

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ EQAO Testing - May 22- June 4
- ◆ 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

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.**

One Last Call for Yearbook Cover Contest Entries. Students should submit their drawings to the office by Wednesday, May 30. Please see posters around the school for details of how students can get their drawing on this year's cover.

And last chance to submit any photos from *any* school event for the yearbook. If you have **Blue Jays day** photos or any from **Mayfair** this upcoming Sunday, we'd love to have them. Please send to 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 or Corey Ferguson at 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.

Girls Slo-Pitch

The Junior Girls Slo-Pitch Team has been practicing over the last month. They had their tournament on May 23rd. It was a wonderful day full of sunshine, smiles, teamwork and fun. They persevered throughout the day and ended the tournament in the position to advance! The team will be playing at the Conference Finals at a date to be determined shortly (the May 30th date has been cancelled).



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 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 & 3rd 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



May 27th – Mayfair

May 31st - Final Pizza Lunch

June 5th - Final 2017/2018 H&S Executive Meeting

June 7th- Bessborough Bowls Fundraiser

June 12th - Final 2017/2018 H&S General Meeting

June 14th- Ladies Night

June 19th- Bessborough Bounces (@ SkyZone)

June 25th - Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony (@ Bessborough)

Mayfair - This Sunday!

Sunday, May 27th: 11 am – 3 pm

Come make a day of it at Mayfair this Sunday - rain or shine! Join us for our annual community fun day and fundraiser - enjoy a BBQ, candy floss and the candy shack as well!

A Leaside tradition for over 25 years, it's great fun for kids of all ages! Come and enjoy inflatable rides, a climbing wall, paddle boats, face painting, glitter tattoos, fun photo booth, live animals, as well as a 16' adrenaline jump!

The event runs from 11am - 3pm. Admission is free for all activities with pay-one-price wristbands available.

Final Pizza Lunch!

Thursday, May 31st, Lunchtime

A reminder that the FINAL Pizza Lunch is next Thursday, May 31st,, so no need to pack lunch that day if your kids are signed-up. Hooray!

Please contact Lisa Jones at lisa.am.jones@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Bessborough Lawn Bowling Fundraiser!

Thursday, June 7th @ 6pm

Come and get your 80's on and kick off summer by supporting our school and enjoying a South Leaside tradition at our annual lawn bowling fundraiser, Bessborough Bowls!

The evening starts at 6pm on Thursday, June 7th at the Leaside Lawn Bowling Club, and your \$65 ticket includes a BBQ dinner, drinks and tournament.

Please click here for the official invite! Or contact Kristine at klocklin@gmail.com or Cabrina at cabrina.skillen@hotspex.com to purchase tickets (also available at Mayfair, May 27th!)

Proudly sponsored by Steam Whistle and Rowe Farms. No high heels, please.

Ladies Night

Thursday, June 14th, 2018, 47 Sutherland Dr., 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

Not to be outdone by Men With Axes last fall, the ladies have their own much-anticipated event! While the street may have changed this year, the fun, friendly and fabulous atmosphere remains. Come enjoy cocktails, other bevies and yummy apps to celebrate the end of the school year. Bring your friends and don't forget your dancing shoes!

Cost is \$65/person - tickets will be sold at the Social Series desk at Mayfair! Hope to see you there!

Bessborough Bounces At Skyzone (Followed by Pizza Dinner)

Thursday, June 19th, 2018, 47 Sutherland Dr., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, 45 Esandar Drive

What better way to end the school year, than with one last hurrah before summer vacation? Sky Zone is open just for us, and we've put together an exciting evening of bouncing, games and treats for all ages to enjoy! So come on out for some bouncing fun with all of your friends (and maybe even some of your teachers too!) There will be one hour of bouncing beginning at 5:00pm, but please arrive at 4:30pm to check in. In the interest of being eco-friendly, if you have your own Sky Socks please bring them with you. Additional games and activities provided during the time they aren't bouncing. **Please fill out a waiver online at**

<https://torontostore.skyzone.com/waiver>

Cost: \$25 per person (includes 1 hr of bouncing, grab bag, activities and dinner included - 1 slice of pizza plus a drink!) Additional pizza slices, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

This is not a drop-off event. Parental supervision and transportation to Sky Zone are required.

Social Event Series Time Is Here Again

There are many exciting events for parents and children. Social Series Events are fun social events for students and parents that also raise money for the school. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Social Series desk at Mayfair in the South Yard on Sunday, May 27th from 10:30am until noon. Please print and fill out the Wish List (below) and bring a cheque or credit card to complete your purchase. Attendance is limited, and events are filled on a first come and first serve basis.

Have A Say - Join Home & School!

H&S is a committee of parent volunteers who are focused on enriching the in-class and extracurricular experience of all students. With the support of our parent community, we run events that foster school spirit and raise funds for the school. It's fun and fulfilling to be part of a group that influences such a positive atmosphere at Bessborough.

Next school year, there are opportunities for you to get involved. Here are positions available:

Divisional Representatives: Work as the liaison between the H&S Committee, administrators, teachers, and class parents.

Lunch Activity Coordinators - Co-Leads (2 people): These parents are responsible for selecting and overseeing the lunch programs that are as loved by our parents as our students.

Volunteer Coordination - Co-Lead (1 person): This role is ideal for someone who'd like to meet new people or expand on existing networks. This partnership works closely with the Event Teams to help our parent volunteers find a way to contribute that works for them. Time averages about 1 hour a month.

Communication - Co-Leads (1 person): Our writers offer the voice to H&S, pulling together weekly bulletins and other communiques with help from the Committee, and keep our H&S website current with this same info. Approximate time is 2 hour(s) per week.

Co-Chair - (1 person): Lisa Sepp-Wilson needs a partner! Don't be daunted by the title – this role is a lot of fun and not as time consuming as you may think (especially when you have a great team!)

Please visit <http://www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com/get-involved> for more information on the roles or reach out to Robyn (robyneisrael@gmail.com) or Stacey (staceyniman@gmail.com) – let us know what you're interested in and we'll find you the right role.