



The Black River Bear Weekly



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Remembering & Connecting...

"I am soaked, to the skin. There's never been. A colder rain than this one I'm in" Gord Downie & Kevin Drew

An important part of the role that public schools play is helping children understand the important stories and traditions of their community, connect these stories to their daily lives and open their minds to the world as it is-and as it could be. The first two weeks of November provide an opportunity to experience a few important Canadian traditions and explore some stories from through new eyes and perspectives.

This coming Wednesday we will honour the contributions that our military personnel have made, both in the past and present, at our **Remembrance Day** observation. Our students have had the chance to learn about the importance of remembrance of the times of war and build their awareness of the contributions those who have served have made (and continue to make) here at home and around the world. Across the school students will participate in a moment of silence, the last post and in class acknowledgement of this important day. We wish to thank **Andrew Halstead** and his **grade 8 students** for the time and effort and leadership they put into organizing this year's event.

In addition, over the past week school across the YRDSB acknowledged [Treaties Recognition Week](#) in Ontario. Recognizing that the land we occupy has been the home to Indigenous peoples for thousands of years prior to European colonization is important. Equally important is helping our students make connections between the events and challenges of the past and how we can reconcile and redefine our Canadian society for the future.

Brian Harrison

The Week Ahead...

Monday, November 9th Day 4	Tuesday, November 10th Day 5	Wednesday, November 11th Day 1	Thursday, November 12th Day 2	Friday, November 13th PA Day
		Remembrance Day- students are encouraged to wear red and black	Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences: 4:00-7:00	No classes for students Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences: 9:00-12:00

Quick Hits...

Parent/Teacher Conferences...a reminder that families may book a conference time to discuss their child's progress through EDSBY. The booking system will be open until the end of the day on **Wednesday, Nov. 11th** and the conferences will be held next Thursday evening and the morning of our PA Day next Friday.

Progress Reports...Progress Reports will be shared with families *after parent teacher conferences* on **November 19th and 20th**. As was the case last June, the reports will be shared with families using our secure, electronic document sharing system. Please make sure you (or your child) is aware of how to access their YRDSB GAPPs email account- your child's teacher will be able to help with this information if required.

Transportation & Inclement Weather...with the arrival of winter weather on the horizon, families are reminded to monitor local media outlines , [School Bus City](#) and/or the board's Twitter feed, [@YRDSB](#), for up to date information on inclement weather and the impact it may have on bus transportation.

Virtual Ukulele Club...with the support of our Black River School Council we have struck up a partnership with Connors Music in Keswick to provide ukulele lessons as part of our virtual ukulele club. The lessons will be offered remotely, during the lunch break, using video conferencing software with no cost to students. An initial 6-week long session will be offered to our grade 4-8 students (a limit of 20 students) with a second 6 week session offered to our gr. 1-3 students later in the school year. A letter with a line to the Ukulele Club Registration Survey will be emailed to families next week. Spaces will be offered to the first 20 applicants and the school will provide a loaner ukulele to those students who are unable to purchase their own instrument.

November @ Black River Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7
8	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 1 Remembrance Day- Students are encouraged to wear red and black	12 Day 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences- 4:00-7:30	13 PA Day Parent/Teacher Conferences- 9:00-12:00	14
15	16 Day 3 BRPS Class of 2020 Virtual Graduation	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21
22	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28
29	30 Day 3	Dec. 1 Day 4	Dec. 2 Day 5	Dec. 3 Day 1	Dec. 4 Day 2	Dec. 5

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