



# *The Black River Bear Weekly*



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## Spaces to Learn, Play & Grow...

Our staff are eager and proud to provide a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities for our students. If you walk the halls of the school over the lunch hour on a typical day you will see students practicing in the gym and various clubs and other activities. All of these activities are the result of the willingness of our staff to share their passions and volunteer their time to make a difference in the lives of our students beyond the classroom. Sometimes it's hard to tell who gets more out of these activities- the students who are participating or the adults who are leading them.

For those budding student athletes and artists we do a great job engaging them and keeping them busy through **inter-school** and **intra-mural sports** (cross country, volleyball, basketball and track & field, team handball and floor hockey) and arts performances and activities. For those students who are seeking a chance to lead beyond the classroom; our **Student Leadership Team** provides the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and passions to the benefit of all our students.

One of the areas we will continue to explore in our school plan is how we can better engage those students who may not have the inclination or confidence to participate in these traditional school activities. We know that there are students who; for a variety of reasons, are anxious about and struggle with the unstructured time that our breaks provide; not every kid looks forward to recess. It is with this in mind that we, as a group, have committed to explore creative and innovative ways to use our school resources to support and guide students who are looking for outlets to express and develop their interests and share their passions in safe and appropriate ways. Our staff volunteer their time to provide opportunities for students to play board games, use Lego and other materials and create arts and crafts. These activities have continued over the past few months and will go on as the school year, challenges and all, continues.

We appreciate the time and effort that our staff put into these important experiences!

*Brian Harrison & Christine Smith*

## The Week Ahead...

Mon. Jan. 20th	Day 5	Please refer to the <a href="#">YRDSB website</a> for updates and information on the teacher job action. <b>Mr. Sub Lunch</b> - will be rescheduled for <b>Tuesday, Jan. 21st</b> of strike action occurs.
Tues. Jan. 21st	Day 1	
Wed. Jan. 22nd	Day 2	<b>Booster Juice</b>
Thurs. Jan. 23rd	Day 3	<b>Pizza Lunch</b>
Fri. Jan. 24th	Day 4	

## Quick Hits...

**Monday Lunch & Booster Juice Orders...**Families are reminded that Lunch Box and Booster Juice orders will continue throughout the school year. Orders alternate between Mr. Sub and Pita Pit take place on Mondays; Booster Juice orders take place every other Wednesday. Orders need to be placed by noon Sunday for the following day. Please go to [www.lunchboxorders.com](http://www.lunchboxorders.com). Thank you for your support in Black River Public School's fundraising initiatives. ***Orders impacted by any school closures or inclement weather days will be rescheduled.***

**Our Bears Don't Hibernate in Winter...**Parents are reminded to ensure their children are dressed for the winter weather every day as we do make sure we get our students outside every day. In cases where cold temperatures are extreme we will modify or shorten outdoor time. Parents of students who are eligible for bus transportation are reminded to tune into local media outlets or check online at [School Bus City](#) to confirm bus service on inclement weather days.

## Council Corner...

**Council Updates and information...**Our next school council meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 3rd @ 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!

# January @ Black River Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 29	Dec. 30  Winter Break	Dec. 31 New Year's Eve  Winter Break	1 New Year's Day  Winter Break	2  Winter Break	3  Winter Break	4
5  <a href="#">Lunch Orders</a> due	6 Day 1 Epiphany (Christian) Classes Resume School Council @ 5:30	7 Day 2 Christmas (Eastern)	8 Day 3  Booster Juice	9 Day 4 Pizza Lunch	10 Day 5	11
12  <a href="#">Lunch Orders</a> due	13 Day 1 Pita Lunch	14 Day 2 Planetarium Presentations (K-Gr.7)	15 Day 3	16 Day 4 Pizza Lunch	17 PA Day Kindergarten Registration @ 9:00	18 Epiphany (Eastern)
19  <a href="#">Lunch Orders</a> due	20 Day 5 Mr. Sub Lunch	21 Day 1	22 Day 2  Booster Juice	23 Day 3 Pizza Lunch	24 Day 4	25 Lunar New Year
26  <a href="#">Lunch Orders</a> due	27 Day 5 Pita Lunch	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	31 PA Day	Feb. 1

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