

BESSBOROUGH BUZZ

The Bessborough E&MS Newsletter

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ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Established in 2013, Orange Shirt Day recognizes the legacy of the Indian residential schools system for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit families and communities. Wearing orange shirts is a commitment to recognizing the truth and to continuing to learn about and honour the survivors of residential schools. This month at Bessborough, students have been writing their own Land Acknowledgements, learning about Indigenous Cultures and Languages and reading the book "Stolen Words" by Melanie Florence. Our Orange Shirt Day Assembly was led by grade 8 student leaders and featured student learning and questions as we continue our commitment through the year to Truth and Reconciliation.

PRIMARY CHOIR!

Our Primary Choir starts **Tuesday October 3rd during lunch time**. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the [google form](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **OCTOBER 4**
VACCINE CLINIC FOR GR. 7 & 8S
- **OCTOBER 5**
CROSS COUNTRY MEET
CURRICULUM NIGHT
- **OCTOBER 6**
PA DAY, NO SCHOOL
- **OCTOBER 10**
TERRY FOX RUN
- **OCTOBER 16-18**
GRADE 7 OVERNIGHT TRIP
- **OCTOBER 30**
PICTURE DAY



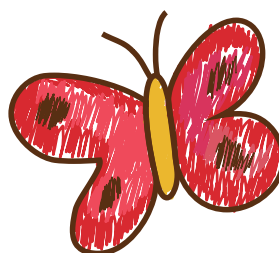
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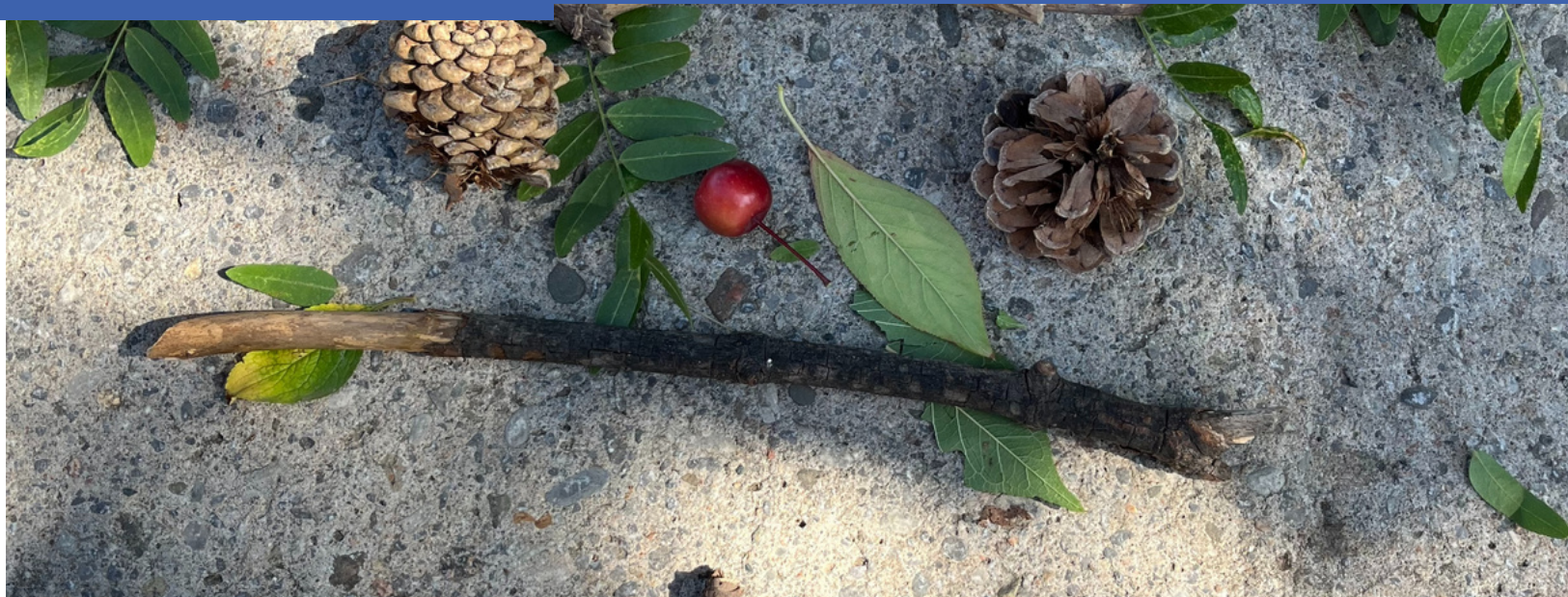
In case you missed it, we've officially kicked off our 18th annual Terry Fox School Run campaign. The run will take place on **Tuesday, October 10th**. Over the years, our school has helped raise \$89,000 for cancer research. We are very lucky to live in a community that shows up year after year and supports these important causes with enthusiasm and positive energy. This year we are hoping to surpass the \$13,000 we raised last year and have set our goal at \$14,000. We realize this is a lofty goal to set but do honestly believe it is achievable for us. Students are encouraged to click on our [school site](#) and set up a personal or classroom fundraising page. They can customize their page by uploading pictures, videos, and messages. You can also order a [Terry Fox t-shirt online](#) and the total sales will be added to our school fundraising goal. [Click on this link to access our school site](#) [Click on this link to order a Terry Fox T-shirt](#)

-The Terry Fox Team at Bessborough

VACCINE CLINIC—OCTOBER 4

Nurses from Toronto Public Health will be in the school to provide free vaccinations to grade 7 and 8 students. The vaccines will protect students against serious infections. These are also great vaccines to get before your travel. Be sure to hand in your signed consent forms if you have not already submitted them. Please wear a loose sleeved shirt and eat something the day of the clinic. Remember to also wear a mask to the clinic.





PIZZA LUNCH

The Bessborough School Council is excited to roll out one of the most popular fund raisers of the year; Pizza Lunch! Pizza Lunch will be served on the following Wednesdays:

October 25

November 29

January 31

Feb 28

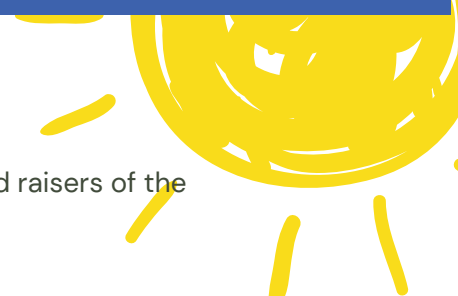
March 27

April 24

May 29

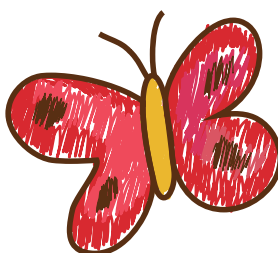
Please place your orders on <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> before OCT 6th and remember that it is one order selection for all dates (i.e. the same order will be provided to your child at all 7 dates).

If you have any questions reach out to Rachel at rkingston00@gmail.com.



CURRICULUM NIGHT—OCTOBER 5

Please join us on Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 PM for Curriculum Night. The evening will give you an opportunity to meet our Bessborough staff, see your child's classroom and learn about the curriculum from educators. Looking forward to seeing you there!



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LAND ART

Thank you to Ms. Reid and the students of 7C who created and shared the photos on this page and the previous pages. Students went on a community walk to connect with nature and forage coloured leaves, pine cones, crab apples, flowers and stones and other items to create these "Land Art" pieces. The results were such a delight!

GRADE 7 OVERNIGHT TRIP

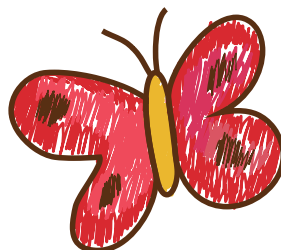
To help students build new relationships with their peers we will be having our annual 'community building trip' to **YMCA Cedar Glen from October 16-18**. Parent/Guardians should have received the excursion information and permission forms through the excursion management system. If you have any questions, please ask your child's homeroom teacher.

PICTURE DAY IS OCTOBER 30TH

Clear Images has confirmed the date for picture day will be Monday October 30.

TRUSTEE CHERNOS LIN'S WARD 11 WEBPAGE

All families can visit Trustee Chernos Lin's Ward 11 [webpage](#) and sign up to receive her Newsletter.





BESSBOROUGH E&MS SCHOOL COUNCIL

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INTRODUCING YOUR 2023/2024 EXECUTIVE

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Laura Wright, Communications
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Charlotte Fleming, Mayfair Lead

UPCOMING EVENTS

02
OCT

Monday & Wednesday 8-8:40
 Cross Country
 (Last Practice for Gr. 1 + 2)

05
OCT

Thursday
 Earl Bales X-Country Meet
 (Grades 1-8)

05
OCT

Thursday
 Curriculum Night

06
OCT

Friday All Day
 PA Day

10
OCT

Monday AM
 Terry Fox Run

== THANK YOU ==

On behalf of the Bessborough School Council, we wanted to say **thank you** to our amazing parent volunteers, **Jenny Banwell**, and **Rachel Gordon** who organized an awesome opportunity to meet our new Bess kindergarten families at our annual **Kindie Welcome & Coffee!** We appreciate you!



SEND US PHOTOS

We'd love to feature your kids on our instagram!
[Drop your photos here.](#)

GET INVOLVED

Get involved and help us make a difference in our school and community.
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