



## *The Black River Bear Weekly*



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### **Halloween Happenings...**

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of October- with the month of November beginning next Friday! Though we have enjoyed an action packed first two months of the school year; with great weather and lots of outdoor and indoor learning opportunities; the next few weeks will bring some events and activities that are part of the lifeblood of our school community and are the source of great anticipation for our students and staff!

Next week we have a range of classroom and school-wide events that are associated with Halloween. **Andrew Halstead** and his grade 8 students have planned a school wide **Jack-o-Lantern decorating contest** for all of our classes to participate in- we appreciate the **Marshall family** and our friends at the **Keswick Zehrs** for the generous donation of the pumpkins for this contest. In addition, our **Student Leadership team** is wrapping up our annual **We Scare Hunger** food drive and our homeroom teachers have planned classroom based celebrations for Halloween day. We remind parents that we have children as young as three years old in our school and expect that any costumes that are worn at school will not portray characters that are too violent, frightening or have replica weapons. We also respect the cultural practices of all our families and wish to note that these considerations will be included as decisions are made about classroom celebrations.

The highlight of the week will be our **School Council** sponsored **Halloween Dance-a-thon Fundraiser**, students are encouraged to dress in Halloween orange and black for an afternoon filled with dancing and glow sticks for all (and the chance to claim a dance-a-thon door prize). Please make sure pledge envelopes are returned promptly- funds raised by this event are used to support our students and families and enhance the learning experience for all our students.

With November on the horizon we look ahead to our Remembrance Day assembly and the completion and sharing of student Progress Reports and parent-teacher conferences; more information about these events will be shared next week.

Brian Harrison & Christine Smith

## The Week Ahead...

Mon. Oct. 28th Day 2	
Tues. Oct. 29th Day 3	<b>Dr. Seuss Experience Trip</b> - ASD Classes
Wed. Sept. Oct. 30th Day 4	<b>Halloween Dance-a-thon</b> - Kindergarten-Gr. 3 @ 2:00 Gr.4-Gr.8 @ 2:50 - students are encouraged to wear orange & black <b>Booster Juice</b>
Thurs. Oct. 31st Day 5	<b>Pizza Lunch</b>
Fri. Nov. 1st Day 1	<b>Pajama Day</b>

## Quick Hits...

**Service Dog...**We are writing to inform you that we are in the process of approving the use of a service dog to assist one of our students. This dog is a highly trained working dog for the student and is able to assist in many of the routine activities which may pose some challenges for the student. The service dog will help the student by increasing their independence in our school. There will be information sessions at the school to integrate the service dog/animal into our daily routines and all our students will be instructed as to the proper procedure regarding the dog/animal. They will be informed that the service dog/animal is a working dog and not a pet while at school. Therefore, students will not pet or play with the dog/animal. We look forward to the service dog increasing the independence of the student. Thank you for your understanding and support. Should you wish further information or would like to speak about the possible entry of a service dog into the school setting, please do not hesitate to contact either [brian.harrison@yrdsb.ca](mailto:brian.harrison@yrdsb.ca) or [christine.smith@yrdsb.ca](mailto:christine.smith@yrdsb.ca).

## Council Corner...

**Halloween Dance-a-thon...**Our Black River School Council **Dance-a-thon** is next **Wednesday, October 30th!** Please make sure that all outstanding pledge forms are returned to the school as soon as possible and students wear orange and black that day.

**Booster Juice...**Orders for this Wednesday's delivery are due @ 12:00 online at [Lunch Box Orders](#)

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

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