

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events October

- ◆ "Outside"
Presentation (gr. 7 & 8s) - Oct. 30
- ◆ Halloween - Oct. 31
- ◆ Terry Fox Dance-a-Thon - Nov. 3
- ◆ Covenant House Assembly (gr. 7 & 8s) - Nov. 6
- ◆ Photo Retakes - Nov. 7 (afternoon)
- ◆ Traditional Inuit Games (gr. 4-6) - Nov. 9
- ◆ Remembrance Day Assembly - Nov. 10



Junior Co-Ed Hockey Team



We are looking for a parent to help as a team manager. Main duties will include booking ice time for tryouts and practices, collecting money and communication. Please contact Kathy Dominique at kathryn.dominique@tdsb.on.ca or Ritch Couper at Ritch.Couper@tdsb.on.ca if interested.

Cross-Country Update



CONGRATULATIONS to all of our city finals Cross Country runners. You persevered through almost two months of early morning practises and a final race that was exciting but also very challenging! You all showed true Bessborough spirit in your dedication, perseverance and encouragement of other runners. A special shout out to Tony Hammill for his tremendous coaching which helped lead our grade 5 boys to a first place team final! Congrats also to Morgan Y for her silver medal finish and Lizzie W for her bronze medal finish.

We are all so proud of you!

From your coaches: Mr. Casey, Ms. Azodi, Mr. McMillan & Ms. Thurow

Second Kicks



RECYCLING MADE EASY – Second Kicks will be, once again, collecting used soccer uniforms, cleats, balls and equipment to be REUSED in areas of need of equipment. To date, Second Kicks has sent your used soccer equipment to over 30,000 children and adults all over the world, putting smiles on faces in Africa, Nepal and communities in Canada.

A collection box has been set up in the school outside the main office and will be available during October.

To learn more about Second Kicks, please visit our website at www.secondkicks.ca.

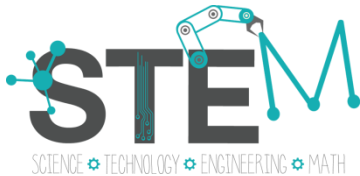
Junior Girls Basketball Try-outs

The junior girls basketball season is fast approaching. Tryouts will be held in the main gym on Monday, October 30th at 7:55am and Friday, November 3 at 7:55am. Please meet Mr.Tourlis outside the main gym. Remember to bring a water bottle, shorts and running shoes. Tryouts are open to all grade 5 and grade 6 girls. See you there!



Mr.Tourlis

STEM Club



Interested in designing, creating and building? Then the STEM club is for you!

If you are in Grade's 1-3 and interested in joining this fun and exciting club, please come to **Mr.Chong's room at the beginning of lunch on October 31st** to sign up. See you all there!

Ms.Ho, Mr.Chong and Mr.Tourlis

Intermediate Girls' Group

Intermediate Girl's group is starting again this year! If you are in grade 7 or 8 and interested in joining, please come to our first meeting on **Monday, October 30th at 8:00 AM** in the **staff room**.

Ms. Ho, Ms. Angeloni, Ms. Casselman



Caring & Safe Schools Committee - Parent Volunteers Needed

We will be forming a Caring & Safe Schools Committee very soon. The committee will include students, teachers, our caretaker, school administration and parents. We would like to have up to 2 parents be a part of the committee. There will be four lunchtime meetings from November to May. The committee will meet to discuss issues around school facilities, school culture and mental health and well-being. Our first meeting will be on Tues. Nov. 21st in the library. Interested parents are asked to contact Etienne at Etienne.Mercieca@tdsb.on.ca Thank you very much.

Grade 7 Vaccinations - Nov. 20



Toronto Public Health will be visiting Bessborough to provide free vaccination against three diseases. The vaccination package was sent home with students on the first week of school. The vaccines available at school clinics are not free at doctor's offices. Protect your child against meningitis and cancer. Please complete the consent form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Halloween Fun - Tuesday October 31st

It has been tradition for classes to show off their costumes during the Halloween parade. This year's parade will include classes from kindergarten to grade 5

Classes will be called at 12:45 pm with the kindies leading and will follow the route outlined below:

- classes will walk outside through the kindie yard and outside the gate
- turn right on Bessborough and continue walking on the sidewalk
- turn right on Sharon and continue walking on the sidewalk
- turn right on Hanna and continue walking until you reach the opening to the southyard pavement.
- continue walking on the pavement, through the school yard and out by the bike racks
- turn right on Bessborough and go through the kindie yard and through the front doors to go back into the school

In the event of rain, the parade will take place inside the school and students will go through the mini-gym down the stairs near the grade 2 classrooms and back up the stairs into the locker hallway.

Kindergarten students will be performing a few songs immediately following the parade on the north yard rocks.

Class parties will then follow.

Costume tips:

- Safety first! Students should be able to move around freely and not have their vision obstructed
- No weapons should be part of the costume
- Costumes should be culturally sensitive

Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!



Bessborough Sports Jerseys Still Available!

Personalized sports jerseys and shorts are back! Can be used for most sports teams. Or just to show school spirit. Hoodies, track pants and long sleeve tees also available. Order on-line from October 13th to November 1st at shop.vintageapparelco.com. Orders will be delivered to the school 1st week in December. Any questions, please contact Michelle Rinaldo at mich_rinaldo@hotmail.com. **GO BESSBOROUGH!**

Day with The Marlies - Saturday December 16th - 4:00 p.m.

Spend an afternoon with your entire family, your hockey team or event friends from your street at the Toronto Marlies vs. Manitoba Moose game at the Ricoh Coliseum on **December 16th at 4:00pm.**

Make certain you return your ticket form no later than **Wednesday, November 8th** for your child(ren) to be entering into the exclusive experiences draw.

The Toronto Marlies are offering exclusive experiences for our students based on the overall number of tickets sold such as Post-Game Family Skate, Fan High Five Tunnel, Zamboni ride, singing Oh Canada, etc.

Don't miss out!

Time to Vote - Thursday November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Our next Home and School meeting is November 14th. We will be reviewing proposals and voting on where to allocate dollars raised through H&S events and activities.

In the past, funds have helped pay for: library books; reading, drama and dance programs; art supplies; school athletic team jerseys; wellness and guidance initiatives and; technology tools and student workshops.

You **MUST** be a H&S member to vote. If you don't have your membership yet, you can get the form by clicking [here](#) or go to the H&S website under the tab 'Who We Are'. Please submit with a \$20 cheque to the office. Or, you can bring them to the meeting on November 14th.

Don't miss your chance to have a say in where our money gets spent in the school and don't forget to **bring your phone** - you need it to vote! *Babysitting will be provided in the mini-gym.*

Appreciation Corner

Thank you to kindie reps Shawna Hogan and Andrea Jeffery for organizing the Kindergarten Welcome Night and to Lauren and Brian Morgan for hosting the event.

Big shout out also goes out Lisa Jones and her entire Pizza Lunch crew for pulling off a great first Pizza Party of the year!

Be in the Know

Visit www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com now for details on all of this and more



December 16th – Day With The Marlies