

# Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sub Lunch - April 9
- ◆ Lice Check - April 13
- ◆ Track & Field Day - Gr.4-6 - April 19
- ◆ Track & Field Day - Gr. 7/8 - April 20
- ◆ New Parent to Kindie Orientation - April 26
- ◆ Grade 1 Zoo Trip - May 3
- ◆ Grade 8 Science Centre Trip - May 4
- ◆ Immunization Clinic #2 (Gr. 7 & 8) - May 9
- ◆ Victoria Day Holiday - May 21
- ◆ Toronto Blue Jays Day - May 24

## Planning For Next Year

If your family is planning on leaving Bessborough next year (i.e., you are moving, going to private school, French Immersion, etc.), kindly contact the school office at your earliest convenience to let us know. This information is vital to our organizational planning for next year. Thank you for your assistance.

## Multi-Year Strategic Plan Consultation

The Toronto District School Board is working on a Multi-Year Strategic Plan and wants to hear from you!

The Multi-Year Strategic Plan will act as a high level statement of intent for the TDSB for the next three or more school years, set direction and identify system goals to support its 246,000 students and 583 schools. We value input from parents/guardians, families, students and staff and invite you to provide feedback on the draft Multi-Year Strategic Plan documents. To learn more and provide input online, please visit: [www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP).

## Toronto Blue Jays Day

We are excited to be part of Toronto Blue Jays Day on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>. All grade 3-8 students have now received a letter and permission form about this event. We have a block of tickets reserved in Section 512. Tickets are \$16 each and parents may purchase tickets for yourselves and younger siblings (provided parents are attending) if you wish to join us. Please see the letter and permission form for additional details.



## Lunchroom Supervisors Needed!

If you are occasionally free during our lunch hour (11:40 a.m. -12:55 p.m.), we are in need of additional lunchroom supervisors to fill in when our regular supervisors are absent. This is a paid position.

If interested in learning more, please contact Etienne Mercieca at [Etienne.Mercieca@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Etienne.Mercieca@tdsb.on.ca) or call the school.

## Student Athletic Council Update

Hi Bessborough,

Pals are doing great. We have a set Track and Field day for both 7-8 and the Juniors. The Juniors day will be held on Thursday, April 19, and the 7-8 day will be the day following (Friday, April 20).

Intramurals are coming to a close for 2018! We have decided to start a grade 7-8 basketball intramural! We have put the sign up sheets up and now we are making the teams. More information to come!

Have a great weekend,  
Bessborough Athletic Council.

STUDENT  
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## Science Rendezvous

Science Rendezvous is *Full STEAM Ahead!* Saturday, May 12, 2018, and you are invited to event sites across the country as we showcase the Art in Science. This FREE kick-off festival for Science Odyssey week will be the most fun your family will have with science all year!

This SATURDAY, MAY 12th 2018 over 6,000 of Canada's greatest innovators, researchers, engineers, and scientists from 125 partner organizations will open their doors and close city streets to present exciting demonstrations, hands-on activities, and explosive experiments. From the physics of rock and roll to the chemistry of ice-cream, Science Rendezvous has something for everyone!

Come out to Science Rendezvous on May 12, and inspire your family to STEAM big!

<http://www.sciencerendezvous.ca/>



## Wellness Club

The Wellness Group has been looking into promoting Wellness Initiatives throughout the school. They have created a website to share with the Bessborough Families so you can use our Wellness techniques at home to help you bring these strategies outside of school.

Please see the below link:

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/wellness-bessborough/post-it-note-kindness>

## Send in Your Photos The Yearbook!



The Yearbook committee is looking for photos specifically from **Winter Activity Day at Mansfield (ask your grade 7 & 8s if they took any), Kindie concert and Intermediate Cross Country.** If you have any photos that you'd like to share with us, please send to [bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com)

We're always looking for photos from *any* Bessborough event, so send those in too!

Be sure to send best quality and the largest file size you have (highest resolution) or if sending from your iPhone, please send "Actual Size". For any questions, please email Sue Thurow at [susan.thurow@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:susan.thurow@tdsb.on.ca) or Corey Ferguson at [c.ginou@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.ginou@sympatico.ca)

## Home & School General Meeting Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. in the Library

All are welcome! Come out and get the lowdown on next year's staffing model. This is your opportunity to get a glimpse into the how and why of class organization. Admin will be presenting and able to answer any questions.

As well, we are asking that you please read the minutes for approval to be past at this meeting. Thanks.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sy2Oz2z5F\\_8jOzA\\_WPH124mm4AsUT65wBSBaGQiso1I/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sy2Oz2z5F_8jOzA_WPH124mm4AsUT65wBSBaGQiso1I/edit)

## Lice Squad Friday, April 13th



We need two parent volunteers to assist our school staff on Friday the 13th for a couple of hours. Please contact Stacey Niman [staceyniman@gmail.com](mailto:staceyniman@gmail.com) if you are able to help. Thanks.

## Last Call For Volunteers! Skyzone Event in June

June is fast approaching... our Skyzone event must go on! If you've been wanting to volunteer this year, but haven't found the right opportunity yet, this is the time for you! What you need to do: book the venue, order the pizza and get the word out there! This event will have to be cancelled if we can't find a parent or two to pull it all together. Please contact Lauren Morgan for details: [lauren\\_swinburne@hotmail.com](mailto:lauren_swinburne@hotmail.com)

## STILL OPEN - LAST Call for Spring Lunchtime Activities

Last chance to register! Programs start the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Visit our website for program details and registration.

## Reminder:

Sub Lunch Monday!

## Mayfair

Mayfair is one of our biggest fundraisers but it takes a village! If you are interested in helping with sponsorship or know an organization that might be, please contact Kristine Locklin at [klocklin@gmail.com](mailto:klocklin@gmail.com) for more information. Here are some ideas from years past:

### **Corporate Sponsorship**

Do you own your own company? Does the company you work for support community events? For as little as \$250 become a Mayfair corporate sponsor at a great community event that welcomes over 2,500 people from Leaside and beyond.

### **Silent Auction Donation – Looking for an item or two from each class**

The Mayfair silent auction has traditionally raised close to \$5,000 each year. These funds have been used towards the purchase of items such as classroom and athletic equipment, book programs and art programs.

This year we wanted to give each class an opportunity to support Mayfair by securing one (or dare we say, more...) silent auction donation.

By reaching out to our class parents we are confident that each class can secure one donation with a minimum value of \$50. Below are some ideas to get you started:

### **Leveraging Our Workplaces:**

- Box Seats for Sporting Events or Concerts
- Product - Running Shoes, Lego, Signed Jerseys, etc

### **Professional Services:**

- Home Organization or Designer Consultation
- Photography Session
- Trainer Sessions

### **“Must Have” Experiences:**

- VIP tour of Ripley's Aquarium or CN Tower
- Flight Simulator Session
- Chef's Table or Private Dinner in Your Home
- Private Shopping After Hours
- Access to “behind the scenes”

## Enrichment Budget Update and Vote

We have two pieces of information in regards to the Enrichment Budget. First is follow-up to the Outdoor Garden, where our continued discussion with the TDSB and Evergreen Brickworks adjusted their cost from \$3,500 to \$13,000. There was no change in the scope and no explanation provided to the change. We feel the significant cost outweighs the value of the project and will be removing it from our budget. We invite parents who feel strongly about this project to make a proposal in the 2019/ 2020 budget, in November 2019.

Second, continuing from the success of the Empower Reading Program Junior edition (grades 1 to 6), we are proposing H&S allocate \$5,000 to an Intermediate version (grades 7 and 8). This is will not be an additional to the \$38,765 Enrichment Budget, but rather a re-allocation of the outdoor garden (\$3,500) and the promethean board excess funds (\$1,885). The remaining \$385 will go back into the H&S account. We are very proud to have this program in our school and to see the impact it has made on our students' abilities, motivation and confidence. To learn more about the program, please visit

<http://www.sickkids.ca/LDRP/Empower-Reading/>

At the April 10<sup>th</sup> H&S General Meeting, we will ask H&S members to vote on the allocation of \$5,000 for an Intermediate Empower Reading Program, providing funds to train staff, purchase materials and implement the program specific to this grade division.



April 9<sup>th</sup> – Sub Lunch

April 10<sup>th</sup> - H&S General Meeting

April 13<sup>th</sup> - Lice Squad - Lice Check

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Mayfair

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Lawn Bowling (tickets will be on sale at Mayfair)

June 14<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Night (tickets will be on sale at Mayfair)

## How to be in the Know

Visit [www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com](http://www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com) or follow us on Instagram @BessboroughHS