



# *The Black River Bear Weekly*



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## Think Pink...

This week, on **Wednesday, February 26th**, our school joined along with schools across Canada in celebrating [Pink Shirt Day](#). Pink Shirt Day provides schools with an opportunity to raise awareness on the topic of bullying. Of all the issues we deal with as a school, bullying is one of the most volatile and delicate. The reasons for this can be rhymed off by most of us, parents educators and students- bullying in all forms causes real and lasting harm and impacts both children and their families.

Bullying is an issue in schools- just as bullying is an issue in our society. Schools are just a microcosm of our communities; with one important difference, of course. Unlike our communities, in schools our children mingle and co-exist in close proximity, grouped by age with adult supervision that is different than they experience in their families and homes. It is in our public schools that our children receive their earliest impressions of what the 'real world' is all about; the struggles, joys, despair, triumph, cruelty, justice and injustice- all played out on a daily basis in our classrooms, hallways and school yard.

We all have, as a goal, the elimination of bullying. But this goal is both complex and demanding- and achieving it will require that we have lots of caring adults who make empathy and inclusion the focus of our schools and teach effective conflict resolution. Bullying can be seen as an example of the absence of empathy- the cold, hard application of 'me first' and the individuals involved (the aggressor and the target) are both harmed by the acts of bullying. We know that to effectively address bullying we need to help children understand their feelings, words and actions and the impact they have on others.

Learning how to respect differences and be kind to others is a big part of the work that we do with our students, not just on Pink Shirt Day but every day.

*Brian Harrison & Christine Smith*

## The Week Ahead...

Mon. March 2nd	Day 3	Gr. 8 VIP Mr. Sub Lunch School Council Meeting @ 5:30
Tues. March 3rd	Day 4	
Wed. March 4th	Day 5	Booster Juice
Thurs. March 5th	Day 1	Pizza Lunch
Fri. Feb. March 6th	Day 2	

## Quick Hits...

**Pizza Lunch Make Up Days...**We have adjusted our pizza lunch schedule as a result of the recent interruptions to our regular pizza lunch dates. Any previous or future missed dates will be added to the schedule at the end of the current round of pizza lunches.

**Budget Consultation Process for Parents/Guardians and Community Members...**Between March 25 and March 31, York Region District School is inviting parents, guardians and community members to participate in its annual budget consultation process. The Board values parent input and encourages you to attend a consultation session. These sessions provide the Board with valuable information about how the community would like to see the school board budget allocated to better support student achievement and well-being. The results will be used to inform the 2020-21 school year budget allocation. The consultation will be held on **Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in the library at Sutton District High School starting at 6:30 pm.**

## Council Corner...

**Council Updates and information...**Our next school council meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 2nd @ 5:30** in the staff room, parents and new members are always welcome and child minding is provided. Please follow our [Black River School Council Facebook Page](#) for current information on what we are planning and what is happening in the school or; contact us at [blackriverschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:blackriverschoolcouncil@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to get involved!

# March @ Black River Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <a href="#">Lunch Orders</a> due	<b>2</b> Day 3 Gr. 8 VIP Mr. Sub Lunch School Council @ 5:30	<b>3</b> Day 4	<b>4</b> Day 5 Booster Juice	<b>5</b> Day 1 Pizza Lunch	<b>6</b> Day 2	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <a href="#">Lunch Orders</a> due	<b>9</b> Day 3 Pita Lunch	<b>10</b> Day 4	<b>11</b> Day 5 Community Class IPRC Graduate Photos	<b>12</b> Day 1 Pizza Lunch	<b>13</b> Day 2	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>March Break</b>	<b>17</b> <b>March Break</b> St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> <b>March Break</b>	<b>19</b> <b>March Break</b>	<b>20</b> <b>March Break</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <a href="#">Lunch Orders</a> due	<b>23</b> Mr. Sub Lunch	<b>24</b> Day 4	<b>25</b> Day 5 Booster Juice YRDSB Budget Consultation- 6:30 @ Sutton High School	<b>26</b> Day 1 Pizza Lunch	<b>27</b> Day 2	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <a href="#">Lunch Orders</a> due	<b>30</b> Day 3 Pita Lunch	<b>31</b> Day 4	<b>April 1</b> Day 5	<b>April 2</b> Day 1 Pizza Lunch	<b>3</b> Day 2	<b>4</b>

Please remember to check our school [website](#) calendar for current updates and details on school events.