



# The Black River Bear

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**Principal:** George Vellathottam

**Vice Principal:** Jennifer Burt

**School Office Administrative Assistants:** Jackie Low and Lianne McAndrew

**School Website:** [www.blackriver.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.blackriver.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

**Superintendent:** Dianne Hawkins 905-895-5155

**Trustee:** Nancy Elgie 905-476-4184

## From The Administrative Team

**MEET THE TEACHER BBQ!!!!**  
**Thursday September 18th**  
**5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

Welcome Back!

On behalf of all of the staff at Black River Public School, we would like to welcome all of the families in our community to another exciting school year! We hope that everyone enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer, and that all students are ready and eager to meet the challenges and excitement that comes with the start of school endeavours.

We have been very busy at Black River P.S. preparing for the upcoming year. Ms. Low and Ms. McAndrew have worked very hard to make sure that the office is organized, and that materials have been prepared for our opening week of school. Also, our caretaking staff has done an amazing job preparing classrooms for learning; indeed, the floors sparkle and the windows shine, providing a most welcoming environment for student learning. A hearty "Thank you" goes out to our teachers and educational assistants for all of their hard work in making your children's classrooms bright and attractive. Great job and well done!

As your child's journey gets underway over the next weeks and months, please be sure to share information, ask questions, and discuss any concerns with school staff; specific questions and concerns that relate to particular classes should feel free to contact the appropriate teacher. Also, please remember that the Principal and Vice Principal are available to work with parents and students to ensure that the year runs smoothly. Positive and constructive relationships between the school and the community are key ingredients towards supporting the success of your child!

We look forward to continuing our work around Growth Mindset and working with you and your children this year. Please plan to join us at the Meet the Teacher BBQ September 18th from 5-7 pm.

Sincerely,  
 Mr. George Vellathottam  
 Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Burt  
 Vice-Principal

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### Mission

To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation, and builds community.

### Vision

To be a leader in public education by empowering all students to become engaged and caring citizens of the world.

### Values

Our school board operates based on a set of values which guides our actions: Inclusivity, Relationships, Innovation, Engagement, Responsibility and Optimism.

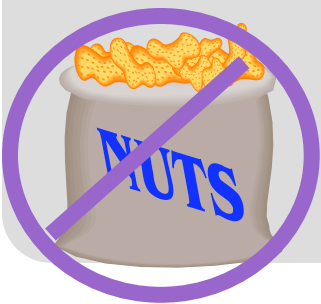


**York Region Mission:**  
 Visit [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca).

# Reminders for Parents & Students

***In order for your child to use the Internet at school, it is imperative that you sign the Information Technology Acceptable Use Agreement in the book of forms.***

***Please do not send hand sanitizer to school with your child.***



## **PARKING DAYCARE AND BUS LOOP**

Parents/Guardians that drop off/pick up their child/children off at day care in the morning and after school are the only people that should be parking in the Day care area.

Parents are asked to use the new Kiss and Ride (Daycare Parking area), follow the arrows, students will exit vehicle door that is closest to the sidewalk. Please kiss/hug in the vehicle to keep traffic flowing. Additionally for community safety reasons, parents are not to use the bus loop before or after school.



## FROM THE OFFICE STAFF

### Safe Arrival and Dismissal

Please remember to phone the school to report that your child is going to be **late or absent**. Our phones are extremely busy in the morning, so **please leave a message if we don't answer right away**. When leaving a message please state your child's name, spell your child's name, teacher's name, duration of the absence and the reason for the absence. **The school office can be reached at 905-722-5889 any time day or night**. If a future absence is planned (such as an appointment, vacation or religious holiday,) please call the office and leave a message advising us of the absence.

Students arriving late for school must check in at the office for a late slip before going to their classroom. In the event that your child is absent from school and the reason is unknown, the office will attempt to reach your home, work, cell and emergency contact numbers. Failing that, for your child's safety, we will contact the York Regional Police. So please help us keep your children safe by keeping us informed!

For your child's safety please make sure your child knows his/her "going home" plans before coming to school for the day. End of the school day is **extremely** busy in the office. Phone calls with requests cause interruption to the classroom and the students' learning plan. We appreciate your help teaching your child to prepare ahead of time and how to arrive home safely.

If your child does not have a lunch and you plan to send one, please remind your child to come down to the office to check for it at lunch time.

**When you are picking up your children after school please meet them outside at their assigned entry/exit door at the back or side of the school. This will also assist with traffic in the bus loop. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.**

### Book of Forms, Lunch Form and CASL (Canadian Antispam Law)

Please return all forms that require signatures back to your child's homeroom teacher ASAP, so we have the most up to date information in the office.

### Visitors to the School

We are fortunate to have many parent volunteers and co-op students in the school on a regular basis. All visitors to the school during regular school hours must report to the main office. If a child is to be picked up early, then office staff will call the student down to the office while the parent signs the student out. Visitors to the school are **NOT** to walk directly to classrooms. This applies to parents, relatives and visitors in general. If you are staying to volunteer, you will be asked to sign in and will be given volunteer identification to be worn while you are in the school. We expect your cooperation to ensure a secure environment for all.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a peaceful and relaxing summer. Black River's school council meets monthly to discuss issues that directly affect our children's education and overall experience at school. We hope to build a community of support for all the children who attend Black River. All parents and caregivers have a voice at our school and all are welcome at any or all of our meetings. We meet on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 pm. We would also be happy to arrange childcare if we are given a few days notice. We can be contacted by email at [blackriverschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:blackriverschoolcouncil@gmail.com) or you can like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/blackriverschoolcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/blackriverschoolcouncil)

### **FNMI Self-Identification Brochure and Newsletter Insert**

Information and materials are available on the BWW at:

<https://www.yrdsb.ca/services/cis/FirstNations/pages/default.aspx>.

Please contact Document Distribution to order more copies of "Information For Parent and Students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry – Self Identification Brochure" – Document # MIS 037.

### **School Newsletter Insert**

Please include the following insert in your first newsletter of the year (also available on the BWW):

#### **Self Identification of students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry**

##### **PROMOTING SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS OF FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT ANCESTRY**

The York Region District School Board provides an opportunity for students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit ancestry to self-identify. The process is voluntary and the information gathered will be kept confidential.

The self-identification process is the first step in providing:

- Culturally specific learning opportunities or activities;
- Additional support for academic achievement and well-being, including designated support staff;
- Communication between schools, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education staff, Aboriginal students and their families;
- Connections to post-secondary institutions, community groups, service providers and other partners;
- More learning opportunities for all members of the school community to develop a greater understanding of Aboriginal perspectives, cultures and histories.

New students can self-identify when they register with the Board. Current students can complete an Aboriginal Self-Identification Form which can be obtained from their school.

For further information, please see the "Information for Parents and Students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry" brochure available from the school or speak with the school principal.

Contact Brian Schouten if you have any questions or concerns.



## **Free After School Program**

### **Jackson's Point Co-op**

**Monday - Friday 3:45 - 5:30 pm**

**Grades 1-8**

**Begins Monday, September 29, 2014**

**On-line registration: <https://jerichoyouthservices.recdesk.com>**

**Or Call 905 722-5540**

## Meet the Black River Staff

### Teaching Staff:

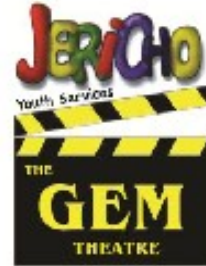
Ms. Bates - Fresh Start  
Mr. Bengé - GR23A  
Mrs. Bengé - JK/SK  
Mrs. Berger - SSCA Intermediate  
Ms. Byer - P Plus Teacher  
Mrs. Chaudhry - GR7A  
Mrs. Corry - GR8A  
Mrs. Davidson - Jr. SSCB  
Mrs. Doherty - Autism  
Mrs. Farrow - Library  
Mrs. Ford - Music, Drama, Dance, Visual Arts  
Mrs. German - JK/SK  
Mrs. Gilligan - Autism  
Ms. Lindstrom - Reading Recovery/Sert  
Mrs. Longland - French  
Mr. Macleod - GR6A  
Ms. Plumbohm - GR45B  
Mrs. Snodden - GR1A  
Mrs. Stroud - GR12A  
Mrs. Veljkovic - GR3A  
Mrs. Watson - GR45A

### Support Staff:

Mrs. Barker  
Mrs. Bevand  
Mrs. Charpentier  
Mrs. Fraas  
Mrs. Grimas  
Mrs. Hammoud  
Mrs. Hazen  
Mrs. Kelly  
Mrs. Knispel  
Mrs. Low  
Miss. McAndrew  
Ms. McMullin  
Ms. Magyar  
Ms. Mintz  
Ms. Sheppard  
Ms. Wright

# BLACK RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOL

along with **The GEM Theatre**



on **Wednesday** **Oct 8<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 pm**

Presents

## **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2**



*Rating: G*

*Running Time: 100min*

TICKETS ARE \$3.00 per person

Please detach and send to the school office by Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDER EARLY! Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis.