

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events September-October

- ◆ School Picture Day - Sept. 27
- ◆ Curriculum Night - Sept. 28
- ◆ Terry Fox Run - Sept. 29 (Rain date: Oct. 2)
- ◆ X-Country Meet - Oct. 5
- ◆ P.A. Day - Oct. 6
- ◆ Thanksgiving - Oct. 9

School Picture Day - Wed. Sept. 27



Get ready! This Wednesday is Photo Day! Students will be called down with their class to the library for their photos. Photo Re-take will be November 7th, however these are only individual students, no class 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. **We strongly advise students to remain home as presentations are aimed specifically at parents!**

Terry Fox Run - Fri. Sept. 29 (Rain Date: Oct. 2)

Bessborough is happy to be participating in this year's Terry Fox School Run.

We have booked our run for September 29th with the rain date scheduled for October 2nd. We will be sending home pledge sheets shortly with details of our run. As always parents are encouraged to come out and join us!





Cross-Country Update

We have well over 100 students attending our training sessions. It is amazing to see so many runners each morning! Some very important information:

1. Please make sure you have printed off and sent in the permission form **AND** filled in the Google Form on-line. Runners from grade 3-8 will begin training off school grounds and your child will not be able to participate without a signed form.
2. All runners who have an EPI pen or inhaler **MUST** run the races with it. Please make sure your child has an appropriate pouch.
3. The first race is Thursday, October 5 more information will be sent closer to the date.
4. We really need some assistance with parent drivers on the day. If you are willing and able to help out, please see one of the teachers during a morning practice for a Parent Driver form.

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

Lice Squad - Oct. 11



Every year we are fortunate to have the Lice Squad team come to our school to do lice checks twice a year. Wednesday October 11th will be our first check.

If lice is found, the parent of the student will be notified. A letter will also be sent home to the parents of the class just indicating there is a case of lice occurring in class. Lice Squad is a great support for families if needed.

Grade 7 Vaccinations - Nov. 20



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. A PDF copy of the consent form is attached separately to the weekly and can be downloaded and printed.

Student Engagement Committee 2017-2018

Did you know that Bessborough Drive has a student engagement committee? This committee was created to inspire student driven change. It is our school's version of student council and it is open to **all** grade **6, 7 and 8** students who want to be leaders and represent their peers. The committee focuses on the following key areas: fundraising, school spirit and leadership skills. If your child is interested, they are invited to attend our first meeting on **Friday, September 29** during lunch in Room 31 (Ms. Ciobanu).

Meet Your H & S Team!

We're pleased to introduce you to your 2017/ 2018 Home & School Executive. We very much appreciate the time, thoughtfulness and energy our parents give to the school, they all deserve a pat on the back. Please give this team an extra smile of appreciation as they've signed up to lead the events, create communication, prepare volunteers, and manage the mounds of paperwork for what we'll accomplish this year.

Chair*, Robyn Israel

Secretary*, Laura Rumble

Treasurer, Lisa Suutari

Communication, Anne Louise Blaikie and Kathryn Weinman

Fundraising, Jenn O'Donnell, Cabrina Skillen and Lauren Morgan

Divisional Representatives*, Alison Steinman

Volunteer Coordinator, Stacey Niman

For simplicity and consistency, Bessborough H&S is a combination of two groups - School Council (provincially mandated) and Home & School. The positions with the asterisks are elected School Council positions. As there weren't any nominations in addition to the volunteers who previously stepped forward, no election will be held.

Parent Speaker Series - Dr. Beth McCharles on Developing Resilient Performers

Guiding our children to be their best selves can be hard and challenging at times. Knowing what to say and how to say it can be mentally exhausting. This talk aims to teach and challenge parents to think outside the box of how they are teaching their children to become their best selves.

Please join us for an evening with Dr. Beth McCharles for her discussion on "Developing Resilient Performers" on Tuesday, October 2nd at 7 pm in the Library. See attached flyer for more details. Babysitting will be provided. This speaker is compliments of the Ministry's Parents Reaching Out Grant. Please RSVP here **Dr Beth McCharles PRO Grant Speaker.**

Lunch Programs

Lunch programs start October 16th. Please make sure your child brings a lunch to school if they normally go home. If other programs are added, a new schedule will be sent out. Please see the attached schedule for more information.

Get Involved and Bring Your Ideas!

As a H&S Member, you are among a community of families that decide how to invest our fundraising dollars in the school. This vote will be at the November 14 General Meeting, but first...we need your ideas. The funds are to go towards one-off items (ie: not operational expenses) and in the past have gone to enhance the kindergarten playground, support the Georgia Walsh Memorial, provide learning tools like technology for next gen learning accommodating all learners, books and reading programs, new instruments, a fun science day, and arts education and performances.

If you would like to submit a proposal for spending, please see the Disbursement Guidelines and request form on the H&S website: bessboroughhomeandschool.com Please note that to be included in this year's Enrichment Budget, forms must be received no later than October 20th. Submit forms to our Chair Robyn Israel (robyneisrael@gmail.com).

The proposed budget will be distributed in advance of the meeting via this Bulletin. Again - to vote, you must be a member of H&S.



-2ND ANNUAL MEN WITH AXES - NO AXE THROWING EXPERIENCE PREFERRED!!

Saturday October 14th, 630pm – 230am. Amsterdam Brew Pub (Leaside)

- Open this year to all Leaside dads and friends from other schools so bring a friend.
- **BATL AXE** will be doing a professional axe-throwing lesson, you will have lots of practice throwing, then take part in a tournament to see who is the Leaside Axe Master.
- **ADAMSON BBQ** is cooking an amazing beef brisket dinner, included with your ticket.
- Over \$25,000 worth of prizes for you to bid on in a live and silent auction.
- A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to help another school in the area set up their Empower reading program.

Buy your ticket before they sell out, capacity is limited ! \$85 per ticket.

Visit www.menwithaxes.com for tics and info

If you are interested in volunteering we could use help in sponsorship and operations (prizes between \$250-\$500 retail value). For more info email tyler@wcmcapital.ca or shane.skillen@hotspex.com to get involved with your school

Programs A Plenty

Your kids won't want to come home for lunch when they see all the amazing lunchtime programs being offered at Bessborough this fall. Explore with art, go crazy with Jedi Lego, build your dream home, get Mad with Science or learn chess or knitting. You choose but get in quick before spaces fill up!

Most programs start the week of October 16th so don't delay. Go to our website and sign up today! Got questions? Contact Jacqui Dickens at jacandphil98@hotmail.com or Laura Rumble at laura.rumble10@gmail.com.

Street Crawl - This Weekend!!

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.

New! Catered Lunch Service

Catered lunch provided by Rose Reisman began this week but it's not too late to sign up! Offered **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** (except Pizza Lunch days), there are a number of hot and cold options to choose from! 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!

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!

Kindie Parents - Save The Date!

Book your babysitters now! What better way to get to know other Kindie parents than over cocktails and canapés? Kindergarten Welcome Night is coming on Thursday October 27th, 7:30-10:30. Stay tuned for more details!

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!!

Grade 8 Child Minders Needed

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 need 2 Grade 8 students for each meeting. This is a terrific volunteer opportunity and a chance to begin building a resume. If your child(ren) might be interested in this opportunity, please contact Triina Forbell at tforbell@hotmail.com for more information.

How To Be In The Know

Visit www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com for important details on all of this and more! We have all you need to know to stay in the loop!

And follow us on Instagram to get reminders about events, when forms are due, pictures of all the great things happening at Bessborough and more! Username: BessboroughHS



September 23rd – Street Crawl
 September 26th - Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night
 October 10th - Parent Speaker Series,
 Developing Resilient Learners
 October 26th – Kindie Parent Wine and Cheese
 *New Date
 October 14th – Men With Axes
<https://menwithaxes2017.eventbrite.ca>