

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Gr. 5 TUSC Trip - Jan. 29
- ◆ Sub Lunch - Feb. 5
- ◆ SK & Gr. 8 Grad Photos - Feb. 6
- ◆ Gregg Le Rock Concert - Feb. 7
- ◆ Report Cards Go Home - Feb. 12
- ◆ Social Media Speaker - Feb. 13
- ◆ Winter Activity Day - Feb. 15
- ◆ P.A. Day - Feb. 16
- ◆ Family Day Holiday - Feb. 19
- ◆ Gr. 6 Trip to Sheldon - Feb. 20-23

Term 1 Report Card Cards

Students will be bringing home term 1 report cards on Monday February 12th. This is an excellent opportunity for students and parents to have a conversation about how the school year is progressing, celebrate successes, and reflect on challenges. Parents will also have an opportunity to schedule a parent-teacher conference to discuss the report card (talk to your child's teacher if you wish to do so).



Year Book

Calling All Students to Come Join the Yearbook



Any student from grade 6-8 who is interested in helping to create this year's yearbook are welcome to join the Yearbook Committee on Thursdays after school, starting Thursday, February 1, in Room 17 (Ms. Thurow's room). Any questions, please contact Ms. Thurow.

Keep Sending Us Your Photos!

If you have any photos you'd like to share from *any* Bessborough event, please send to bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com (We're also looking in particular for photos from the Kindie Holiday Concert, Bessborough at the Marlies and skating at Leaside Arena/Leaside Cup).

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



Winter Activity Week - Feb. 12-16

If you and your family are planning on being away during this week, please ensure that you send an e-mail to our Safe Arrival address so that this can be logged into the Safe Arrival system in advance. This also applies if your child will not be participating and not coming to school on our Winter Activity Day on Thursday February 15th. Please send your e-mails to: bessborough@tdsb.on.ca

Winter Activity Day - Thurs. Feb. 15



Please remember that if your child(ren) who are in grades 3-8 are participating in our ski trip activities, that forms and payment are now due. Please submit as soon as possible if you have not yet had an opportunity to do so. Thank you very much!

Kindergarten Registration



Our Kindergarten program provides young students with a rich and safe learning environment designed to give them the best possible start.

At the TDSB, your child will have many opportunities to learn, build new skills and make new friends. Starting Kindergarten is a very exciting time. We are here to support you and your child in getting ready for school.

For helpful tips, please visit: tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten

Registration

To qualify for Junior Kindergarten, children must be four years of age by December 31 of that year. Go to tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten or visit the Bessborough office to get started. **Registration begins February 15 & 16!**

Please see the Kindergarten Registration Booklet and Parent FAQ that are attached to this e-mail for more information.

Guidance Update



It's course selection time for students transitioning from grade 8 to grade 9. Please visit the Guidance page on the school website for course selection sheets and other important information.

H&S General Meeting Date Change! Feb. 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

Our next Home & School meeting is moved to February 27th. It will be held in partnership with the teachers hosting an Inquiry Showcase, for parents to understand this learning strategy across all grades and to see some inspiring demonstrations from our students. Details about the evening will be provided in the coming weeks. There will be babysitting.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Speaker Series, Social Media Security February 13 @ 6:45 p.m., Rolph Road School Gymnasium

Paul Davies will be presenting to parents on the accountability and responsibility we and our children must understand in this social media environment. He'll discuss such areas as: Social Media (Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, Youtube), Cyberbullying, Digital Trails, Images Sharing, Sexting (and Child Pornography), Smartphones & Apps, Online Security.

Bessborough students in Grades 4 to 8 will have had Paul's presentation earlier that day. Attending will allow us to understand what they learned and be able to have a meaningful discussion with our children.

Learn more by visiting:

· <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaEnoBQSovY>

· www.socialnetworkingsafety.net

Please RSVP to: [Social Media Security Presentation RSVP](#)



Request for Volunteers

The Bessie's need your help! H&S is in need of parent volunteers to run the Bessie's this Spring. What is the Bessie's you ask? Well, it's just the best school talent show on earth! This well loved annual event went into hibernation last year and is looking for new life - to bring it back to life. Want to learn more? Please contact the H&S Volunteer Coordinator, Stacey Niman staceyniman@gmail.com to learn more about what this volunteer job entails (minus the gleeful smiles on our childrens' faces).

The venue is booked! Leaside High Auditorium

The date has been selected! Friday, April 27th, 2018

We just need you and a few of your friends to pull this event together and make it happen!

Please contact Stacey Niman staceyniman@gmail.com if interested.

How to be in the Know

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