrols will remain on post for 10 minutes. When it's -35°C to -39°C , patrols will remain on post for five minutes. When it's -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's below -27°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°C or below. If you have any questions that haven't been addressed by these guidelines, please contact your child's school.**