



École Birds Hill School

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Week at a Glance

Nov 3rd-7th

Monday, November 3rd - DAY 1	Loom Club - Grade 3-5 @12:15
Tuesday, November 4th - DAY 2	
Wednesday, November 5th - DAY 3	
Thursday, November 6th - DAY 4	Volleyball Club - Grade 5 @ 12:15
Friday, November 7th - DAY 5	Volleyball Club - Grade 4 @ 12:15 Lizard Keychain Club - Grade 3 @ 12:15

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
- Reminder to pack cutlery for student 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

Tuesday, November 11th
Remembrance Day
NO SCHOOL

November 12th & 13th
Vision & Hearing Screening



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

Monday - November 17th
Lunch Program Meeting
6:00pm - 6:30pm in EBHS Library
PAC Meeting
6:30pm - 7:30pm in EBHS Library



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 HALLOWEEN FROM THE EBHS TEAM! 🐾

No tricks, just treats! Our staff went all-in on this year's theme, transforming into 101 Dalmatians, with our very own Cruella de Vil (Mme. Cockriell) leading the way! The creativity and laughter made for a memorable day at EBHS, filled with smiles, school spirit, and a whole lot of spots. It's always wonderful to see our school community come together for a bit of fun — we hope everyone has a howling good Halloween!



EBHS Clothing Sale

It's time to show your Birds Hill spirit! Our school clothing sale is now open, and we've got awesome gear for students, staff, and families. Whether you're looking for a cozy hoodie to keep you warm this fall, a comfy t-shirt for gym days, or some new spirit wear to wear on Fridays — we've got you covered!

All items are available in youth and adult sizes, so everyone in the family can join in on the Birds Hill pride. All orders have to be placed online. **TODAY (October 31st) IS THE LAST DAY** the site will be open and available to shop! Click [HERE](#) to order.

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 ★

WHAT WE DO:

- Assist with planning and /or provide funding for school events (Hot lunches/special holiday celebrations/Grade 5 Farewell
- Host staff appreciation events
- Assist with purchasing of much needed equipment in classrooms
- Playground improvements
- Be in the know.... Mme. Cockriell shares ÉBHS Principal Report

Can't attend meetings but still want to help?

- Subcommittees NEED new members – Lunch Program, Playground Committee
- Volunteers for school activities & fundraisers

PAC Fall Fundraising

The École Birds Hill PAC is excited to kick off our fall fundraising! All proceeds from our fundraising efforts stay within our school and support classroom resources, staff appreciation, and our playground renewal project - creating a safe, modern and fun space for our kids to play. Information on our fall fundraising has been sent home in your child's backpack. Extra copies are available at the office if needed.

Families can support in two ways:

1. Opt-Out Donation: Prefer to skip product sales and fundraising? Make a direct donation to the school (suggested \$100, but any amount is appreciated!). Donations over \$25 qualify for a charitable tax receipt. Forms and cheques payable to RETSD.

· Bothwell Cheese, Harrison's Coffee, Big Box Greeting Cards fundraising options are now CLOSED

Thank you for your continued support in making École Birds Hill a vibrant and engaging place to learn and play. If you have any questions, please reach out to BirdsHillPAC@outlook.com.

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

We're excited to announce that 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 (order by Nov 9)

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!

Note for past Sun Valley families: Please transfer your MunchaLunch account to Birds Hill under the "My Family" tab.

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.

Parent Portal Password Reset Update

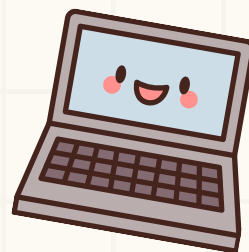
The Parent Portal password reset button is functioning again. Reminder to use PowerSchool website DO NOT use PowerSchool App. To reset your password, follow these steps:

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](#)

RETLife

[RETLife](#) is pleased to announce that our online registration for programs in Fall 2025 is open! We have more than 70 programs listed for you to enjoy, so please take some time to look at what is available - whether it is a classic or something new, we're sure that you'll find something for you and your friends and family to enjoy!

Some exciting options available for kids, youth, and families include:

- Burrowing Owls: The Conservation of an Endangered Species
- Drama Classes for Kids
- Choral Singing
- Hip Hop Dance Classes
- Ball Hockey for Kids
- Indoor Soccer for Kids
- Volleyball for Kids
- Basketball for Kids
- Parent and Child Cooking Classes
- Babysitting Classes
- Scholarship Planning for Parents
- Martial Arts classes
- Art Classes
- Mother and Daughter Yoga
- and much more!

Visit retlife.ca today to register for your favourites and keep checking the website for updates or new classes for Fall and Winter!