



The Black River Bear Weekly



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Thinking About Special Education...

Later this month will have the opportunity to co-host the grade 8 to grade 9 IPRC meetings for our grade 8 students. This is an important part of the journey students make towards high school graduation, especially for our students with special education needs. Special education is a key area of focus; for the Ministry of Education, for our [board](#), for our school and most importantly; for our students and families. The [Ministry of Education](#) has specific categories related to special education identifications.

Here at Black River, **1 of every 4 students** has been formally identified with some form of special education need- that's over 60 kids. The majority of these students have been identified with some form of a learning disability; some have been placed on the autism spectrum, while the remaining children are identified either a physical or behavioral exceptionality- such as ADHD or anxiety.

Over the past 20 years there has been an impressive amount of brain research that has had a profound impact on how we program for students with exceptionalities. As a school we are working to incorporate this research into our practice. We provide a wide range of interventions and supports to students with special education needs. We provide teaching and environmental accommodations to address specific learning needs, we use assistive technology tools (like [Dreambox](#) and Google Read/Write) to help close gaps in learning and enable students to access the curriculum. We offer intervention programs (like Reading Recovery™ and our student support centres and community classes) to ensure that those students who have significant needs are given the intensive intervention they require. We believe that schools should be places where every child has the right to learn; regardless of how they learn or the challenges they face.

Brian Harrison & Christine Smith

The Week Ahead...

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| Mon. Feb. 3rd | Day 4 | Mr. Sub Lunch School Council Meeting @ 5:30 |
| Tues. Feb. 4th | Day 5 | |
| Wed. Feb. 5th | Day 1 | |
| Thurs. Feb. 6th | Day 2 | Pizza Lunch- <i>will be rescheduled for a later date if school is closed for any reason.</i> |
| Fri. Feb. 7th | Day 3 | |

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. 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.*

Moving?...We are in the early stages of planning for the 2020-21 school year. Please let us know if you are planning on moving out of our area. If you know of a family that will be moving into our area please encourage them to stop by or give us a call so we can account for them in our planning.

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 if you have any questions or would like to get involved!

February @ Black River Public School

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| January 26 | January 27 | January 28 | January 29 | January 30 | January 31 PA Day | 1 |
| 2 Lunch Orders due | 3 Day 4 Mr. Sub Lunch School Council @ 5:30 | 4 Day 5 | 5 Day 1 Booster Juice | 6 Day 2 Pizza Lunch | 7 Day 3 | 8 |
| 9 Lunch Orders due | 10 Day 4 Pita Lunch | 11 Day 5 | 12 Day 1 | 13 Day 2 Gr. 7-8 MADD Presentation Pizza Lunch | 14 Day 3 Transition IPRC | 15 |
| 16 Lunch Orders due | 17 Day 4 Mr. Sub Lunch | 18 Day 5 | 19 Day 1 Booster Juice | 20 Day 2 Pizza Lunch | 21 Day 3 | 22 |
| 23 Lunch Orders due | 24 Day 4 Pita Lunch | 25 Day 5 | 26 Day 1 | 27 Day 2 Pizza Lunch | 28 Day 3 | 29 |

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