



École Birds Hill School

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Week at a Glance

Nov 10th-14th

Monday, November 10th - DAY 6	ÉBHS PD DAY - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 11th	Remembrance Day - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, November 12th - DAY 1	Vision & Hearing Screening - Grades K, 1, 3 & 5 Volleyball Club - Grade 4 @ 12:15pm
Thursday, November 13th - DAY 2	Vision & Hearing Screening - Grades K, 1, 3 & 5 Volleyball Club - Grade 5 @ 12:15pm
Friday, November 14th - DAY 3	Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza Volleyball Club - Grade 4 @ 12:15pm Lizard Keychain Club

Stay on Track

- Please call or email school office with **ALL** student pick ups by 3:40pm if possible
- All visitors **MUST** report to the office, prior to checking in with students or staff
- Reminder to call or email ALL absences. Our phone number is 204-663-7669 | Email: bh@retsd.mb.ca
- Please have students leave all toys/personal items at home.
- Please send cutlery with students in their lunches.
- With temperature changes & rain, our fields can get very wet. Please send an extra set of clothes in your students backpack
- 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
- Pick up location is at the back of the school for all students
- We are a completely nut free facility. Please be mindful not to pack any products with nuts in student lunches
- Students **DO NOT** have access to microwave. Please pack lunches accordingly.
- Reminder, as **head lice** can occur throughout the year, we encourage you to check your child's head regularly. If you should discover your child has head lice, click here for a [**Head Lice Fact Sheet**](#) from the Manitoba Health website. It provides information about head lice, how to detect it, and how it can be treated.

Important Dates

Monday, November 10th
School Administration Day
NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 14th
Boston Pizza Hot Lunch
ORDER DEADLINE: Nov. 9th

Monday - November 17th
Fall Fundraising Pick Ups
3:30–6:30 p.m

Tuesday, November 11th
Remembrance Day
NO SCHOOL

Monday - November 17th
Lunch Program Meeting
6:00pm - 6:30pm in EBHS Library

November 20th
Report Cards Published

November 12th & 13th
Vision & Hearing Screening

PAC Meeting
6:30pm - 7:30pm in EBHS Library

December 19th
Early Dismissal



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 \(Ladybugs\)](#)

EBHS Clothing Sale - Extended

Our school clothing sale is in full swing, and we've got amazing gear for students, staff, and families! Whether you're after a cozy hoodie to stay warm this fall, a comfy t-shirt for gym days, or fresh spirit wear to rock on Fridays — we've got you covered!

Even better — good news! The clothing sale has been extended to November 14th! 🎉

All items are available in youth and adult sizes, so everyone in the family can join in on the Birds Hill pride. Orders must be placed online — don't miss your chance to snag your favourites before the deadline!

👉 Click [HERE](#) to order!

🧦 Socktober Success! 🧦

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Socktober drive! Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we collected an incredible **2,611 pairs of socks** for those in need. Every pair will help bring warmth and comfort to someone in our community this season. We couldn't have done it without you—thank you for making a difference!

Verification Forms

This year, we are excited to introduce some changes for school start-up. In the past, students would bring home a paper copy of the data verification form to ensure all student and contact information was up to date. This year, the forms are available digitally through the Parent Portal.

Guidance for using the Parent Portal, as well as specific help for filling out digital forms, can be found on our divisional website under Parents & Students > PowerSchool Parent Portal, or by clicking this link:

[RETSD PowerSchool Guide Parent Portal for Guardians](#)

Please contact our school office if you need additional support or require a paper copy of the form.

The deadline to complete this form has now passed, and we are still missing some submissions. It is very important that all families complete this form immediately to ensure we have accurate and up-to-date information for your child.

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.

The next committee meeting will be held on November 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library.

École Birds Hill School Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch orders will now be placed online through MunchaLunch.com! Payment options include Visa/Mastercard, debit-credit, Google Pay, Apple Pay, or prepaid cards.

How to Register:

1. Go to MunchaLunch.com/schools/birdshill
2. Click Register Here and follow the prompts
3. Add your children, then click Order Lunch!
4. For future orders, use Login Here

Upcoming Lunch Dates:

- **Nov 14 (Odd) – Boston Pizza (ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOV 9TH)**

Paper copies are available in the office if needed.

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!

NEWS FROM YOUR PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 17th

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. IN THE ÉBHS Library

★ NEW MEMBERS NEEDED ★

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.

A huge thank you to all the parents who participated in our opt-out and fall fundraisers! Your generosity helps us continue to support our students and staff as we head into another great year with both new and returning families. **Just a friendly reminder that fundraising pick-up will take place on Monday, November 17 from 3:30–6:30 p.m., before the PAC meeting.**

Interested in being a part of the Playground Committee?

There will be a meeting immediately after the PAC meeting on November 17th from 7:30-8:30pm in the ÉBHS library



Parent Portal Password Reset Update

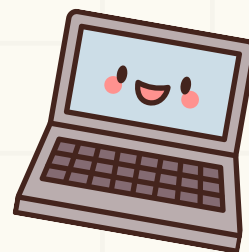
The Parent Portal password reset button is functioning again. Reminder to use PowerSchool website DO NOT use PowerSchool App. To reset your password, follow these steps:

1. Click the Forgot Username or Password link
2. Enter in Username (email address) and Email Address (enter in twice)
3. Click the Enter button

*After this step you will see a pop-up screen that say Forgot Password Email Sent. The email should be received within 5-10 minutes. It will include a link that can be clicked which will bring you to a website where you can create a new password.

New password MUST:

- Be at least 17 characters long
- Contain at least one uppercase and one lower case letter
- Contain at least one letter and one number
- Contain at least one special character
- Not be a well-known password



Personal Devices Guidelines

This is a reminder of the cell phone guidelines established by the Manitoba Government. These guidelines refer to any personal devices that can be used to connect to the internet (e.g., smartwatches, tablets, cell phones, laptops).

As a reminder:

- Schools with Kindergarten to Grade 8 students are personal electronic device-free zones.
- Students in Grades 9-12 are able to use their personal electronic devices for instructional purposes in class when directed by a teacher, and during breaks and lunch.
- Staff model responsible personal electronic device use for students by thoughtfully limiting personal electronic device use in the learning environment to school-related matters.

Manitoba Education and Training has published Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the Cell Phone Guidelines. The link can be found [here](#).

Teaching and learning about being a responsible digital citizen continue in all grades and classes. Our schools have access to a variety of technology that supports students in being creators, designers, and critical thinkers.

As partners in your children's education, the conversations that you have at home are crucial in that teaching and learning. Here are some resources that may be helpful:

- [MediaSmarts: Helping Kids Get a Healthy Start with Phones](#)
- [MediaSmarts: Helping Young Kids Get a Healthy Start with Devices](#)
- [RETSD TV Healthy Cellphone Use](#)