

# Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ March Break - March 12-16
- ◆ Gr. 6-8 Girls Hockey Tournament - March 22
- ◆ Caring & Safe Schools Committee (Lunch) - March 26
- ◆ Pizza Lunch - March 29
- ◆ Ladies & Gentleman, Boys & Girls Presentation (Gr. 4-8) - March 29
- ◆ Good Friday - March 30
- ◆ Easter Monday - April 2
- ◆ Sub Lunch - April 9

## March Break: March 12-16

March Break is upon us! We hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful and restful week off and we look forward to welcoming back students on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>!



## Easter Break: March 30-April 2

Easter weekend begins on March 30<sup>th</sup> this. As such, there will be no classes for students on Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> and on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## 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 and Intramurals are doing great.

STUDENT  
ATHLETIC  
COUNCIL

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).

Have a great weekend,

Bessborough Athletic Council.

## TDSB Awards of Excellence

Nominations are open for TDSB Awards of Excellence. The nomination process closes on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>. See below for more information.

To nominate someone, click here:

<https://surveys.tdsb.on.ca/index.php?r=survey/index&sid=277627&lang=en>

Excellence Awards FAQs: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Excellence/Excellence-FAQs>



We are proud that our staff are among the most dedicated and qualified in Canada. Every day, nearly 39,000 committed professionals support our students and help them achieve their very best. Their focus, enthusiasm and dedication help build strong and healthy relationships and allow our school communities – and students – to thrive.

It's important that we recognize the great work of our outstanding staff across the system. Recognizing our staff not only celebrates their accomplishments and efforts, it inspires others to excel in their own roles. Our work is guided by the [Vision for Learning](#), [Integrated Equity Framework](#) and [Service Excellence](#).

Every year, we invite staff, students, parents and community members to nominate a TDSB staff member or team whose effort to go above and beyond has made a difference in their lives.

[Nominations](#) begin on February 16, 2018! To start, you need to gather two letters of reference and one statement of recognition. The statement of recognition is an opportunity to deepen the nomination and can be written by the nominator. Then, you can complete the online nomination form.

**The deadline for [nominations](#) is Monday, March 19, 2018 at 4 p.m.**

All nominees will receive a personalized letter congratulating them on their nomination as well as informing them of those who contributed to the nomination. The winners are additionally celebrated at the awards ceremony on May 24, 2018.



[→ Excellence Awards FAQs](#)

[→ 2017 Excellence Recipients](#)

## Lost Keys

A set of keys was recently turned into the office. If these belong to you, please come in and claim them from the office after the March Break.



## Spring Lunchtime Activities Are Here!

Please go to the H&S website for more details and to register! Please note: there are not Spring programs for grades 1-8, JK/SK only!

**Please Note: At the discretion of each provider, programs may be cancelled due to low enrolment.**

## Join the H & S Committee - Your School Needs You

We have a wonderful group of parents who keep this crazy H&S train chuggin' along, and we need more of you! Please visit [www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com/get-involved](http://www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com/get-involved) for information on our committees, and over the next weeks we'll showcase the roles that are looking for new people in September. The only qualities you need are: wanting to give back to the school, to make connections, and to have a good time.



### Committee Spotlight - Volunteer Coordinator

The Volunteer Coordinator is our HR director, to put it into corporate lingo: matching the right person to the right role! In fact, H&S can't exist without these integral team leaders. She/he plays a key role in a volunteer group where research shows that the highest achieving schools have the highest levels of family and community involvement. She/he is a people person, is resourceful and outgoing, and won't hesitate to tap someone on the shoulder to make a request and help people find a way to get involved, while taking schedules, skills and needs into consideration.

For more information on the role, please click [here](#) or contact Robyn Israel: [robayneisrael@gmail.com](mailto:robayneisrael@gmail.com)

## Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants - Send Us Your Ideas!

As great as all the teachers and staff at Bessborough are, we can't all be experts in everything. A PRO Grant is provided by the Ontario Government to allow for schools to bring in experts in a variety of fields, to share their experience and knowledge with us. In the past, we have hosted talks by leading experts in children's mental health and well being and social media safety. H&S is **now accepting ideas** for future speakers. Good schools become great schools when parents are involved in their children's learning and well-being. Reach out to Robyn with your thoughts and ideas: [robayneisrael@gmail.com](mailto:robayneisrael@gmail.com)

## Traffic Committee Needed

H&S is hoping our community can come together and make it safer for our children to walk to and from school. The first step is to form a **Traffic Committee**. This committee will work with administration and local authorities to put a plan into action and recruit volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this very important and necessary team, or would like additional information on how you can be involved, please contact Lisa Sepp-Wilson at [lisa@lksepp.com](mailto:lisa@lksepp.com)

## Volunteers Needed! - Skyzone Event

This much loved H&S fundraising event takes place in June each year. H&S is looking for someone to put it all together – book the venue, order the pizza and get the word out there! If you've been wanting to volunteer but haven't found the right opportunity yet, this is the time for you! Contact Lauren Morgan for details:

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March 10-18: March Break!

## How to be in the Know

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