Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- Covenant House Assembly (gr. 7 & 8s)
 Nov. 6
- Traditional Inuit Games (Junior Division) - Nov. 6
- Photo Retakes Nov.
 7 (afternoon)
- Traditional Inuit Games (gr. 4-6) -Nov. 9
- TUSC Gr. 5 -Nov. 10
- Remembrance Day Assembly - Nov. 10
- Progress Reports Go Home - Nov. 13



Junior Co-Ed Hockey Team



Patricia Broderick, Principal

Etienne Mercieca, Vice-Principal

We are still looking for a parent to help as a team manager. Main duties will include booking ice time for tryouts and practices, collecting money and communication. Please contact Kathy Dominique at kathryn.dominique@tdsb.on.ca or Ritch Couper at Ritch.Couper@tdsb.on.ca if interested.

Guidance Update



Dear Parents and Guardians,

A reminder that the following High School Information sessions will be taking place the week of November 6 to November 10 that may be of interest to you:

November 6- Earl Haig- Claude Watson School of the Arts-6:00pm

November 7-Danforth Tech- MaST -7:00pm

November 7- Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts-Visual & Media Arts - 7:00pm

November 7-Ursula Franklin Academy-Integrated Technology-7:00pm

November 8- Wexford Collegiate School for the Arts-Performing Arts-7:00pm

November 9-Bloor Collegiate-TOPS- 6:30pm

Grade 7 Vaccinations - Nov. 20 M TORONTO Public Health

Toronto Public Health will be visiting Bessborough to provide free vaccination against three diseases. The vaccination package was sent home with students on the first week of school. The vaccines available at school clinics are not free at doctor's offices. Protect your child against meningitis and cancer. Please complete the consent form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Day with The Marlies - Saturday December 16th - 4:00 p.m.

Bessborough friends & families are invited to watch the Toronto Marlies take on the Manitoba Moose at the Ricoh Coliseum. Next week is the last week to submit your ticket forms for the Toronto Marlies vs. Manitoba Moose game at the Ricoh Coliseum

Special ticket pricing has been negotiated with seating in the Black Section (Centre) <u>http://ricohcoliseum.com/events-tickets/seating-chart/</u>. Ticket form deadline is <u>Wednesday,</u> <u>November 8th</u>. See order form attached

Once all forms have been received we will share what experiences we have qualified for and will hold the draw the following week.

H & S General Meeting Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Our next meeting will focus on the Enrichment Budget Vote - deciding how our fundraising dollars are invested in our kids. The meeting is **Tuesday, November 14th** from 7:00-8:30pm in the library.

A summary of the Enrichment Budget proposals will be provided in the next bulletin.

It is open to all parents but only H&S Members are eligible to vote. If you don't have your membership yet, get the form by clicking <u>here</u> and bringing it with a cheque (\$20 made out to "Bessborough Home & School") to the meeting.

Empower Reading Update

We are delighted to announce that a portion of the \$25,000 that was raised by the Men with Axes 2017 fundraiser will be used by our Community Outreach initiative to fund the Empower Reading Program at Flemmington Public School this year.

Empower Reading is a program run by Sick Kids Hospital which has been implemented in many schools to help students who are struggling with reading to reach grade level and beyond.

Last year the Home & School funded the Empower Reading program at Victoria Village Public School, helping five of their students in grades three and four achieve grade-level literacy. These children are very committed to becoming better readers through the program, with concrete goals such as being able to read a menu or road signs. See the attachment to read the thank you letter from the principal at Victoria Village School.

We are very proud to be a part of such an important initiative that has the power to change kids' lives!

Appreciation Corner

A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who made this year's Cross Country season such a big success. Tony Hammill, Sheila Allen, Michelle Rinaldo, David O'Connor, Julia Quigg, Katie Robinson, Ms. Thurow, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Casey, Mr. Chang, Ms. Azodi and all the parents who guarded the corners, passed out popsicle sticks and helped out at the meets.

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