

## Green Acres Skating Program 2026

We are excited to partner with the Green Acres Community Centre to offer our Green Acres Students the opportunity to learn and practice ice skating skills. Weather permitting students will skate **January 26<sup>th</sup>** to **January 29<sup>th</sup>** as part of an extended Phys. Ed. class to hone their skills on the ice. We are also planning to skate Fridays until the end of February. Those bonus dates are **Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**, **Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**, **Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**, and **February 27<sup>th</sup>**.

### ***Equipment and Attire***

Proper fitted skates and CSA approved helmets are a requirement to be out on the ice surface with the group and students should bring their own gear if they have it, please let your classroom teacher know if this is the case. If you do not have skates or a helmet, this equipment will be provided by the school. Please don't go out and buy skates just for the skating program. It is also important for the safety of the students that they wear proper outdoor attire. Dress in thin layers to be able to regulate temperature better. Bring mitts or gloves, neck warmers and a toque. Please try not sending a toque with large pom poms, etc. as they can be hard to fit under helmets. Wearing a sweater with a hood is an excellent way to keep your ears warm under your helmet. Also, tall socks will help protect students from blisters, cuts, or cold snow on the ankles. Check the weather forecast and dress for the elements. If it is colder than -27 degrees, we will have indoor PE classes. A tote bag or reusable grocery bag large enough for your student's equipment back and forth from the skate shack is useful and helps keep the classroom tidy while storing the skates and gear.

### ***Volunteering and Donations***

We would greatly appreciate having volunteers helping tie skates and supervise an hour or two any day of the program. If interested, let your child's classroom teacher know. At this time only volunteers who have registered at the office with criminal records checks, child abuse registry and respect in school completed will be able to help with students in the shack. Additionally, snow clearing is a great way to help as it can be very time-consuming, but the Community Centre appreciates all the help it can get with that. Finally, if you find that your student's equipment no longer fits and you would like to get it out of the shed, we gladly accept donations of skating equipment and will put it to good use for years to come. Also as mentioned before, any reusable tote bags that you can spare will also be put to good use.

If you have any further questions or would like to get onto the school's volunteer list, feel free to contact me at [mcleod.john@bsd.ca](mailto:mcleod.john@bsd.ca) or call my office, (204) 729-4846.