



Happy New Year from all of us at Botha School. We hope that your Holidays were restful and time well spent with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas concert and who contributed to our bake sale, as well as those that donated food to the Food Bank. While I probably shouldn't be surprised at this point, I am always impressed with the generosity of the community.

Looking forward to the month of January, we are getting set to take the students skating. Please see the attached schedule. As always, we are very appreciative of any volunteers who can come to tie skates or go on the ice with the kids. At the end of January, we will hold the first of our annual ski days. This year, in an effort to ensure that the hill isn't too busy, ski day is booked for the 26th, a Thursday. Parents are always welcome to be a part of this day as well. It really is one of my favourite days of the year; seeing the younger students start out the morning being a bit apprehensive and then having no fear by days end.

By the end of this month, parents of students in Grades 4-6 should be receiving some mail from the Department of Education. This is the yearly accountability pillars survey. We would appreciate your response to this survey as this is one of our main ways to get your feedback. If you would think it's helpful, our education plan, as well as a lot of other information about plans and what we have been working on, can be found on our website. We really do hear, and value your feedback on this survey and design our plans around your responses.

Finally, just a reminder that we will be using the Remind app to update you important dates and notices. If you would like to begin to receive updates please text: **@bothas to 587-413-0147**. You should then receive a confirmation message, you can then add that number to your contacts, if you like. Again, we are doing our best to make sure that our website is updated and a good resources for parents who would like to access it. Finally, if you are a twitter user, you can follow @mikeflieger. I use my twitter only for school purposes and post updates about what activities that our students are engaged in.

Have a great January,

M. Flieger

JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Hot Lunch	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Hot Lunch	12	13	14
15	16 Skating	17	18 HotLunch Skating	19	20 Skating	21
22	23 Skating	24	25 Hot Lunch Skating	26 SKI DAY (form coming home soon)	27	28
29	30 Skating	31				

Hot Lunch Menu

January 11-Chicken Casserole

January 18-Chili

January 25-Sweet and Sour Meatballs



SKATING SCHEDULE

TIME	MONDAY January 16, 23, 30	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY January 18, 25	THURSDAY	FRIDAY January 20, 27
11:45 - 12:30	Grade 5/6		Grade 5/6		ECS GRADE 1/2
12:30-1:20	ECS GRADE 1/2		ECS GRADE 1/2		Grade 3/4
1:50-2:35 (note the time change, not the same as the bell)	Grade 3/4		Grade 3/4		Grade 5/6

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