



Bessborough Bulletin



October:

- 6 – Dental Screening
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 - Northlea Blood Donor Clinic @ Northlea
- 8 – 7/8 girls all day football tournament @ Lawrence Heights
- 9 – Artist visit – Gr. 3 Dominique (am), Kindergarten – Churchill (pm)
 - Jr boys slow pitch tournament (am)
 - Jr girls slow pitch tournament (pm)
- 13 – Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- 15 – Gr 4 Scientist in School
 - Gr 7/8 girls slow pitch @ David Lewis PS
- 16 – Ripley's Aquarium trip (K-2)
- 17 – 7/8 boys all day football tournament @ Don Valley JH
- 21 – HPV (am)
 - 7/8 girls football finals @ Lawrence Heights (pm only)
- 22 – Gr 8 to 9 Transition Information Night @ 6:30 pm at Northlea
 - 7/8 boys football finals @ Lawrence Heights (pm only)

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Week of October 6, 2014

A Message from the Administrative team:

"We all have ability. The difference is how we use it." ~ Stevie Wonder

A special thank you to Ms. Thurow, teachers and parent volunteers for a success event. Here's a message from Ms. Thurow...

Congratulations to all of our runners at the meet on Friday. Many runners achieved personal goals they set for themselves and all of them should be very proud of the hard work they have put in during our training! It was truly amazing to see so many Bessborough students at this event and how hard each and every one of them tried.

Thank you to all the parent drivers and volunteers who helped make sure the students were on the start line and well taken care of at the finish.

If your child placed in the top 40 runners in their event they will definitely be moving on to the North Qualifier (at Earl Bales) on Tuesday, October 14 (the day after Thanksgiving Monday). Top 4 teams from each race will also attend the meet so if your child did not place in the top 40 but several other Bessborough runners did, it is possible your child may be part of the team. We will confirm runners as soon as possible.

As a reminder, top 20 runners (and top 3 teams) from the qualifiers will race at the city finals on Monday, October 27 (at Centennial Park).

Days of Significance (2014)

October: Woman's History Month / Islamic Heritage Month

4-7	Eid al Adha (Islam)
5	World Teachers' Day
9-15	Sukkot (Judaism)
13	Thanksgiving Day (Public Holiday)
13-19	Week Without Violence
13-19	LGBTQQI2S Ally Week
16	Shemini Atzeret* (Judaism)
16	World Food Day (UN)
17	Simchat Torah* (Judaism)
17	International Day of the Eradication of Poverty (UN)

A Letter from a Parent...

Greetings Bessborough Cross Country Families,

Friday's race may seem like a distant memory for some now and only the beginning of the next stage for the qualifiers. What a GREAT day of racing. We do not have official results as of yet but it looks like 40 runners qualified for the next round. Equally as impressive were the runners that fell, got back up and finished the race. Runners that fell, got back up and qualified. Friends encouraging friends when they knew they were struggling. Cheering for everyone, mostly from our school, but also for other schools' athletes trying to finish the race. Great sportsmanship shown by our team.

Congratulations to all runners that came to every single practice, or did their very best to come to all of the practices. Well done to everyone.

We must thank our great crew of teacher coaches and supervisors. There were so many. Obviously Ms. Thurow. But also Ms. Robertson, Ms Gamm, Ms. Wong and Ms. Broderick who came to the meet and helped to make the day run smoothly. Mr. Casey, Ms. Cook, Mr. McMillan, Ms. Surdivall, and Ms Ponaras all gave their time to supervise and help run practices. Please thank them if you see them at the school.

A big thank you to those parents that helped on race day. Helping with the tent, tshirts and most of all chaperoning the runners to the start line. It can be daunting on the line with other very "keen" chaperones from other schools but I know our coaches prepared our kids and set them up for success.

There are so many parents to thank for the practices. Most of all Sheila Allen and Cory Cattell for taking the lead with primary and junior runners. Thank you to all parents, especially in the primary grades, for helping at practice and supervising the corners. Thank you for supporting your child in Cross Country this season. There were lots of smiles at practice and on race day.

Go BESSBOROUGH!!!!

Pam Horwood



Safe Arrival Phone Number

Just a reminder that if your child is away, please call **(416) 395-2319**. If your child is at a school event, you do not need to call them in absent.

Lunchtime Programs

We have some wonderful lunch time programs that were set up by Home & School and school volunteers starting this week.

Students who have signed up can check the bulletin board in front of the office to confirm their time and location of their program.

Mondays – Sketching and Painting (Room 25)
- Glee Time (Room 24)

Tuesdays - STEM Junior workshops (Room 15)
- Pawsitively Pets - Grades 3-6 (Room 24)

Wednesdays - Ukulele Kids - Grades 1-3 (Room 17)
- Ukulele Kids - Grades 4-5 (Room 11)
- Ukulele Kids - Grades 5-6 (Room 10)

Thursdays – STEM Intermediate workshops (Room 15)
- Pawsitively Pets - JK/SK (Room 6)
- Pawsitively Pets - Grades 1-2 (Room 2)

Fridays – Hip Hop (Room 1)
- Mad Science Kindergarten (Room 6)
- Mad Science Grades 1-3 (Room 2)
- Mad Science Grades 1-3 (Room 17)

STEM

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATHEMATICS

TUESDAYS: Juniors (grade 4-6)	THURSDAYS: Intermediates (grade 7-8)
October 7th: - The Marshmallow Challenge	October 9th: - The Marshmallow Challenge
October 14th: - Making Slime	October 16th: - Making Slime
October 21st: - Mechanical Grabber I	October 23rd: - Laparoscopic surgery Part I
October 28th: - Mechanical Grabber II	October 30th: - Laparoscopic surgery Part II

*Limited space available per workshop. Sign-up sheet in front of office!
By signing up, you commit to attend ALL workshops for your grade.*



Go ENG Girl

Calling all Girls! Oct 18th 2014

Go ENG Girl provides an exciting opportunity for **girls in grades 7-10** across Ontario and a parent/guardian to visit their local university campus and learn from women professionals, academics and students about the wonderful world of engineering. While the girls enjoy fun hands-on activities and student exhibits, their parents are treated to an informative session about the path to a career in engineering.

Join us for the 10th annual Go ENG Girl location near you.

To register and for more information visit
<http://www.onwie.ca/programs/go-eng-girl>

Intermediate Girls Slow Pitch

Practices for grade 7 & 8 girls slow pitch will begin this week. Practices will take place Tuesday at 8:00 am and Thursdays after school. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Buksner and Ms. Backus.

The tournament will take place on Wednesday Oct 15th at David Lewis PS in Scarborough.



Parent Volunteers Needed

Parent volunteers have always been a valuable asset to our school community and we can always use help in areas other than your child's classroom. Please contact the following teachers if you are interested in helping out in the following areas:

- Library help – contact Ms. Tina Surdivall
- ECO schools – contact Ms. Pam Aitken

Caring & Safe Schools Committee

Each TDSB school has a Caring & Safe Schools Committee and parents are invited to be part of this. If you are interested, please email caroline.rosenbloom@tdsb.on.ca for more information.

Sarah's Food Drive

Bessborough will continue to support Sarah's Food Drive. This week is our food drive challenge to see which school can raise the most funds and food.



You can donate at <http://bit.ly/BessFoodDrive>.

You can also bring food and drop them off in the bins near the fish tank. They are in need of the following foods:

- peanut butter
- canned fruits and vegetables
- dried pasta and tomato sauce
- cans of soup and hearty stew
- powdered, canned or tetra pak of milk
- baby formula and food
- canned fish and meats
- lentils and cans of beans
- rice
- macaroni and cheese

Protection of Privacy

Please be reminded that activities throughout the school year may require the use of student names, age, grade, photo, video etc. and while notices will be sent for most events, parents are welcome to discuss any restrictions they require with the administration. Just notify us in writing that you do NOT wish to have this information published in the newsletter, website or any other social media.

If you have any questions about photos, please contact Caroline Rosenbloom, VP. Thank you!



Thank you and have a fantastic week!