



The Black River Bear Weekly



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Works in Progress...

"Just be patient with me; I'm a work in progress" Alan Jackson

We are coming up to the time of the school year where students and parents will receive their first formal reporting on student learning for this school year. At school (and at home) teachers are working on the progress reports that will be sent home later this month to share with families and let them know how our learners have adapted to the start of the school year. Along with the preparation of these formal reports, teachers and students are also working in their classroom to ensure that each student is able to speak to their learning and accomplishments; *so far*.

We emphasize *so far* because it is the key point of this reflection. The progress report represents a summary of how each student has started the school year and the manner in which they have responded to the learning expectations of their current grade and class. The report is designed to confirm the areas of strength and inform parents (and students) of any areas of concern. Though some information is provided on progress related to the curriculum expectations; this is not the focus of, or main rationale for, the progress report. The learning skills are the focus of the progress report. This is why they are featured prominently on the front of the report form and why there is more space allotted for teachers to comment in this area. There are 6 [learning skills](#) featured in our curriculum documents and they are consistent across the grades (from grade 1 to grade 12).

As important as the content of the curriculum is, it really only represents knowledge and information. We know that knowing things is important; but it's how we use and apply our knowledge that ultimately defines our success. It's helpful to know that parents can be a great support in helping their children develop their learning skills- we don't have to be experts about a curriculum subject area to help our children learn how to be responsible, independent or organized. As you read your child's progress report, we hope you will recognize the importance of learning skills and how we can work together to help them develop these skills.

Brian Harrison

The Week Ahead...

Monday, November 2nd Day 4	Tuesday, November 3rd Day 5	Wednesday, November 4th Day 1	Thursday, November 5th Day 2	Friday, November 6th Day 3
-Gr. 2 Outdoor Learning Day -School Council Virtual Meeting @ 6:15				

Quick Hits...

School Council...our next **Black River School Council** meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, November 2nd at 6:15 pm**. The meeting will be hosted using a YRDSB provided video conferencing platform. Parents interested in joining us are asked to email brian.harrison@yrdsb.ca to confirm their interest in attending. We will send out the link to the meeting in advance of the meeting.

Parent Teacher Conferences & Progress Reports...as we move into the third month of the school year our educators have begun the process of preparing Kindergarten Learning Summaries and Progress Reports- time flies! These reports will be shared with parents the week of **November 16th**. Over the first two weeks of November our educators will be reaching out to parents and guardians to arrange either telephone or video conferences; including those that will occur the evening of **November 12th and morning of the November 13th PA Day**. Due to Ministry of Education, YRDSB and Public Health mandates; parents and guardians will not be able to attend in-person conferences as they have in the past. For most of our classes; families will be able to schedule their conferences using EDSBY. Families are now able to access the EDSBY booking site to make bookings. Please feel free to contact us at the school if you have any questions or concerns with the booking process or need to activate or troubleshoot your EDSBY access.

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	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.