



École Birds Hill School

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Week at a Glance

Jan 19th-23rd

Monday, January 19th - DAY 3	Puzzle Club - Grade 1 & 2 @ Lunch Recess (12:35-1:15) MYRCA Meeting - Grade 4 & 5 @ 12:55pm Lunch Program Meeting - 6:00-6:30pm Parent Council Meeting - 6:30-7:30pm
Tuesday, January 20th - DAY 4	Makerspace - Grade 4 @ Lunch (12:15-12:55pm)
Wednesday, January 21st - DAY 5	Puzzle Club - Grade 3 & 4 @ Lunch Recess (12:15-12:55) MYRCA Meeting - Grade 4 & 5 @ 12:55pm
Thursday, January 22nd - DAY 6	Makerspace - Grade 5 @ Lunch (12:15-12:55pm)
Friday, January 23rd - DAY 1	Puzzle Club - Grade 5 @ Lunch Recess (12:15-12:55) MYRCA Meeting - Grade 4 & 5 @ 12:55pm

Stay on Track

- Please be mindful to leave enough space (~6m) around the bus loop entrance and exit on the south side of the building so buses can safely enter and exit.
- 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
- 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 19th Lunch Program Meeting

6:00pm - 6:30pm in ÉBHS Library
PAC Meeting
6:30pm - 7:30pm in ÉBHS Library

Monday, January 26th NuBurger Hot Lunch

ORDER DEADLINE AS PASSED.

Wednesday, January 28th
Thursday, January 29th
Grade 1-5 Winter Concert

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_\(Ladybugs\)](#)

Ready...Set...Snow! Grade 1-5 Winter Concert

We're thrilled to announce that preparations are in full swing for our winter concert, "Ready, Set, Snow!" This lively, musical event will showcase the talents of École Birds Hill School grade 1-5 students. We can't wait for you to join us as we feature the hard work and enthusiasm your children bring to the stage!

❄️ **Breaking News from the Bulldogs Storm Watch Team:**

There's a SNOW ALERT in the forecast! Along with special reporters, Jack and Jill Frost, we will celebrate our favourite wintertime activities with some toe-tappin' tunes! 🎵

❄️ **Performance Dates:**

Wednesday, January 28th Matinee at 2:00pm-3:00pm and 6:30pm-7:30pm

Performing classes: - 1 Henry/Walters, 1/2 Perrier, 2 Diachun, 2/3 Harling, 3 Smeaton, 4/5 Freund, 4/5 Nevakshonoff

Thursday, January 29th Matinee at 2:00pm-3:00pm and 6:30-7:30pm

Performing Classes: 1 Labelle, 1/2 Bard, 3/4 Morais, 3/4 Schellenberg, 4/5 Lapage, 4/5 Vanderhooft/Oleksiw

❄️ **Tickets :**

No tickets will be required at the matinee performance.

TWO tickets will be given to each student for the evening performance.

Children that can sit on the lap of a family member can attend without a ticket.

**If you will not be needing your evening tickets,
please let our office know so we can redistribute them!**

Thank you for your support and commitment as we prepare for a memorable concert! We look forward to creating a wonderful musical experience with you and your family.

Hot Lunch is Back!

Reminder: The first Hot Lunch of 2026 will be Nuburger on January 26th!
The deadline for January 26th Hot Lunch as now passed.
Go to MunchaLunch.com/schools/birdshill to place any future orders!



2026 HOT LUNCH DATES:

- Tuesday, February 17th (ODD) - Shelly's Bistro (Order Deadline: Thursday, February 12th)
- Thursday, March 12th (EVEN) - Boston Pizza (Order Deadline: Sunday, March 7th)
- Thursday, April 9th (ODD) - Pita Pit (Order Deadline: Wednesday, April 1st)
- Friday, April 24th (EVEN) - Booster Juice (Order Deadline: Monday, April 13th)
- Friday, May 8th (EVEN) - McDonalds (not up on MunchaLunch yet!)
- Friday, May 22nd (ODD) - Booster Juice (Order Deadline: May 11th)

You are able to order multiple lunches at the same time, or you can order them one at a time!

Important Info:

- Any questions in regard to Hot Lunches or if you need help ordering:
BirdsHillPAC@outlook.com
- If your child is away on lunch day, you're welcome to pick up their meal; otherwise, it will be donated.
- Please note that all orders are non-refundable, as this is a PAC fundraiser supporting our playground, classrooms, and other school needs.

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

Happy New Year from RETLife!

RETLife still has spaces available in several of its Winter classes, but space is selling quickly!

Some of RETLife's Winter Programming for kids includes:

Creating a Vision Board for 2026 for Kids

Babysitting

Cooking Classes

Dance Classes

NOTE WORTHY Choral Singing Classes

Scholarship Planning (and how starting early can help!)

Crochet a Hat for Kids

Drama Classes

Kids Can Draw

And much more!!



Visit RETLife for more information and to register!



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.**