



The Black River Bear Weekly



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Interesting Times...

Over the past week we have worked together as a school community (students, families and staff) to manage the current job action in a way that has ensured that the children who spend their days at BRPS are safe and are learning. The parents and community members who have had the chance to stop by the school have noticed that, for the most part, it has been pretty calm around the school (just the way we like it).

Sure, visitors to the school are receiving a personalized VIP greeting from the principal when they arrive at the front door (which has been kind of nice actually) and some of the things that usually occur have been set aside; but the core of what we do, and who we are remains. As our Director, Louise Sirisko, has shared in previous communications we wish to stress the following key points in advance of next week:

- Student safety is, and will remain, our first priority.
- CUPE members across the province are in a legal strike position.
- We are doing everything we can to minimize the impact of labour issues on our students and their families.
- We recognize that this is inconvenient and difficult for all involved and will keep parents up to date with all available information.
- For immediate updates, please follow the Board's Twitter feed: @YRDSB, or for general information, visit www.yrdsb.ca

We don't know what the weekend will bring and have strongly encouraged parents to make alternate arrangements for their children prior to the strike beginning on Monday. What we do know is that this process will end with a settlement and when this occurs, we will resume business as usual. Please feel free to reach out to me at the school if you have any questions about the job action- I'll be happy to listen and respond with whatever information I am able.

Brian Harrison

The Week Ahead...

Mon. Oct. 7th Day 4	School Council Meeting- <i>will be rescheduled for a later date if necessary</i>
Tues. Oct. 8th Day 5	School Photo Day- <i>will be rescheduled for a later date if necessary</i>
Wed. Sept. Oct. 9th Day 1	iWalk Day
Thurs. Oct. 10th Day 2	Pizza Lunch- <i>will be credited to a future date if necessary</i> Gr. 4/5/6 Ste Marie Trip (Stevens/MacLeod/Kanis) - <i>will be rescheduled for a later date if necessary</i>
Fri. Oct. 11th Day 3	Wishing all the members of our BRPS community a safe and peaceful Thanksgiving long weekend!

Quick Hits...

Lions Club Community Workshop...The Sutton Lions Club is hosting a free 1 day workshop for parents and community members on ways to support the growth and development of healthy, capable and resilient young people. The session will be held at **The Link (on Dalton Rd.)** from **9:00-4:00** on **Saturday, Oct. 19th** with refreshments and lunch provided. Parents interested in attending can contact Colleen Mewha at 905-286-6476 or cmewha@lions16.ca

Council Corner...

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 every month** (our first meeting is **Monday, Oct. 7th 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 3 Rosh Hashanah Orange Shirt Day	1 Day 4	2 Day 5 Area Cross County Gr. 7 Immunizations Booster Juice	3 Day 1 Pizza Lunch	4 Day 2	5
6	7 Day 3 School Council @ 5:30	8 Day 4 School Photo Day	9 Day 5 iWalk Day	10 Day 1 Pizza Lunch MacLeod/Stevens Ste. Marie Trip	11 Day 2	12
13	14 Thanksgiving Day	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5 Pizza Lunch	18 Day 1	19
20	21 PA Day	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4 Pizza Lunch	25 Day 5	26
27	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3 Halloween Dance-a-thon Fundraiser	31 Day 4 Pizza Lunch	Nov. 1 Day 5	Nov. 2

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