



École Birds Hill School

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Week at a Glance

Oct 13th-17th

Monday, October 13th	Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 14th - DAY 5	Hot Lunch Paper Orders DUE
Wednesday, October 15th - DAY 6	
Thursday, October 16th - DAY 1	Flag Football Tournament @ Kildonan East
Friday, October 17th - DAY 2	Hot Lunch (Chicken Chef)

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

Kindergarten - Grade 2 students will eat from 12:15-12:35pm then play until 1:15pm

Grade 3 - 5 students will play from 12:15-12:55pm then eat until 1:15pm

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.

Reminder of our school hours:

*Supervisors are in the back field starting at 9:10am. Students CANNOT be dropped off prior to this time.

9:25am - 12:15pm - morning classes

12:15pm - 1:15pm - LUNCH

1:15pm - 3:55pm - afternoon classes

3:55 - walking/pick up bell | 4:00pm - bus student bell

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.



Important Dates

Friday, October 17th

Chicken Chef Hot Lunch

ONLINE ORDER DEADLINE: Oct 12th

PAPER COPY DEADLINE: Oct 14th

Monday - October 20th

Lunch Program Meeting

6:00pm - 6:30pm in ÉBHS Library

PAC Meeting

6:30pm - 7:30pm in ÉBHS Library

October 23rd

Fall Celebration of Learning

5:30PM-7:30PM

October 24th

Co-ordinated Day

NO SCHOOL

October 29th (Afternoon)

October 30th (Morning)

Picture Retakes

Tuesday, November 11th

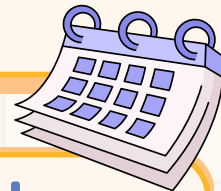
Remembrance Day

NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 14th

Boston Pizza Hot Lunch

ORDER DEADLINE: Nov. 9th



Important Links

[2025-26 ÉBHS Kindergarten](#)

[Lunch Program Registration](#)

[2025-26 ÉBHS Gr. 1 – 5 Lunch](#)

[Program Registration](#)

[PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)

[RETSD PowerSchool Guide](#)

[Parent Portal for Guardians](#)



School Calendars

[2025-2026 Divisional Calendar](#)

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

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

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 many 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

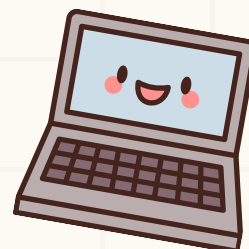
The Parent Portal password reset button is functioning again. Reminder to use PowerSchool website DO NOT use PowerSchool App. To reset your password, follow these steps:

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



ÉBHS 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 and the site will be open and available to shop until October 31st! Click [HERE](#) to order.

Conference Manager - Fall Celebration of Learning

We're excited to let you know that École Birds Hill School will be using the SchoolSoft Conference Manager for booking parent-teacher conferences online.

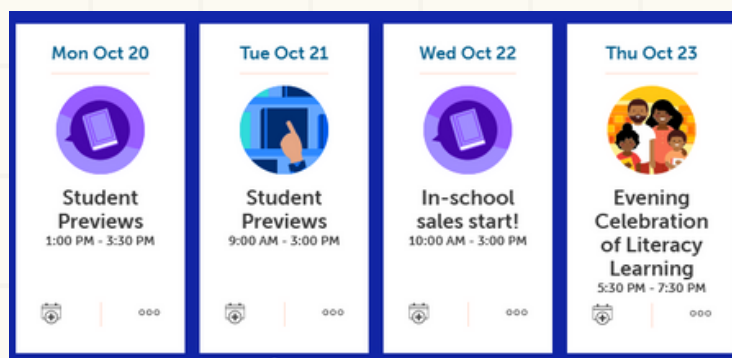
The system will be open for bookings starting on October 15th and will be open until October 22nd

You can log in here: <https://retsd.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf>.

- If you've used SchoolSoft before at Sun Valley, you'll need to log in, go to your profile, and switch your school from Sun Valley to Birds Hill.
- Forgot your password? No problem—you can reset it right from the site.
- Booking is quick and easy from your phone too! Click [HERE](#) to learn how.

We're looking forward to connecting with you soon!

We are also having a Book Fair and you are all invited to check it out during our Celebration of Literacy Learning evening! Please click [HERE](#) for more info!



NEWS FROM YOUR PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 20th
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

École Birds Hill School Lunch Program - Committee

The École Birds Hill School Lunch Program (ÉBHSLP) is dedicated to providing our students with a positive environment of respect, responsibility and safety, where parents/ guardians may choose to have their children supervised over the lunch break.

To keep the ÉBHSLP running smoothly, the École Birds Hill School Lunch Program Committee (ÉBHSLPC) is **NEEDING** more parent/guardian volunteers to join the committee to oversee the business side of the ÉBHSLP.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the school office at 204-663-7669 or email the committee at bhslunchprogram@outlook.com. Our next meeting is October 20th at 6pm in the school library



Bird's Hill School Lunch Program
is looking for
Full Time Supervisors!

The BHS Lunch Program is looking for lunch supervisors who are available Monday to Friday. We need caring, reliable individuals to watch over the students during their lunch period. This includes both the outdoor lunch recess and while they're eating in their classroom.

The hours are from 12:05 pm to 1:20 pm and the wage is \$19.75 per shift. Once hired, you will need to complete a Child Abuse Check and a Vulnerable Sector Check.

If you would like more information or would like to apply for the job, please email bhslunchprogram@outlook.com and a member of the committee will respond to you.

Thank you!

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:

- **Oct 17 (Even) – Chicken Chef Wraps - ONLINE ORDERS DUE OCT 12TH & PAPER ORDERS DUE OCT 14TH**
- **Nov 14 (Odd) – Boston Pizza (order by Nov 9)**

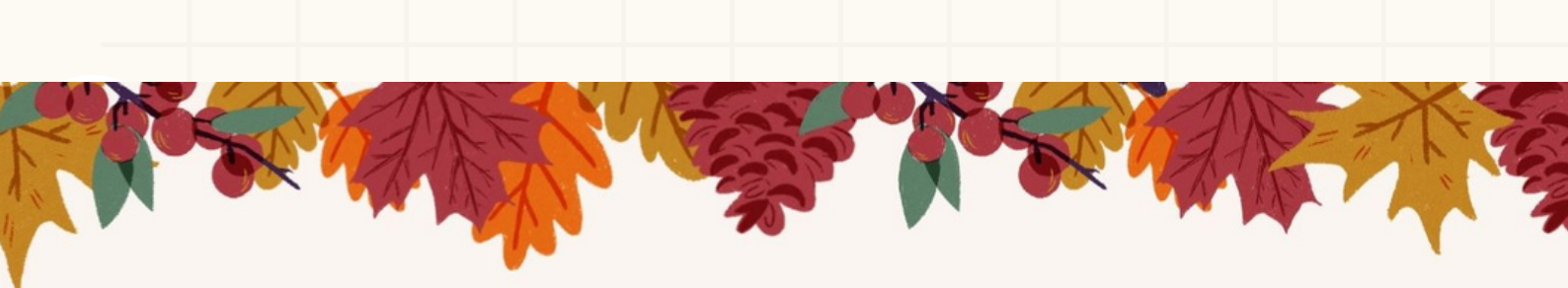
Paper copies are available in the office if needed.

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.



"Socktober"

Bring the socks, share the warmth!

This October, École Birds Hill School is coming together to make a difference through Socktober! We are asking families who are interested in participating to send in new sock donations that will be given to Siloam Mission in Winnipeg to support people in need. To make it even more exciting, each classroom will compete to see who can collect the most socks by the end of the month. The class that brings in the most will win a pizza party!

Let's work together as a school community to spread kindness, keep feet warm, and fill those donation boxes. Every pair of socks counts!



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!



Parenting for Prevention

How to Talk with Your Early/Middle
Years Youth About Substance Use

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

5–6:30 p.m.

Chief Peguis Middle School

1400 Rothesay St.

Dinner and childcare
will be provided.

**Registration deadline:
October 19, 2025**

To register, please call
204.661.4200, ext. 2508,
or scan the QR code.



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