



The Black River Bear Weekly



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Hello October...

The rush and excitement of the first month of school is behind us and we have settled into the school year. Routines are in place in our classrooms and across the school and our clubs, teams and activities are up and running- perfect timing for a little break over the Thanksgiving long weekend. A break that has only been made sweeter by the amazing autumn weather we have enjoyed this week!

This week I finally had the chance to join our gr. 6/7 class on one of their outdoor learning experiences out on the forest trail system across from the school. We played a rousing game of Predator/Prey in the stunning October sunshine. Some of our parents are fully aware of the focus we have placed on outdoor learning for all students this year but many may not be aware (and may be wondering what the source of all the muddy shoes and pant cuffs on their children is).

This year we have made a collective commitment to increase the opportunities for our students to learn in an outdoor setting. We know that research says that when children participate in regular outdoor learning experiences it has a positive impact on their physical, emotional and academic growth and development. We also want to take advantage of the beautiful mixed woodland that borders our school property and the large open spaces that on school property. With that in mind, staff members have set out learning spaces and walking trails of varying distances and, along with their students, are serving as learning guides for our younger students to engage in outdoor learning. We are excited about the opportunities that our outdoor learning will offer through the fall, winter, spring and into next June (and apologize for the mud).

On behalf of our staff we would like to wish all our students and families a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving long weekend- see you Tuesday!

Brian Harrison & Christine Smith

The Week Ahead...

Mon. Oct. 14th Thanksgiving Day	Happy Thanksgiving!
Tues. Oct. 15th Day 4	We Scare Hunger Fall Food Drive begins
Wed. Sept. Oct. 16th Day 5	Booster Juice
Thurs. Oct. 17th Day 1	Pizza Lunch
Fri. Oct. 18th Day 2	A reminder that next Monday, October 21st is a PA Day with no classes for students.

Quick Hits...

We Scare Hunger...Our Black River Student Leadership Team and school community are working together to launch our annual **We Scare Hunger Halloween Food Drive** beginning **Tuesday, October 15th..** As in the past; students may bring in shelf stable food items to donate to the **Georgina Food Pantry.**

Terry Fox Run...The sun shone perfectly for our annual Terry Fox Run on September 29. Students and staff took Terry the rest of the way around Canada sporting "I'm running for..." stickers to honour those affected by cancer. Sweaty and smiling, Black River students raised almost \$300 for the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. Each year, students are chosen to wear one of the Terry Fox Run collectible t-shirts on loan from **Mr. Ken Hackenbrook**, former counsellor and active community member. Mr. Hackenbrook has let us borrow his banners, flags and shared his irreplaceable collection of newspaper clippings from Terry's journey through over thirty years of Runs. This is Ken's last year supporting the Run in this manner, so we thank him for his dedication.

Council Corner...

Halloween Dance-a-thon...Our Black River School Council has selected a Halloween theme for our annual Dance-a-thon on Wednesday, October 30th. Pledge envelopes were sent home today with students and are due back to the school by Friday, October 25th. The council raises funds to support and subsidize school initiatives and programs (school technology, field trips, equipment...). Parents who are interested in volunteering to support this event can contact the office.

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, Nov. 4th 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.

October @ Black River Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	30 Day 4 Rosh Hashanah Orange Shirt Day	1 Day 4	2 Day 1 Area Cross County Gr. 7 Immunizations Booster Juice	3 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	4 Day 3	5
6	7 Day 4 School Council @ 5:30	8 Day 5 School Photo Day	9 Day 1 iWalk Day Yom Kippur	10 Day 2 Pizza Lunch MacLeod/Stevens Ste. Marie Trip	11 Day 3	12
13 Booster Juice orders due @ 12:00 on Lunch Box Orders	14 Thanksgiving Day	15 Day 4	16 Day 5 Booster Juice	17 Day 1 Pizza Lunch	18 Day 2	19
20	21 PA Day	22 Day 3	23 Day 4 FDK Pumpkin Patch trip Regional Cross Country	24 Day 5 Pizza Lunch	25 Day 1	26
27 Diwali	28 Day 2	29 Day 3 ASD Class Dr. Seuss Experience trip	30 Day 4 Booster Juice Halloween Dance-a-thon Fundraiser	31 Day 5 Halloween Pizza Lunch	Nov. 1 Day 1	Nov. 2

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

