

February:

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- 2 - Home & School General Meeting
- 3 - Scientist in the School AM (Gr 4-Baker)
- 4 - School assembly
- School Dance-a-thon 8 - Gr 8 Trip Parent Info Night
- 9 - Scientist in the School PM (Gr 5-Leishman)
- 10 - Scientist in the School PM (Gr 5/6-Pantopoulos)
- 11 - Winter Activity Day
 - Kindergarten Registration
- 12 - PA Day (no school)
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- 15 - Family Day (no school)
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- Young People's Theatre (Gr 4-Baker)

Bessborough Bulletin

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Week of Feb 1, 2016 - DAY 2

A Message from the Administrative team:

" Intelligence + character – that is the goal of true education." ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It was a very busy week and our visitors from Peru were very impressed by all the activities our students were involved in. They especially liked the dance performance they saw with the Gr 4 class on the last day. Thank you staff & students for showing them the Bessborough way!

We would like to wish our Gr 7 students an awesome trip up to Muskoka Woods. Have a fun and safe trip and we look forward to some tweets which can be viewed on our main school website at http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bessborough/home.aspx .

We have our Dance Kick-off this week as well! Looking forward to see some great dancing and some good fundraising too!

~ Ms. Broderick and Ms. Rosenbloom

Days of Significance (2015-2016)

February 2016 African Heritage / Black Queering Month

- 3 Setsubun-sai** (Shinto)
- 6 International Day of Zero-Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation (WHO)
- 8 Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
- 8-13 Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week
- 15 Family Day (Ontario public holiday)
- 20 World Day of Social Justice (UN)
- 21 International Mother Language Day (UN)



Gr 7 Muskoka Woods Trip:

We are excited to have our Gr 7 students and staff have the opportunity to explore the outdoors and do some team building as a Gr 7 team. It's a wonderful experience and we look forward to hearing the stories when they get back.

Here is a link to the letter for any last minute details you might need.

https://docs.google.com/a/tdsb.on.ca/document/d/14VYTeGX9vzL 5D4A 6ZjJRVIj-MO2LHv07Toa5qLM7ok/edit?usp=sharing

Please make sure your child arrives at school by 7:30 am as time is needed to load baggage and organize seating on the busses.

Grade 8 Grad Trip - Parent Info Night:

Preparations for the grade 8 graduation trip will start very soon! Based on the survey, students will be going to New York City!

Temple & Temple, the tour group organizing the excursion, will be at Bessborough on **Monday February 8**th **at 6:45 pm** to share the itinerary and answer any questions parents may have. Students are invited to attend too.

Please register at the following link to let us know you will be attending.

http://goo.gl/forms/p55Yhb1QEs





Kindergarten Registration: Feb 11th & 12th 2016

Kindergarten Registration is on **February 11th & 12th by appointment only**. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. New registrants should bring the following items:

- o Proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- o Proof of address (two pieces of identification that show your address)
- o Proof of immunization (the card that shows a list of needles your child has received)
- o Verification of date of arrival, if your child was not born in Canada
- o Please note To register a child for kindergarten you must be the child's parent or legal guardian.



Babysitters Wanted: Home & School General Meeting

Home & School has a general meeting on **Tuesday February 2**nd in the library. Babysitting will be available.

More babysitters are required and the committee is looking for more students to help out that evening.

If you know of a student who is willing to help, please contact Michelle Iwata [michelleiwata7@gmail.com].

Walking Wednesday: January Green Shoe Winner

We are proud to present our winner for the month of January.

The top three classes are:

In third place we have Mr. Chong's Grade 1 class.

In second place we have Ms. Robertson's Grade 7 class.

And in <u>first place</u> we have Ms. Leishman's Grade 5 class. Way to go! You are the Green Shoe Winners for the month of January.









Winter Activity Day – Feb 11th 2016

We have a very exciting Winter Activity planned for our Grades 1-8

Gr 1/2: Harbourfront – Make and Skate

Gr 3: Snow Valley - Tubing

Gr 4-6: Snow Valley – Tubing/Ski/Snowboard

Gr 7/8: Mansfield - Ski/Snowboard

If you have questions about the ski trip please contact ritch.couper@tdsb.on.ca.

If you require financial support, please don't hesitate to contact patricia.broderick@tdsb.on.ca directly.

Do you have photos for the yearbook?

The yearbook committee is always looking for photos from current events happening at the school. Send in your photos right away to avoid the spring rush! We are looking for the following events...

- Field trips
- Holiday concert
- Dances
- Class parties



Uploading Yearbook Photos: **Please send "Actual Size" or largest file size possible**

- 1) From your cell phone or tablet, email photos to: bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com
- 2) From your computer, click on this link and upload your photos:

http://www.mediafire.com/filedrop/filedrop_hosted.php?drop=06c5b4ce1cabd3f1a4b99a81a97ce90f1f 2551b6f5089bd8ab66d6a7e3809d7f



| Day of | Club / Activity | Time & |
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| the | | Location |
| Week | | |
| Mon | - Gr 2-4 Primary Girls Club (Ms Wong/Ms Thurow) | Rm 9 @ lunch |
| | - Gr 5/6 Junior Girls Club (Ms Angheloni/Ms Surdivall) | Rm 9/Library @ lunch |
| Tues | - Primary STEM (Ms Wong/Mr Chong) | Rm 5/9 @ lunch |
| | - Junior STEM (Mr Baker) | Computer Lab @ lunch |
| | - BessJam! (Mr Miller/Mr McMillan) | Rm 8 @ lunch |
| | - Folk Fest Club (Ms Poulimenakos, Ms Cook, Ms Willoughby) | Big Gym |
| | - Lego Robotics (Mr Casey/Mr. Day/Ms Connor) | Rm 30 @ after school |
| Wed | - Int Girls' Breakfast Club (Ms Angheloni/Ms Surdivall /Ms Nia) | Staffroom |
| | - Intermediate STEM (Mr Baker) | Computer Lab @ lunch |
| Thurs | - Library Ambassadors (Ms Surdivall) | Library @ lunch |
| | - Int. Concert Band (Mr McMillan) | Rm 8 @ 8:00 am |
| | - Junior BessBro's Club (Mr Baker) | Rm 10 @ lunch |
| | - Lego Robotics (Mr Casey/Mr. Day/Ms Connor) | Rm 30 @ after school |
| Fri | - Me to We (Ms Pilgrim/Ms Ciobanu) | Rm 31 @ lunch |
| Days | - Tech Team (Ms Surdivall/Ms Rosenbloom) | Office/Library |
| vary | | |

** All Clubs running at lunch begin at 12:00 pm unless the teacher has indicated a different time.

Home & School Happenings

Bessboroughhomeandschool.com

Jon Burnside at H&S Meeting

A reminder that the H&S/SC Meeting is THIS **Tuesday**, **February 2** at **7pm** in the library. The agenda is up on our website. Our city councillor **Jon Burnside** and 53 Division Staff Sergeant **Matt Moyer** will be in attendance. The primary focus will be on traffic with time dedicated to community development as it relates to the school. Don't miss this important safety meeting!

Grade 8's Needed!

We need 2-3 Grade 8 students or high school age siblings to look after children whose parents are attending the Home & School meeting at Bessborough on Tuesday, February 2. It would be from 6:30pm to 8:40pm and students will earn volunteer hours. If interested, please email Michelle Iwata at michelleiwata7@gmail.com.

Dance-a-thon Update

The big day is almost here - kids will be hitting the dance floor on **Monday February 8th**. Hopefully by now you've seen the pledge forms that were sent home. They are due back by Thursday February 4th and the class from each division with the most donation participation will get to pick the first song! Students who raise \$30 or more will receive a glow ring. Kids from every grade will be getting their groove on so it should be a super fun day at school!

Bejiji Status Update

Thank you for all the donations so far! The teachers are grateful for your old stuff. Don't forget to check our site for items still needed.

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

Thank you and have an awesome week!