

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament (Don Mills MS) - Nov. 27
- ◆ Pizza Lunch - Nov. 30
- ◆ P.A. Day - Dec. 1
- ◆ Sub Lunch - Dec. 4
- ◆ Raptors 905 Trip (Gr. 3-8) - Dec. 5
- ◆ Leaside Open House - Dec. 7
- ◆ Kindie Holiday Concert - Dec. 13
- ◆ School Holiday Concert - Dec. 14

Holiday Concert



The Winter Concert is just 3 weeks away!

The kindergarten concert will take place on Wednesday, December 13th in the Bessborough main gym. It will begin at 6:30pm.

The concert for grades 1-6 will take place on Thursday, December 14th at Leaside High School. It will run from 7:00pm-8:00pm and will also feature a performance from the intermediate band and drumming group.

We look forward to seeing you there.



P.A. Day - Fri. Dec. 1st

Friday December 1st has been designated as a Professional Activity Day for teachers. As such, there will be no classes for students. We look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday December 4th.

Cold & Flu Season is Here



It's that time once again....cold & flu season is here. If your child is sick, you are strongly encouraged to keep them home until they feel better. This will likely help speed up their recovery and help to prevent the spreading of germs. It's very difficult to focus on learning when you're constantly sneezing and sniffing!

Guidance Update



Dear Parents and Guardians,

A reminder that the following High School Information sessions will be taking place the week of November 27 to December 1 that may be of interest to you:

November 30- Central Toronto Academy-SHSM/AP -6:30pm

November 30-Lawrence Park CI -6:30pm (for residents in school catchment area)

November 30- Earl Haig- Claude Watson applications due

December 1- Bloor Collegiate Tops exam

For a complete list of our open houses, please click on the following link:

[Open-Houses-and-Information-Nights](#)

Thanks,

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Covenant House Campaign



November is upon us and the winter season is not far behind. This year as school we would like to continue to offer our support to Covenant House. Covenant house is a non-profit organization that offers shelter for youth, ages 16 to 24.

Bessborough's "Spirit of Giving Campaign" will run from November 13 to December 1st.

This year as a school we will be collecting the following donations:

- Low Denomination Gift Cards (\$5 or \$10 amounts) to: Rexall, Shoppers Drug Mart, Tim Hortons, Burger King, McDonalds
- Travel Size Toiletries: Combs/brushes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, deodorant, body spray, sanitary pads, hair elastics- Unscented toiletries are also required

It is important that our students make an emotional connection to this cause. To raise awareness, the Student Engagement Committee will visit classrooms, make daily announcements and provide visual classroom supports.

We know that our students can help make a difference in this worthy cause.

Bessborough Café



Starting on November 27, every Wednesday and Friday until the winter holidays the Bessborough Café will be open in rooms 31 at lunch and the afternoon recess. This initiative is in support of the WE Villages. All of our funds will support the **WE Organization** (formerly *Free the Children*). The funds will be donated for their global initiatives in education, water, health,

food and opportunity. Each pillar is a critical component in breaking the cycle of poverty (www.we.org). In addition, we will be selling Rafiki bracelets. In Swahili Rafiki means “friend”. These bracelets are handmade by Kenyan artisans (the “mamas”). Each rafiki bracelet is \$10.00 (**The We Group**)



Pizza Party!

Nov. 30th Lunch Time

A reminder that the second Pizza Lunch of the year is **Thursday November 30th** so no need to pack lunch that day if your kids are signed up. Hooray! We are just as excited to have Pizza lunch as your kids are! Please contact Lisa Jones at lisa.am.jones@gmail.com if you have any questions

Appreciation Corner

In recognition of the U.S. Thanksgiving, we are thankful for Suzie Sharples who filled our teachers up with sweets and caffeine for their week of report card writing.

Keep in the H & S Know

Please visit www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com for the November presentations of the Executive and General meetings. And join the other Bessborough parents following us on Instagram @BessboroughHS.

We'd love to have you part of the H&S events and activities. Please visit the site or contact Stacey Niman (staceyniman@gmail.com).



December 16th – Day With The Marlies