Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Full Steam Ahead!

We are very excited about all of the activities already up and running. Cross-country began this week and the turn-out has been phenomenal! Also, our grade 7 teachers have been busy preparing for our upcoming trip to Camp Kilcoo September 20-22. Other clubs and teams will be starting soon. See below for more details!

We've Gone Cashless!

We are now a 'cash-less' school! Payments for all school activities can now be made on-line. Information about this can be found on the reverse side of the first page of your package. Please review this sheet if you are having difficulties. You can sign up or sign-in here:

https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Home/SignIn

Football Tryouts

To all boys in grade 5 and 6 interested in trying out for the touch football team: there will be two tryouts next week. The dates and times are as follows:

Monday September 18th at lunch. Meet Mr.Tourlis at 11:45am outside Portable 1 and we will walk over to Trace Manes together. Bring your lunch and water bottles. Please do not be late. We will be leaving at 11:50am sharp.

Tuesday September 19th at 7:50am. Meet Mr.Tourlis outside Portable 1 and we will walk over to Trace Manes together. Please do not be late. We will walk over at 8am sharp.

Thanks,

Mr. Tourlis

Bessborough Childcare Centre: 416.467.0389

Upcoming Events September

- Gr. 7 Camp Killcoo Trip - Sept. 20-22
- Gr. 6 TUSC Trip -Sept. 22
- Tony O Boot Camp
 Sept. 25 & 26
- School Picture Day
 Sept. 27
- Curriculum Night -Sept. 28
- Terry Fox Run Sept. 29

Cross-Country Update

Dear Families,

Cross country season has started! All students from grades 1-8 are welcome and encouraged to join in our morning workouts. Training takes place Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. If your student wishes to participate please print off, sign and return the permission form that was sent out by email earlier this week. Please also fill in the on-line Google Form. ALL forms should be submitted no later than Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

The permission form can also be found here on our school website:

http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bessborough/Weekly-Newsletter-Communication-2017-2018

The Google Form link is here:

https://goo.gl/forms/QGoDbiBxARG3vzs83

Any questions can be directed to the following divisional coaches: Neil Casey (intermediate students), Justin McMillan & Melika Azodi (junior students), Susan Thurow (primary students).

School Picture Day - Wed. Sept. 27

Our photography company will be in on Wednesday September 27th to take school photos. Ordering can be done online by visiting www.brightpics.ca

Curriculum Night - Thurs. Sept. 28

Thursday September 28th is our Curriculum Night from at 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm. It's a great opportunity to find out class routines, student expectations, program overview and ways to support your child. Since it is early in the year, teacher presentations will be about their classes as a whole and not about individual students. As always, if you have concerns about your child, feel free to contact your teacher via email.



Home & School is on Instagram!

Follow us on Instagram and get reminders about events, when forms are due, pictures of all the great things happening at Bessborough and more!

Username: BessboroughHS

Hot Lunch Service - New Provider!

Already wondering what you'll pack for lunch each day? Wonder no more! Home & School has partnered with Rose Reisman who will be offering a selection of hot and cold, healthy lunch options. The service will run on **Tuesdays**, **Wednesdays and Thursdays** (except Pizza Lunch days) starting *next week* - *September* 19th. Registration is easy. Just follow the following steps:

- 1. Go to www.kidslunch.ca
- 2. Select Login/ Sign-In in top left corner
- 3. Select "Boonli"
- 4. For School Password, enter BDEMS50
- 5. Create parent profile, select you will be ordering lunches for others (this will enable you to enter students' information)
- 6. Create student profiles

You are now ready to place orders. Don't forget to check out and pay!

Street Crawl! - Sept. 23rd

Don't despair, tickets are still available. This annual event is a good ole' neighbourhood bar hop and a great time to make some new school friends. Event is Saturday, Sept 23 at 7.30. Thanks to Sue Jamieson and John Shaw (Hanna), Cabrina and Shane Skillen (Parkhurst), and Kellie Smith and Glenn Zujew (Vanderhoof) for being our hosts. Please contact Cabrina at Cabrina.Skillen@hotspex.com or Lauren Morgan at: lauren_swinburne@hotmail.com for tickets.

Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night - Sept. 26th

Got a kid in grade 7? You are invited to come mingle and meet the teachers, staff and other grade 7 parents at The Leaside Pub on Laird Drive, on **September 26th**, **7-9pm**. See you there!

Volunteer Police Check

Any parent who will be volunteering on a regular basis MUST have a Vulnerable Sectors Check done. If you have done this in the past, it should already be on file at school but must be renewed each year. If you have not had the check done previously, please refer to the attached document outlining the process and fill out the attached form. Thanks.



Don't forget to bookmark our site and visit <u>www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com</u> for important details on all of this and more! We have all you need to know to stay in the loop!

Volunteers Needed - Sub Lunch!

Sub lunch is on its way and we need volunteers to help out. This once a month role involves picking up the subs from the kitchen at 11:30 and bringing them to the class or lunchroom for distribution then returning the empty crates to the kitchen. A total time of no more than 15 minutes! Sub lunch is every first Monday of the month (except January and April) and begins October 2nd. Please contact Cabrina at Cabrina.Skillen@hotspex.com . Thanks!!

Volunteers Needed - Class Parents

We are looking for Class Parent volunteers! This is the perfect role for you if you'd like to be involved and love the chance to work closely with the students. Please contact your Home and School divisional representative if you are interested or want to learn more:

Kindergarten: Andrea Jeffery: jefferyandrea@hotmail.com or Shawna Hogan: shawnahogan@rogers.com Primary – Alison Steinman: alison.steinman@gmail.com Junior – Karen Gagnon: karenegagnon@gmail.com Intermediate: Jennifer Peel: jennifer.peel@mac.com or Triina Forbell: tforbell@hotmail.com

Babysitters Wanted!

H&S is looking for babysitters to help care for kids while parents attend the General Meetings (4 meetings, held on Tuesday nights, 7-9pm). We are looking for 2 Grade 8 students for each meeting. This is a terrific volunteer opportunity and a chance to begin building a resume. Interested students should contact Triina Forbell at tforbell@hotmail.com for more information.

Reminder for Parent Package Forms

Please remember Friday 15th is the final date to submit the school and H&S forms (with cheque payment). Don't miss the chance to become a H&S Member and sign-up for Sub and Pizza lunch. If you wish to be part of the H&S Committee, the package includes a nomination form as well...the more parent involvement, the better we are!

Appreciation Corner

A HUGE thank you to **Celine Smith and Karen Gagnon** for taking charge of the BBQ & Movie Night. It was a great way to kick off another school year! Thank you also to all the volunteers who managed the BBQ and concession sales and tidied up the field in the dark, and the supportive H&S crew working behind the scenes to make it happen. And another HUGE thank you to **Andrea Jeffery**, **Alison Steinman** and all the others who organized the warm welcome for our new Kindergarten parents with the Kindie Coffee.



September 23rd – Street Crawl

September 26th - Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night

October 14^{th} – Men With Axes

October 26th – Kindie Parent Wine and Cheese **New Date*