

It's a  
**GREAT DAY**  
to be a  
**BLACK BEAR**



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It was Billy's first day in school, and while eating lunch in the cafeteria, he saw a girl named Bella drop her tray, and "Ka-blash!" Her lunch spilled everywhere. Rather than get upset, Bella pronounced, "Well, this is a great day to be a black bear," and proceeded to pick up the mess. A boy named Bo stepped in to help. She smiled, and said "Thanks!"



Later, while playing at recess, Billy saw Bella trip and skin her knee. He could tell it hurt, but was surprised by Bella's reaction.

After brushing a tear from her cheek, she said, "This is a great day to be a black bear." Then a girl named Betty came up to her and said, "You should get a bandaid on that. Let's go to the nurse's office."

Bella smiled and said,  
"Thanks!"

On the bus ride home, Bella's backpack unzipped, and everything fell out on the floor. Again she said, "This a great day to be a black bear!" This time Billy stepped in to help pick things up, then he asked her, "Bella, I've seen three bad things happen to you today, and each time you say 'This is a great day to be a black bear.' Why do you say that?"



Bella replied, "Here at this school, we are all black bears. We have black bear friends, and we all care about each other, and help each other. It's the black bear way. So no matter what happens, I know I have friends who care, and help me. That makes every day a great day to be a black bear!" After all of her things were gathered up, Bella smiled and said, "Thanks for your help! Isn't it a great day to be a black bear!?"

