

# Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Track & Field Conference Final - June 4
- ◆ New Gr. 7 Open House Night - Wed. June 5 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) - **New Date!**
- ◆ New Kindie Student Open House - June 6 & 7
- ◆ Gr. 8 Trip to Agha Khan Museum - June 7
- ◆ P.A. Day - June 8
- ◆ Track & Field City Final - June 12
- ◆ Gr. 5 True North Rock Climbing Trip - June 15
- ◆ Grade 8 Grad Trip - June 18-22
- ◆ Grade 8 Grad - June 25
- ◆ Last Day of School - June 28

## P.A. Day - Friday June 8

Please remember that this Friday has been designated as a Professional Activity Day for teachers. As such there are no classes for students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday June 11<sup>th</sup>!



## Yearbooks Are Now On Sale! Don't Miss Out!



You should have received your notice from School Cash Online that yearbooks are now available for purchase.

**Please note:** We have changed the ordering process this year and this is the first time they have been available to purchase. Yearbook orders were NOT part of the September package. **Order due date is June 5th.**

This is also your last chance to submit any photos from any school event for the yearbook. Please send to [bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com)

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](mailto:susan.thurow@tdsb.on.ca) or Corey Ferguson at [c.ginou@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.ginou@sympatico.ca)

## School Dress Code

As the weather turns warmer, we want to remind all students of the importance of maintaining our Dress Code. We expect all undergarments to be covered up at all times. Footwear should be supportive and secure to prevent injuries. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Hats, sunscreen and water bottles are encouraged throughout the spring and summer. We also remind students of the importance of good hygiene especially with the warmer temperatures.



## New To Kindergarten Open House

The following message was e-mailed to parents this week. If you did not receive it and feel that you should have, please contact Etienne at [Etienne.Mercieca@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Etienne.Mercieca@tdsb.on.ca) so that you can be added to the e-mail distribution list.



Dear families of new kindergarten students to Bessborough,

We are excited to offer a special Kindergarten Orientation Day to help you and your child get ready for September!

Please sign up for a session on either Wednesday June 6th or Thursday June 7th.

At this Orientation you and your child will be able to tour a kindergarten classroom, participate in a few Kindergarten activities and centres, and take a peek at the school so your child can feel comfortable on the first day of school knowing what to expect.

A Kindergarten teacher will also be there to answer any questions you may have about the program and routines. Name tags will be handed out upon your arrival in Room 7. Please enter through the kindergarten yard at the front of the building. Member of the kindergarten teaching team will be available in the yard to direct you to the correct entrance.

We can't wait to meet you! Sign up today as we are attempting to balance the number of families who visit on each day.

## Grade 7 Information Evening & 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bessborough Coffee House Tuesday June 5, 2018 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm - School Library

LEARN HOW TO NAVIGATE THROUGH THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS BEFORE YOUR KIDS!

The session will include:

- Meeting our School's Parent Council
- How to support your child in his/her digital learning;
- Knowing what Bessborough has to offer

## Kilometer Club



Kilometer Club will take place from June 11-15 starting at 8:00 a.m. each day in the south yard. All students are welcome to join us!

## Message from the Toronto District School Board Regarding School Temperatures



Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we come to the end of May, we have already started to experience warmer temperatures in Toronto and for many of our schools, that means uncomfortable conditions are possible inside classrooms.

Across the TDSB, while some schools are fully air conditioned and some are partially air conditioned, others have no air conditioning. During these warmer temperatures, particularly during days of extreme heat which are no doubt around the corner, our schools do their very best to keep students cool by closing blinds, using fans, relocating to cooler areas where possible, encouraging students to drink water, reducing strenuous activities such as some gym activities, etc. As always, if there are students that have a particular susceptibility to heat or have medical concerns, students and/or parents are encouraged to speak with the Principal and they'll do their best to accommodate them during warmer days.

The TDSB is in the process of creating cooling centres at all of our schools that don't have full building air conditioning. This plan would cool large areas such as gyms or libraries so that students would have access to a cooler area on days of extreme heat. While we have recently accelerated the rollout of these cooling centres, given the hundreds of schools involved, the plan is expected to take approximately 4 years to fully implement. In the meantime, staff are now working to install temporary air conditioning units in school libraries to act as a temporary cooling area for any school that does not have A/C or does not already have a cooling centre. This work is expected to be complete by the end of this week.

We appreciate your understanding of the situation as we work to make our schools as comfortable as possible during this warmer weather. For more information on heat at TDSB schools, including the challenges we face to provide full building air conditioning, visit: [www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Severe-Weather](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Severe-Weather)

## Last H&S Meeting - Save the Date!

Our last H&S general meeting for this school year will be on **Tuesday June 13th** at 7pm in the library. We will vote on next year's operating budget. There will be babysitting provided in the mini gym. See you there!

## Social Series - Lawn Bowling Tickets Still Available

There are still tickets left for this event on June 7th. The evening starts at 6pm at the Leaside Lawn Bowling Club, and your \$65 ticket includes a BBQ dinner, drinks and tournament.

Contact Kristine at [klocklin@gmail.com](mailto:klocklin@gmail.com) or Cabrina at [cabrina.skillen@hotspex.com](mailto:cabrina.skillen@hotspex.com) to purchase tickets

## Appreciations

Bessborough Mayfair is about fundraising, fun and community. It is also about commitment and volunteerism. It is so great to see Bessborough gather and the kids having so much fun!

Mayfair 2018 planning started months ahead of time and the day could not have been such a huge success without our volunteer team. We're going to attempt to thank everyone in this note, and hopefully you will see something in this long list of acknowledgments that you would like to get involved with in 2019.

The Bessborough administration and Home & School Executive for providing their guidance and leadership - Pat Broderick, Etienne Mercieca, Robyn Israel, Laura Rumble, Alison Steinman and Lisa Suutari.

Karen Schouten and Nancy Maycher for organizing the volunteers. The day would not be possible without the ticket takers and the attraction supervisors - the parents who take turns making sure our kids have a safe and fun time.

Andrea Jeffery, Tina Lee, Lisa Sepp-Wilson, Kathryn Weinman and class parents for assisting with communications.

Corey Ginou-Ferguson who created the Mayfair Poster. Patricia Toncu, Keira Suydam and Elle Welton who created the Mayfair drawing at the top of the poster.

Celine Smith Le Gousse and Karen Schweter for gathering silent auction items and helping with set up of activities.

Kristie Obright for the mechanical bull - an instant Mayfair favourite - and for set up of the BBQ.

Karen Gagnon, Marcus Rudy, Raj Sharma & Leaside Pub for running the BBQ on a very hot day.

Shawna Hogan and Alison Steinman for assisting with Mayfair forms and emails.

Ms. Robertson and Katie Robinson with assisting with art donations and the silent auction. The Grade 8 students who donated their artwork.

Dave Roynon for doing the heavy lifting with the drinks and tents and hosting the firefighters.

The set up dads that did a lot of lifting too -Deryk Beal, Phil Shirley, Richard Chao, Simon Samiee and Sean McGratten.

## Appreciations ..continued

Mary Holmes for organizing the candy shack and Christine Davis and Jennifer Avveduto who assisted with guessing jars and silent auction. Thank you to all who donated those yummy jars.

Will Locklin, Ollie Burnett, Zac Magwood, Charlize Bar, Vivian Luong and Keaton Collis who assisted with set up.

Lizzie White and Sophie Brady who dedicated themselves for the day to face painting and wacky hair styling.

Jennifer Comish, who assisted with student engagement. Janet Embir who ran the ticket booth for the day.

Cabrina Skillen, Lauren Morgan and Ruchi Thakrar for organizing a great social series (yes, you can still sign up!) and the Axe and Bowls men who promoted some great events.

Rebecca Handford, Christine Davis, Sue Jamieson and Sheila Allen for closing the silent auction.

Lisa Suutari, Rebecca Handford and Janice Farrell Jones for gracefully keeping track of our numbers.

Skillen and Lang families for lending their bouncy castles.

Tom Rands, Will Rands and other Bessborough Alumni returning to help for the day.

Leaside Ortho for providing the great magician and for being a committed sponsor for many years.

Jason Locklin and Kevin Wepler who were the sole dads on cleanup this year. Jonathan Wepler and his friend also assisted and ended up with some extra candy.

Bill Newell and Rollington Williams, who take care of Bessborough and were there helping from start to finish - we couldn't do it without you.

Danielle Martin for office help.

Everyone who donated items to the silent auction and our community partners who sponsored rides and events. The businesses and services that support Mayfair are committed to our school and community - please support them in return.

Mayfair is a fabulous event and it only happens because of the great volunteers that we have at Bessborough PS. If you would like to be part of the Mayfair team we would love to have you. To get involved, or if you have any new ideas for Mayfair 2019, please contact [klocklin@gmail.com](mailto:klocklin@gmail.com)

With Much Appreciation & Gratitude,

Kristine Locklin and Jennifer O`Donnell Mayfair Co-Chairs