



Bessborough Bulletin



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November:

- 30 - Day 3
- 30 - Scientist in the School (Gr 1s)
- Day 1/8 Days of Giving (Warm Clothing Drive)

December:

- 1 - Day 2/8 Days of Giving (Warm Clothing Drive)
- 2 - Day 3/8 Days of Giving (Warm Clothing Drive)
- 3 - Day 4/8 Days of Giving (Warm Clothing Drive)
- 4 - Day 5/8 Days of Giving (Toys)
- Kaeja Dance (Gr 5/6 Pantopoulos)
- 7 - Day 6/8 Days of Giving (Grocery Store gift cards)
- Kaeja Dance (Gr 5/6 Pantopoulos)
- 8 - Day 7/8 Days of Giving (Grocery Store gift cards)
- Holiday Concert (gr 1-8)
- 9 - Day 8/8 Days of Giving (Grocery Store gift cards)
- Holiday Concert (Kindergarten)

Week of Nov 30, 2015 – DAY 3

A Message from the Administrative team:

*“Gratitude turns what we have into enough.”
~ Melody Beattie*

Only 3 weeks left before the holiday break! We are excited and already feeling the holiday spirit in the school. This is a great time to talk with the kids at home about the different celebrations that occur during this holiday season.

Our Movember campaign is winding down. Check out the video (<http://bit.ly/1glkQp>) created by the Junior BessBros. There is still time to donate!

Our Me to We group will be starting the *8 Days of Giving* again this year. Items can be dropped off in front of the office.

Looking forward to seeing the holiday spirit over the next few weeks!
~ Ms. Broderick and Ms. Rosenbloom

Days of Significance (2015)

December 2015

- 1 World AIDS Day (UN)
- 2 International Day of the Abolition of Slavery (UN)
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (UN)
- 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (UN)
- 7-14 Hanukkah* (Judaism)
- 10 Human Rights Day (UN)
- 18 International Migrants Day (UN)
- 22 Solstice – Yule/Litha* (Wicca/Pagan)
- 25 Christmas (Christianity) (Public holiday)
- 26 Kwanzaa (African Canadian/African American)

Holiday Concerts:

Grades 1-8 Concert

Tuesday Dec. 8th 2015
@ 6:30 pm
Leaside Auditorium

Kindergarten Concert

Wednesday Dec. 9th 2015
@ 6:30 pm
Bessborough Big Gym



8 Days of Giving:

This festive season, our Bessborough community will be able to help support those within the community and beyond. We thought we could focus on 8 specific items for each day.

The **Me to We** club is again organizing a **Warm Clothing Drive** to benefit New Circles, a local charity group that helps Torontonians in need. The first four days will focus on the Warm Clothing Drive.

Please donate gently used winter clothing of all sizes, such as coats, boots, snow suits, hats, scarves, etc. We will be collecting the clothing items from **Monday, November 30th to Thursday, December 3rd** in front of the school office.

- 1) Nov 30 – Warm Clothing Drive
- 2) Dec 1 - Warm Clothing Drive
- 3) Dec 2 - Warm Clothing Drive
- 4) Dec 3 - Warm Clothing Drive
- 5) Dec 4 - Toys
- 6) Dec 7 – Grocery Store Gift Cards
- 7) Dec 8 - Grocery Store Gift Cards
- 8) Dec 9 - Grocery Store Gift Cards

Boxes will be available in front of the office for each day of giving. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



12th Annual Leaside Guys Night Out & Christmas Toy Drive

Dec 10th at 7:30 pm @ Leaside Pub

In support of the children of Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park.

All guys welcome! Bring an unwrapped toy or \$20
50/50 draw & Great raffle prizes
Live Auction for Dinner for 8 at your home from Grilltime
Advance toy donation box at The Leaside Pub.

See the attached flyer.





Junior BessBro Club:

The Junior BessBro's would like to thank everyone who donated money last week in support of Movember. Our goal is to raise funds and awareness for Men's Health issues including prostate cancer, testicular cancer, physical inactivity and mental health issues. **With over \$350 in loose change raised last week alone, we are now ranked 24th all schools in Canada with \$854 raised in total!!** But there is **ONE MORE DAY TO GO!!** We will be coming around on Monday for any last minute donations. You can also drop off any donations to Mr. Casey (Room 30) or Mr. Baker (Room 10). We would appreciate it if parents can ask any friends, neighbours, or family members to support this cause. Online donations can be made on our webpage here: <http://mobro.co/jrbessbros>

If you have yet to see our Movember video here is the link: <http://bit.ly/1lgIkQp> Special thanks to Nevin Katkic in Grade 4 for helping Mr. Baker edit the video. On a final note, we wanted to acknowledge the following 7 teachers for growing their Mo's this month to help support this great cause: Mr. Casey, Mr. Day, Mr. Pantopoulos, Mr. Couper, Mr. Miller, Mr. Baker and Mr. McMillan. GO BESSBOROUGH!!





Leaside After Grade 8 Information Night:

Location: Leaside Auditorium

When: Thurs Dec 3rd, 2015

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm - Self directed tours

7:30 pm – 8:15 pm – Plenary in the auditorium

Walking Wednesday:

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

The top three classes are:

In third place we have a tie with Mr. Chong Grade 1 and Ms. Wong grade 6.

In second place we have Ms. Leishman's Grade 5 class.

And in first place we have Mr. Pantopoulos' Grade 5/6. Way to go!
You are the Green Shoe Winners for the month of November.



Parent Workshops:

Please see the following for some parent workshops:

November 30th - Jennifer Kolari from Connected Parenting will be speaking about parenting issues, anxiety and dealing with stress.

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- See the link from H & S for more information

Yearbook Photos & Committee Help:

The 2015/16 Bessborough Yearbook Committee needs your photos and your help!

- Send in your photos of Bessborough events that you would like to share with us (instructions below). We are currently looking for photos such as Terry Fox Run, sporting teams/events, Halloween, and school trips or classroom events. We will be asking for photos throughout the year but feel free to send them in at anytime!
- We are also looking for some parents to join our yearbook committee. No experience necessary, just some enthusiasm and a few spare hours. (But if you have a background in photography or graphic design that would be great too!)

To find out how you can help or if you have any questions, please contact **Corey Ferguson** at c.ginou@sympatico.ca or **Susan Thurow** at susan.thurow@tdsb.on.ca



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=06c5b4ce1cabd3f1a4b99a81a97ce90f1f2551b6f5089bd8ab66d6a7e3809d7f



Day of the Week	Club / Activity	Time & Location
Monday	- Gr 2-4 Primary Girls Club - Gr 5/6 Junior Girls Club	Rm 9 @ lunch Rm 9 @ lunch
Tuesday	- Gr 1-3 Primary STEM - Junior STEM - GLEE	Rm 5 @ lunch Computer Lab @ lunch Rm 8 @ lunch
Wednesday	- P/J Choir - Intermediate STEM	Library/Rm 8 @ lunch Computer Lab @ lunch
Thursday	- Library Ambassadors - Gr 8 Concert Band - Junior BessBro's Club	Library @ lunch Rm 8 @ 8:00 am Rm 10 @ lunch
Friday	- Me to We	Rm 31 @ lunch
Sign ups on particular days	- Tech Team	Office/Library (am recess/lunch/pm recess)

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

Home & School Happenings

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Don't forget to visit www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com for more information on Home & School Happenings!

Thank you and have a fabulous week!