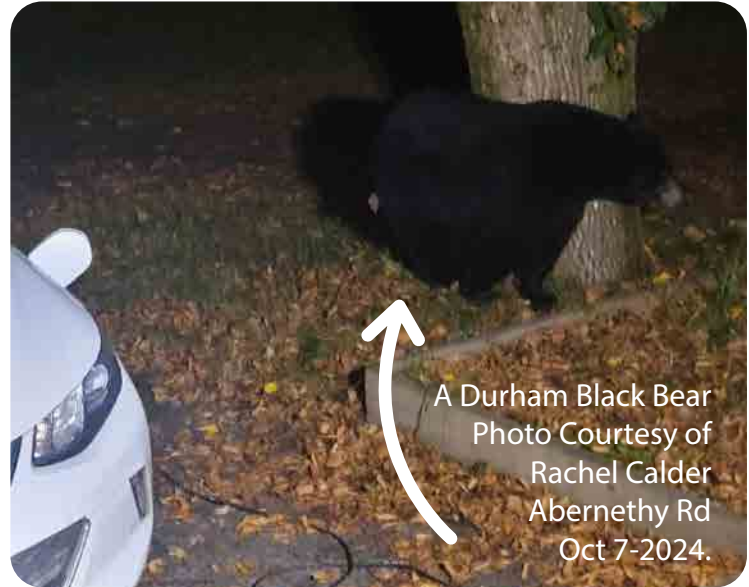


## Feed the Bears, Not the Bears!

It is fall in the Nashwaak Valley and our local black bear population are eager to put on weight for winter hibernation. This means bears are more active and motivated to find food and can pose risks to residents as bears find local trash cans easy pickings.

To discourage bears in our area try these strategies:

- Use a properly sealed bear-resistant trash can.
- Limit food odours by regular disposal of garbage through gardens, compost piles, and livestock feed.
- Consider motion-activated lights as deterrents.
- Use reinforced bear resistant trash cans.
- Keep garbage indoors until morning pickup.
- Consider using bear deterrent products.



A Durham Black Bear  
Photo Courtesy of  
Rachel Calder  
Abernethy Rd  
Oct 7-2024.

## Breakfast Program



Breakfast for the  
"NVS" Black Bears

The NVS Black Bears are also, very hungry this time of year. Black bear families can help with the program by:

- Donating items such as cheesewhiz, margarine, nut free cereals, table syrup, frozen fruit for smoothies
- Remind children to start with one item and then line up for another if they are still hungry
- Volunteer to organize or run a family fun night!

For more information and to volunteer, contact Home and School Chair Melissa Wilson via email: [melissaewilson@hotmail.com](mailto:melissaewilson@hotmail.com)

## Safety

Nashwaak Valley School staff have contingencies in place for staff and students to manage risk of bear encounters!

Staff complete a morning playground and perimeter check each school day (and there is no forest playground access at morning drop off).

There is an "All Call" to come in with manual bell if there is a bear sighting while children are outside for recess. At outdoor Gym time, the teacher will call the class to the basketball hoop and return to the building via the back door.

These are just some of the drills that will be practiced during Safer Schools Week of October 21st – 25th!

# HAVE A VOICE!

## Who are the PSSC?

Most PSSC members are parents of students in the school who are elected (or appointed). The PSSC will have between 6-12 members of parents, teachers, and community members.

The PSSC helps parents, principals & teachers work together to make contributions to the quality of education in their school by:

- Working with the principal to communicate parent views and concerns and offer input on improvements in academic success.
- Creating a positive learning environment.
- Developing stronger volunteer programs.

## We Want YOU!

You can help impact positive change and take part in improvement planning by getting involved in the Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) at NVS.

PSSC is accepting nominations for parent committee members. If you would like to be involved please reach out to school principal Lisa Martin @ [nashwaakvalleyelementary@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:nashwaakvalleyelementary@nbed.nb.ca).

Link to PDF Brochure

Learn More  
About  
PSSC!



"Parents deserve a voice and a platform to be part of guiding their community school, sharing ideas and being part of the team".

Lisa Martin,  
NVS Principal

## Bus Driver Shortages

**7 alerts** affecting bus and/or school oper

[View Alerts](#)

Frustrated with school busses not running on time, or at all? This is primarily due to a severe shortage of bus drivers. Although the Anglophone School District West is doing their best to solve this problem, it can be frustrating for parents who rely on bus transport, trusting their children will arrive safely. It is unfortunate, but school staff and teachers are also at the mercy of district shortages.

NVS remains committed to support children who require short-notice pickup by staying with them and providing a safe place for them to wait.

To view shortages and delays: Check your email or visit the ASD-W website [asdw.nbed.ca](http://asdw.nbed.ca) or the NVS website [nashwaakvalley.nbed.ca](http://nashwaakvalley.nbed.ca) for alerts.

Parents, please call ASD-W Transportation @

**1 888 388 4455**

for drop off times and to report missed pick ups.

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