

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Track & Field Day - Gr.4-6 - April 19
- ◆ Track & Field Day - Gr. 7/8 - April 20
- ◆ New Parent to Kindie Orientation - April 26
- ◆ Grade 1 Zoo Trip - May 3
- ◆ Grade 8 Science Centre Trip - May 4
- ◆ Immunization Clinic #2 (Gr. 7 & 8) - May 9
- ◆ Victoria Day Holiday - May 21
- ◆ Toronto Blue Jays Day - May 24
- ◆ P.A. Day - June 8

Planning For Next Year

If your family is planning on leaving Bessborough next year (i.e., you are moving, going to private school, French Immersion, etc.), kindly contact the school office at your earliest convenience to let us know. This information is vital to our organizational planning for next year. Thank you for your assistance.

Multi-Year Strategic Plan Consultation

The Toronto District School Board is working on a Multi-Year Strategic Plan and wants to hear from you!

The Multi-Year Strategic Plan will act as a high level statement of intent for the TDSB for the next three or more school years, set direction and identify system goals to support its 246,000 students and 583 schools. We value input from parents/guardians, families, students and staff and invite you to provide feedback on the draft Multi-Year Strategic Plan documents. To learn more and provide input online, please visit: www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSP.

Toronto Blue Jays Day

We are excited to be part of Toronto Blue Jays Day on Thursday May 24th. All grade 3-8 students have now received a letter and permission form about this event. We have a block of tickets reserved in Section 512. Tickets are \$16 each and parents may purchase tickets for yourselves and younger siblings (provided parents are attending) if you wish to join us. Please see the letter and permission form for additional details.



Lunchroom Supervisors Needed!

If you are occasionally free during our lunch hour (11:40 a.m. -12:55 p.m.), we are in need of additional lunchroom supervisors to fill in when our regular supervisors are absent. This is a paid position.

If interested in learning more, please contact Etienne Mercieca at Etienne.Mercieca@tdsb.on.ca or call the school.

Student Athletic Council Update

Hi Bessborough,

Pals are doing great. We have a set Track and Field day for both 7-8 and the Juniors. The Juniors day will be held on Thursday, April 19, and the 7-8 day will be the day following (Friday, April 20).

Intramurals are coming to a close for 2018! We have decided to start a grade 7-8 basketball intramural! We have put the sign up sheets up and now we are making the teams. More information to come!

Have a great weekend,
Bessborough Athletic Council.

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Science Rendezvous

Science Rendezvous is *Full STEAM Ahead!* Saturday, May 12, 2018, and you are invited to event sites across the country as we showcase the Art in Science. This FREE kick-off festival for Science Odyssey week will be the most fun your family will have with science all year!

This SATURDAY, MAY 12th 2018 over 6,000 of Canada's greatest innovators, researchers, engineers, and scientists from 125 partner organizations will open their doors and close city streets to present exciting demonstrations, hands-on activities, and explosive experiments. From the physics of rock and roll to the chemistry of ice-cream, Science Rendezvous has something for everyone!

Come out to Science Rendezvous on May 12, and inspire your family to STEAM big!

<http://www.sciencerendezvous.ca/>



Wellness Club

The Wellness Group has been looking into promoting Wellness Initiatives throughout the school. They have created a website to share with the Bessborough Families so you can use our Wellness techniques at home to help you bring these strategies outside of school.

Please see the below link:

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/wellness-bessborough/post-it-note-kindness>

Send in Your Photos The Yearbook!



The Yearbook committee is looking for photos specifically from **Winter Activity Day at Mansfield (ask your grade 7 & 8s if they took any), Kindie concert and Intermediate Cross Country.** If you have any photos that you'd like to share with us, please send to bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com

We're always looking for photos from *any* Bessborough event, so send those in too!

Be sure to send best quality and the largest file size you have (highest resolution) or if sending from your iPhone, please send "Actual Size". For any questions, please email Sue Thurow at susan.thurow@tdsb.on.ca or Corey Ferguson at c.ginou@sympatico.ca

Our Place or Yours?

The Bessborough Street Crawl - 1 night, 3 homes, many memories made. This annual fundraiser is always a blast! H&S is looking for 1 last family to host this year's event. You will be provided with a budget and help in planning from past host families. Open your doors for a couple of hours, invite your neighbours in and let the good times roll!

Please contact Lauren with any questions or for more details. lauren_swinburne@hotmail.com

Mayfair Poster Contest

Get creative and get the word out there! Design this year's Mayfair poster and you could win a free wristband if your poster is selected! Submissions due by **Friday, April 20th** and should be brought **to the office**. Contest is open to all grades. Details and entry form attached.

Enrichment Budget Update and Vote - The People Spoke and We Listened: The Votes has Passed! Here's What we Voted 'Yes' To:

We are pleased to let you know H&S will invest in an Empower Reading Program for Intermediate students. This valuable reading program will now be available to all Bessborough students.

The allocation will come from the cancellation of the outdoor garden project (\$3,500) and funds remaining from the promethean board (\$1,885). The remaining \$385 will go back into the H&S account.

We are very proud to have this program in our school and to see the impact it has made on our students' abilities, motivation and confidence. To learn more about the program, please visit

<http://www.sickkids.ca/LDRP/Empower-Reading/>

Appreciations

Though Mayfair fun seems a ways away, there is a dedicated team already putting in the hours to ensure that Mayfair - our biggest school event - will be great again this year. Thanks to all of you who are quietly yet busily pulling it all together. We appreciate it.



May 27th - Mayfair

June 7th - Lawn Bowling (tickets will be on sale at Mayfair)

June 14th - Ladies Night (tickets will be on sale at Mayfair)

How to be in the Know

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