



Bessborough Bulletin



School website: <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bessborough>

November:

- 17 - Primary STEM
(12:00 pm – 12:50 pm)
- 18 - Library
Ambassadors &
Literacy Leaders
Meeting @ lunch
- 19 - Scientist in the
School – Gr 1 Wong
(am) & Gr 1 Torres
(pm)
- 20 – Second City
Workshops
- 25 - Library
Ambassadors &
Literacy Leaders
Meeting @ lunch
- 26 - Gr 5/6 Girls
Basketball
Tournament (pm) at
Bedford Park
- 27 - Pizza Lunch
- Scientist in the
School – Gr 7
- Artist visit – Gr 2
Aitken (am) &
Kindies Willoughby
(pm)
- 28 - Crazy hair day
(Spirit Day)
- Scientist in the
School – Gr 5
MacAulay

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Week of Monday November 17th, 2014 (Day 4)

A Message from the Administrative team:

"It's easier to be ignorant and say I don't know about the problem. But once you know, once you've seen it in their eyes, then you have a responsibility to do something. There is strength in numbers, and if we all work together as a team, we can be unstoppable."

~Craig Kielburger

We would like to welcome Ms. Jain's new addition to her family. Ms. Jain gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Anika. We wish Ms. Jain and her family an amazing year of bonding! To see a pic of the baby, visit our Twitter page <https://twitter.com/BessboroughEMS>.

A big thank you to teachers and parents who have made accommodations last week for parent/teacher interviews. Communication between the school and home is important to help our students achieve to the best of their abilities and to ensure they are enjoying school. Please continue to communicate with your teacher throughout the year via email, phone or appointment for a face-to-face meeting.

We would also like to thank Ms. Fleming, Mr. McMillan, Ms. Wong, Ms. Dominique, Ms. Gamm, Ms. Zerbe, Ms. Jain & teacher candidates for organizing a wonderful Remembrance Day assembly. It was beautiful to see all the performers. It was wonderful to see so many from the community attend.

~ Ms. Broderick and Ms. Rosenbloom

Days of Significance (2014)

November: Aboriginal Education Month

- 15-25 Winter Lent (Orthodox Christian)
- 16 Louis Riel Day (First Nations, Inuit, & Metis)
- 16-22 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- 20 Universal Children's Day (UN)
- 20 International Transgender Day of Remembrance
- 22 National Holodomor Awareness (Ukrainian)
- 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (UN)

Safe Arrival



We are now able to take messages for students who will be absent or late through our bessborough@tdsb.on.ca email address. You can still phone in the absences and lates at [\(416\) 396-2319](tel:(416)396-2319). Please make sure you include the following information...

- student's first and last name
- grade and teacher
- reason for absence/late

Primary STEM Mondays at lunch and Tuesdays after school

Primary Stem will begin this week on Monday from 12:00-12:50 and Tuesday from 3:40-4:30. On Mondays students are asked to eat their lunch in their lunchrooms and then line up outside of Room 5 at 12:00. On Tuesdays students who go to childcare must first go to the Mini Gym and sign in with childcare and Ms. Wong will meet students there. She will bring them back to childcare to be picked up by parents. Students who are not in childcare can meet Ms. Wong outside Room 5 at 3:40. SEE YOU THERE!! "

Exercise Equipment



We are looking for your old fitness equipment that you're not using any more and are taking up space in your basement to help build a small fitness area for our students. Right now we have a need for 2-3 exercise bikes, some light dumbbells or resistance bands, or possibly a small training machine but our space is limited.

If you have something you're willing to donate please contact Ritch Couper at ritch.couper@tdsb.on.ca. Thanks!

Wireless Routers

Thank you very much for the donations of the routers. We are looking forward to using them with our classrooms! If you are still looking at donating old routers, please contact caroline.rosenbloom@tdsb.on.ca.



Team Up For Green Bike Racks

This is a rare and innovative collaboration between our Board and Toronto Hydro. We are very proud to be selected to take part in this fundraising campaign with 100% of the proceeds going directly towards the purchase and installation of bike racks to benefit our students and aligning with the TDSB'S new [Charter for Active, Safe and Sustainable Transportation](#).

The board has **244 families signed up so far. The sign-up goal is 30,000.** The goal for each school is to try to get **100 families to sign-up** (*all staff, family and friends can participate as well*). If sign up goals are met, the board will receive up to \$250,000 towards the 500 new bike racks at our schools. Here is the link for customers to sign-up <http://teamupforgreen.com/>. Coupons for light bulbs are also given when you sign up.

Starting in January 2015, schools will be able to apply to have racks installed on their school grounds through an online application process. During the selection process, a school's participation in the **Team Up For Green** campaign will be taken into consideration. However, schools with the highest demonstrated need for bike racks will be given priority.



Dressing for Cold Weather

With the cold weather approaching, please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for recess. Don't forget to label hats, mitts and shoes/boots. Be sure to check the lost and found for any items that may have gone missing.

Thank you and have a fantastic week!