



The Black River Bear Weekly



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Remembering & Connecting...

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 Monday we will honour the contributions that our military personnel have made, both in the past and present, at our **Remembrance Day** observation. Our students and community members will welcome honoured guests from the **Royal Canadian Legion**; to learn about the importance of remembrance of the times of war and provide our students with the chance to ask questions and build their awareness of the contributions our military men and women make here at home and around the world. Students will participate in a moment of silence, the last post and lay a wreath of poppies to honour the fallen. We wish to thank **Andrew Halstead** and his **grade 8 students** for the time and effort and leadership they put into organizing this important event.

In addition, over the past week our classes learned about and 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. As part of the learning, we welcomed storyteller **Gail Johnston** from our partners on **Georgina Island** on Friday morning to work with our grade 1 to 5 students and share the rich oral traditions of our treaty partners and connect these traditions with the world we live in today.

Brian Harrison & Christine Smith

The Week Ahead...

Mon. Nov. 11th Day 2	Remembrance Day Service- 10:45 (families and guests are welcome)
Tues. Nov. 12th Day 3	
Wed. Nov. 13th Day 4	Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Sutton District High School Booster Juice
Thurs. Nov. 14th Day 5	Pizza Lunch Parent/Teacher Interviews- 4:00-7:30
Fri. Nov. 15th PA Day	No classes for students. Parent/Teacher Interviews- 9:00-11:30

Quick Hits...

Parent Teacher Conferences...In conjunction with the sharing of progress reports on **November 13th**, we will be hosting **Parent/Teacher Interviews** on the night of **November 14th** and morning of the **November 15th PA day**. Once again this year we'll be using the **EDSBY** application to schedule the interviews; streamlining the scheduling process for parents. Parents who have activated their EDSBY accounts are now able to access the **Parent Interview booking tool**- they will just need to click on the link and make their selections. Parents who do not have active accounts are asked to contact their child's teacher(s) to schedule an appointment.

Council Corner...

School Lunchbox Orders...Our School Council has partnered with www.lunchboxorders.com as part of its ongoing fundraising plan. For every lunch or Booster Juice order placed a contribution will be made in support of school programs and enhancements. Lunchbox Orders is paperless and cashless. Ordering online is fast and easy and orders may be placed weekly or in advance, for the full length of the program

Council Updates and information...Parents are invited to join our **Black River School Council**. Council members work together to support student learning and wellness, host events and enhance our school program. The council meets the **first Monday of the month** (our next meeting is **Monday, Dec. 2nd at 5:30**). Please follow our [Black River School Council Facebook Page](#) for more information on what we are planning and what is happening in the school.

November @ Black River Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Booster Juice orders due @ 12:00 on Lunch Box Orders	Oct. 28 Day 2	Oct. 29 Day 3	Oct. 30 Day 4 Booster Juice	Oct. 31 Day 5 Pizza Lunch	1 Day 1	2
3	4 Day 2 Photo Retakes Gr. 7 VIP School Council @ 5:30	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5 Pizza Lunch	8 Day 1	9
10 Booster Juice orders due @ 12:00 on Lunch Box Orders	11 Day 2 Remembrance Day Service @ 11:00	12 Day 3	13 Day 4 Intermediate Girls Volleyball @ SDHS Booster Juice	14 Day 5 Pizza Lunch Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:30	15 PA Day Parent/Teacher Interviews 9:00-11:30	16
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3	21 Day 4 Pizza Lunch	22 Day 5	23
24 Diwali Booster Juice orders due @ 12:00 on Lunch Box Orders	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 3 Booster Juice	28 Day 4 Pizza Lunch	29 Day 5	30

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