

# Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sub Lunch - March 5
- ◆ Cape for Kids Fundraiser - March 7
- ◆ Ojibway Storyteller (Gr.4-6) - March 7
- ◆ Ojibway Storyteller - March 8
- ◆ March Break - March 12-16
- ◆ Gr. 6-8 Girls Hockey Tournament - March 22
- ◆ Caring & Safe Schools Committee (Lunch) - March 26
- ◆ Pizza Lunch - March 29
- ◆ Good Friday - March 30
- ◆ Easter Monday - April 2

## 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](#)

## Jr. Girls & Boys Badminton Tryouts

Tryouts for junior girls and boys badminton team will be taking place next Tuesday (March 6th) and Thursday (March 8th) in the main gym. Tryouts will start at 8am. See you there!

Mr. Tourlis

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

It's a wonderful group of parents that keeps this crazy H&S team 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. Only skills needed are; wanting to make connections, to give back to the school, and to have a good time.



### Committee Spotlight - Chair(s)

This is a must-fill role! In fact, H&S can't exist without these integral team leaders. Important you say? – yes! Wondering if you might be the right person for the job....? Are you organized? Love helping teams of people do great things? Want to get to know the parent and school community better? If this sounds like you, then step right up! No experience needed as you will have a strong, capable and collaborative team to back you up and a Past Chair to guide you along the way.

For more information on the role, please visit [www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com/get-involved](http://www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com/get-involved) or contact Robyn Israel: [robyneisrael@gmail.com](mailto:robyneisrael@gmail.com)

## Supporting Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Capes for Kids

### Wear a Cape and Bring a Toonie - Wednesday March 7th



Holland Bloorview is creating a world of possibilities for kids with disabilities by offering treatments, therapies and specialized programs that enable them to overcome the challenges we take for granted everyday - to breathe on their own, become more active, talk with family, become more independent, or just feel less pain.

The Capes for Kids charity event allows us to better understand the little heroes these kids become. We will be heroes for a day by helping kids with disabilities discover their super powers by wearing a cape and making a **donation**. Funds raised will go towards

- **helping kids and teens move, speak, play and lead** through therapy, programs and services
- **enabling research** that is changing our understanding of autism, or perhaps your gift will fund innovative technologies that will change the future for kids and teens with disabilities
- **supporting programs and services** that help families to stay strong, stay grounded and to keep going

Learn more [www.capesforkids.ca](http://www.capesforkids.ca)

If you choose to donate for a tax receipt please go to:

<http://donate.hollandbloorview.ca/BessboroughElementarySchool>

Thank you for your support!

## 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 wellbeing 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.

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## Traffic Committee Needed

Have you noticed how many cars are parked along Bessborough and Hanna at drop-off and pick-up times? H&S is hoping our community can come together and make getting to and from school safer for our kids. 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 Robyn Israel:

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## 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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## Spring Lunchtime Activities Coming Soon...!

More information to follow in next week's Bulletin.

**Please note:** Due to low enrolment last Spring, programs will be available to **Kindergarten students only**. There will **NOT** be any programs offered for grades 1-8.

## Bessies...So Sad to See You Go...

Unfortunately, the show can't go on. Due to low volunteer numbers, this much loved event had to be canceled this year.



## Reminder - Sub Lunch Monday!



Social Series shenanigans are in the air.... Save the dates for these upcoming, not to be missed, events:

March 7th - Capes for Kids....wear a cape to school

April 10th - H&S General Meeting

May 27th - Mayfair

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Lawn Bowling

June 14<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Night

## Appreciations

Thanks to the Lost & Found team for collecting all the items left behind, washing, and getting them to New Circles for donation!

## How to be in the Know

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