

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Pizza Lunch (Gr. 6) - Feb. 26
- ◆ Home & School Meeting / Student Inquiry Showcase - Feb. 27 - 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Gr. 5 TIFF Trip - Feb. 27
- ◆ Gr. 4 TIFF Trip - Feb. 28
- ◆ Gr. 3 TIFF Trip - Mar 1
- ◆ Jr. Boys Basketball Conference Finals - Mar 2
- ◆ Sub Lunch - March 5
- ◆ March Break - March 12-16

Student Inquiry Showcase Tues. Feb. 27 - 6:30 p.m. - With Home & School Meeting



Want to find out more about what our students are learning about and doing in their classrooms?

Then please come to the Home & School meeting on Tuesday February 27th. Students and teachers will be presenting some of the inquiry projects they have been working on immediately following the meeting.

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 and Intramurals are doing great.

STUDENT
ATHLETIC
COUNCIL

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).

Have a great weekend,

Bessborough Athletic Council.

Pink Shirt Day - Wed. Feb. 28th

Dear Bessborough Community,

February 28 is Pink Shirt Day! This day raises awareness for anti-bullying. Pink Shirt Day was started by David Shepard, Travis Price and friends in a small town in Nova Scotia. They encouraged their high school peers to wear pink t-shirts in support of a grade 9 student who was bullied at school... for wearing a pink shirt.



To show our support for anti-bullying and expression of individuality, everyone is encouraged to wear as much pink as possible on this day.

Thank you,

GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)

Guidance Update

Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 8 Students,

We are close to the completion of course selections. Many thanks for your child's submission of his/her draft course selection sheet. Blueprints have been created based on your child's draft and have been returned to them for your final review/approval.



Please **complete Section A** of the first page (personal information) and **sign and date on the second page**. Forms to be **returned to home room teachers by no later than Monday, Feb 26**. If there are any changes needed, please email me directly and indicate the change on the blueprint itself.

Thank you,

Bianca Angheloni

Join Folkfest

Folkfest is back at Bessborough starting Tuesday Feb. 27.

Folkfest is a club for students in Grades 3 – 6. Each week, students will learn a new folk dance.

On May 15 (rain date May 17), there is a Folkfest event at East York Collegiate for Folkfest clubs all over the TDSB. Hundreds of students come to the event and perform the dances they have learned together.

Folkfest will take place on Tuesdays after lunch is eaten. Children will be escorted to the big gym at 12:05.

If you are interested, please fill out the attached form and return it to your teacher by Monday, February 26.

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Ms. Cook and Ms. Willoughby



Grade 6 Sheldon Trip

The grade 6s have just returned from having spent the entire week at the Sheldon Outdoor Education Centre, just outside of Alliston.

It was my privilege to join Ms. Buksner and this remarkable group of students. I was thoroughly impressed at how our students behaved and managed themselves in order to overcome obstacles and challenges (including some fairly miserable weather at times).

The Sheldon staff repeatedly told us how amazing our students are and how much they would love to see them return.

Our days began at around 7 a.m. and went until nearly 10 p.m. and students engaged in simulation games, and helped in the sugar bush to collect sap for maple syrup production. They also helped set and clear the table at meal times and never once expressed disappointment about being outside when the weather wasn't cooperating or a desire to be sitting in front of a device (although it was pretty evident they were missing their parents by Friday!).

I couldn't be more proud of our grade 6s! Well done Ms. Buksner's class!

Mr. Mercieca



Join the H & S Committee - Your School Needs You

It's a wonderful group of parents that keeps this crazy H&S team chuggin' along, and we need more of you!

Please visit www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com/get-involved for information on our committees, and over the next weeks we'll showcase the roles that are looking for new people in September. Only skills needed are; wanting to make connections, to give back to the school, and to have a good time.



Committee Spotlight - Lunch Activity Coordinator

We are pleased to facilitate professional enrichment programs available to our students during the lunch hour, allowing them to explore arts, music, hobbies and technology. This role is ideal for someone who's organized, dependable, insightful and enthusiastic about building a well-rounded program. You will inherit a valuable list of providers, but we welcome you to introduce new ones to keep this activity the hot attraction it's grown to become. The time commitment is only 5 to 8 hours per month for September, October, December, January, March and April.

Pizza Lunch - Grade 6

Ms. Buksner's class will have their pizza lunch on Monday February 26th.

Last Call for Lost and Found!

This is the last call to find what you children have Lost! All remaining items after the February 27th Home & School Meeting and Inquiry Showcase will be donated to New Circles Community Services to help people in need.

H&S General Meeting and Inquiry Learning Showcase February 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us, teachers, students and staff for our next H&S meeting. We'll provide a brief financial and project update and do the Bylaw vote (please see attached document). We are then excited to see what our teachers and students have in store to show us what and how they've been learning! Babysitting will be provided in the mini gym.

Exciting Event - Last Call for Volunteers



For the Bessies to be another hit event of the year, we need at least 6 parents to step forward. Think American Idol, X Factor, America's Got Talent, The Voice! Our kids need time to prepare, the planning needs to start now, so please raise your hand and make this the event to give back to your school.

Contact Stacey at staceyniman@gmail.com.

Appreciations

Thank you to our parents who attended the Paul Davies presentation at Rolph Road. He certainly didn't disappoint...hitting us with the facts, key issues to discuss with our kids, and an achievable to do list to prepare and secure our kids. This presentation was brought by the Parent Reach Out (PRO) Grant – if you have topic and speaker ideas for us to request for next year, please contact Robyn at robyneisrael@gmail.com.



February 27 – Home & School General Meeting and Inquiry Showcase

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