

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

- January 25 – Virtual Ward 11 Forum
- January 29 – Optional Attendance forms due at Secondary Schools
- February 3 – Virtual Community Coffee Event
- February 12 – PA Day
- February 15 – Family Day Provincial Holiday



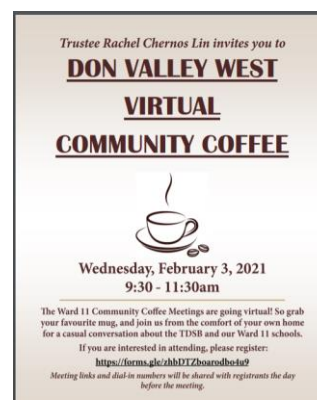
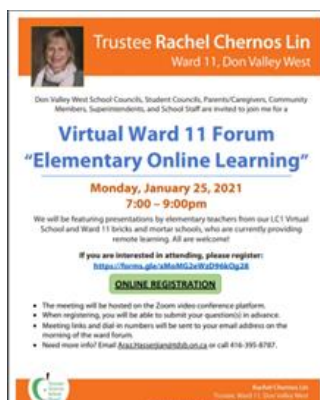
Term One Report Cards & Parent Communication

We expect that the term one elementary provincial report card (for the period of September to January) will be sent home to families electronically.

It is designed to report on your child's achievement of curriculum expectations and development of learning skills. Teachers may note whether your child has demonstrated progress in terms of the Learning Skills goals included in the November Progress Report, or teachers may note that your child continues to be encouraged and challenged to improve one or more of their learning skills.

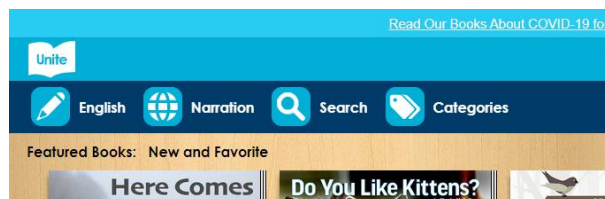
Your child's teacher will contact you to arrange a virtual parent/guardian-teacher conference or a telephone conference for this reporting period if you have had some ongoing communications regarding concerns about your child's achievement. Meetings are not scheduled for every student this reporting period. As always, you can reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.

Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin's Upcoming Events (LINKED)



Unite for Literacy Website: Stories Narrated in Several Languages

[Unite for Literacy](#) offers free digital access to stories narrated in many languages. Their vision is of a world “where all children have access to an abundance of books that celebrate their languages and cultures and cultivate a lifelong love of reading” and you can view the available “Narration Languages” by clicking on Narration on the top tab.



TDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Resources for Families

Student mental health and well-being is an important part of student success and a priority at the TDSB. Information about resources and support, including resources available specifically during COVID-19 is available [HERE](#).



Communication for Grade 8 Families

TDSB secondary schools are hosting virtual open houses and information sessions (live or pre-recorded) for parents/guardians and students between November and January. All families are invited to join on the scheduled dates and the complete list is available [HERE](#).

Please also take some time to explore the valuable interactive resources available at the [Beyond8](#) TDSB website.

Some key dates to keep in mind:

- January 11, 2021 – Course Selection Opens (using myBlueprint)
- January 29, 2021** – Optional attendance forms due at secondary schools. **Download [HERE](#).**
- February 12, 2021 – Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the Optional Attendance application

Please review the 2020-2021 **TDSB Secondary School Information Guide** [HERE](#).



As we push through with at home learning and the million snack requests, let's remember the resilience of our children and the hours of preparation put in by our teachers.

Here's a glimpse of some Bessborough students learning from home.

Thanks for sharing!

Cottage learning is fun!



Mr. Chong embarrassing his Grade 3 class again ;)



Always bring your tiara to class



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Appreciation Corner

These days we are leaning heavily on our sense of humour to get through these challenging weeks!

If you have a funny story, a favourite moment, or a great photo to share from learning at home, please share it with us. We will continue to feature them in upcoming newsletters and on the Bessborough Instagram page and stories.

Please send your stories and photos to bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

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