



ÉCOLE BIRDS HILL SCHOOL

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Oct 27th-31st

Monday, October 27th - DAY 2	
Tuesday, October 28th - DAY 3	
Wednesday, October 29th - DAY 4	Picture Retakes - Afternoon
Thursday, October 30th - DAY 5	Picture Retakes - Morning
Friday, October 31st - DAY 6	 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

All students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume to school on October 31st!

Please be mindful of the following:

- *Costumes should allow for free and comfortable movement at school*
- *No one's culture or identity should be used as a costume*
- *Avoid weapons and masks that cover the whole face*
- *"Accessories" can be left in classrooms so that they do not get lost during the day*



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 17th
Lunch Program Meeting

6:00pm - 6:30pm in ÉBHS Library

PAC Meeting

6:30pm - 7:30pm in ÉBHS Library

Friday, October 24th
Co-ordinated Day
NO SCHOOL

October 29th (Afternoon)

October 30th (Morning)
Picture Retakes

Monday, November 10th
School Administration Day
NO SCHOOL

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 \(Ladybugs\)](#)

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.

SOCK-TOBER

We have had an amazing turnout for Socktober so far! This upcoming week will be the last week for your child to bring in socks! Ms. Henry & Ms. Walters' class is in first place so far with a whopping 396 pairs of socks!! Will another class be able to beat them? Remember, the class who brings in the most pairs earns a pizza party!! Happy Socktober.

LOST & FOUND

Great job everyone! Our Lost & Found is looking better, but there is still lots of belongings that have been left behind. Please take a look at the photo to see if any of them belong to your child & maybe make a pit stop during our Celebration of Learning to see what you can find! We can't wait to see these items make their way back home!



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 will be due Thursday, October 30, 2025.
2. Product Fundraisers: Choose from our fundraisers that are perfect for gifts or to enjoy yourself!

Forms and cheques will be due Thursday, October 30.

- Bothwell Cheese
- Harrison's Coffee
- Big Box Greeting Cards
- Mabel's Labels (all year round)



Important dates:

- All completed forms are due back to the school: Thursday, October 30 at 9:30 am
- Product pick up at the school: Monday, November 17 from 3:30-6:30 (we will text to remind you the day before)

Payment options:

- Cheque is preferred, though cash is accepted

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 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 November 17th 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:

- **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 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



LAST CHANCE! PICTURE DAY ORDERING REMINDER

Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures ENJOY 10% OFF your order!

CODE: F25100FF EXPIRES: July 31, 2026

[Redeem Now](#)



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!