



## The Black River Bear Weekly



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### School Reorganization update...

We knew that this school year would present many challenges as we made the adjustment to the Ministry of Education Covid-19 Reopening directions, worked to establish the virtual school program and make the school-based classroom sizes as safe as possible for those students who chose to attend every day. The students who have opted for virtual school significantly impacted the student enrollment at our school. While this has made our class sizes smaller across the school; these enrollment changes have also impacted our staffing allocation. As a result, the board has required us to make the following modifications to our classroom organizations and staffing allocation:

1) **Nicole Benge's (Ms. Eusebio)** SK-Gr.One class will be closed and the students currently in this class will be moved to the following classes:

- The SK students will be moved into our JKSK class (Karen Limb/Dawn Vardy/Juanita Nicholson)
- The Gr. 1 students will be moved into Ms. Longfield's grade one class

2) **Scott Stevens** has been redeployed to the Elementary Virtual School and will be leaving our Black River PS staff as of this **Friday, October, 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This will result in the following assignment changes:

- Sarah Bates will assume Mr. Stevens's Special Education responsibilities
- Nicole Benge (Sonia Eusebio) will assume Sarah Bates Gr. 2/3 teaching responsibilities

All changes will become effective next **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please know that we have done our best to minimize the disruption to student learning during this challenging school year and appreciate your continued support.

*Brian Harrison*

## The Week Ahead...

Mon. Oct. 5th Day 5	
Tues. Oct. 6th Day 1	
Wed. Oct. 7th Day 2	
Thurs. Oct. 8th Day 3	
Fri. Oct. 9th Day 4	Wishing all a happy Thanksgiving weekend!

## Quick Hits...

**COVID update...**included with this newsletter is an updated version of the *COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children*. The tool was developed to assist parents in making decisions on whether or not they should send their child to school. Please note that we are not medical professionals, we take direction from protocols that have been developed and shared with us by York Region Public Health and must comply with these directives.

We also understand that it can be disruptive when we call to inform parents that their child is ill. We appreciate this challenge and realize it may be frustrating for parents and families when we do call (many of us are parents too). Our primary goals this year remain keeping our staff and students safe at school and helping our community control the possible spread of this virus. If we can do this together we stand a fighting chance of ensuring our school can remain open to serve our students. Ensuring you have a plan to accommodate your child when he or she is sick is imperative this year as is screening your child for symptoms before you send them off to school in the morning. We wish to thank all our families for working with us and showing patience and kindness when we do call.

Please note that when we do call a parent or guardian for pick up, we share an information letter that Public Health has provided to provide directions on the steps they will need to take before the child can return to school. This week we've had 10 students in our isolation room. In the event of a confirmed case, Public Health will advise us on the steps we need to take; including informing the community.

# October @ Black River Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 27	September 28	September 29	September 30	1 Day 3	2 Day 3	3
4	5 Day 3	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day	13 Day 5	14 Day 1	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17
18	19 Day 4	20 Day 5	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24
25	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Halloween

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