

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Celebrating Learning at Bessborough

We expect that you have been hearing about some of the wonderful learning that happens at Bessborough from your children. Our dedicated staff worked very hard leading up to September 4th to recreate welcoming spaces for our eager learners. To get a glimpse of some of the engaging learning activities our teachers develop, please check our school website for Weekly Bulletins as well as Teacher/Class websites and blogs. Our School Day Schedule, calendar and other helpful information is also on the site.

You can also follow us on Twitter! @BessboroughEMS

Welcome New & Returning Staff

Himali Atwal ~ Kindergarten
Renee Cronier ~ Office Administrator
Stephanie Gamm ~ Grade 1
Gregory Ivan ~ Grade 6
Frances Themeliopoulos ~ Vice Principal

Upcoming Events September-October

- ◆ Curriculum Night - Sept. 27
- ◆ Terry Fox Run - Sept. 28 (Rain date: Oct. 1)
- ◆ X-Country Meets - Oct. 4, 16, 25
- ◆ P.A. Day - Oct. 5
- ◆ Thanksgiving - Oct. 8

Safety in our School Community

We ask for your ongoing partnership in ensuring the safety of all students at Bessborough by:

- Stopping in the designated Drop-Off-Zone on the east side of Bessborough Drive – ***south of the Bus Loading Zone.***
- Walking students across the street if you park on the west side of Bessborough so children will not walk or run between moving vehicles.
- Signing in at the office each time you enter the school during the instructional school day. All visitors (including volunteers) should begin their visit in the office.

Home & School Forms Due Today

A reminder that Home & School forms sent home on the first day of school were due today. If you have not returned the forms, please hand them in on Monday September 17. We're sure you'd hate to miss out on the Pizza and Sub lunches.

Home & School Social Series Events

Street Crawl!

Tickets are still available for this annual shindig. Join old friends and new as you enjoy food and drink at not one, not two, but three of your fellow Bessborough parents' homes on September 22nd. Tickets are \$65 each. Proceeds from this event go to Bessborough Home and School. You are invited to arrive at the first address at 7:30pm. Please contact Cabrina at cabrina.skillen@gmail.com to purchase tickets.



Leaside Men with Axes 3rd Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, October 27th, 5:30 pm at the Amsterdam Brewery - \$85 per ticket.

Purchase Includes: Axe throwing instruction, tournament, delicious BBQ dinner, and Silent - Live Auction. Approximately \$30k in auction items and prizes and all proceeds support Bessborough School.

No throwing experience preferred

For more information please contact the hosts:

Tyler Lang
Shane Skillen
Chad Iwata

tyler@wdcaptital.ca
shane.skillen@hotspex.com
chad.iwata@hsbc.ca

To purchase tickets go to: menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca

Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night

Got a kid in grade 7? You are invited to come mingle and meet Patricia Broderick, Principal, and Frances Themeliopoulos, Vice Principal, as well as the teachers, and other grade 7 parents at The Leaside Pub on Laird Drive, on September 25th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. **See you there!**

Athletics

Coach Couper: Grade 7/8 Football tryouts will continue Tuesday and Thursday at 11:45 on the South Yard Field.

We are looking for a parent volunteer to help coach the Grade 5/6 Girls Soccer team. Anyone interested please contact Ritch Couper at ritch.couper@tdsb.on.ca.

Coach Pantopoulos: Senior Girls Touch Football tryouts continue on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Trace Manes (110 Rumsey Road).

Terry Fox Run - September 28th (Rain Date: October 1st)



Bessborough is very pleased to continue its participation in the annual Terry Fox School Run.

We have booked our run for Friday September 28th with the rain date scheduled for Monday October 1st. Pledge sheets with details of our run will be posted on our school website by Tuesday September 18th. 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 participating! Some very important information:

- All runners who have an EPI pen or inhaler MUST run the races with it. Please make sure your child has an appropriate pouch.
- The first race is Thursday, October 4. More information will be sent closer to the date.
- 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 practise for a Parent Driver form.
- Please make sure you send back the permission form. Runners from Grades 3-8 will begin training off school grounds and your child will not be able to participate without a signed form.

Teacher contacts for Cross Country & Meet Dates

Susan Thurow (susan.thurow@tdsb.on.ca)

Stephanie Manikas (stephanie.manikas@tdsb.on.ca)

Neil Casey (neil.casey@tdsb.on.ca)

Primary Grades

Junior Grades

Intermediate Grades

October 4 (All participants in Grades 1-8) – at Earl Bales Park

October 16 (Grades 3-8 qualifying runners) – at Earl Bales Park

October 25 (Grades 3-8 qualifying runners) – at Centennial Park

Class Parent Volunteers Needed

We need YOU! We are looking for Class Parent volunteers! This is the perfect role for you if you'd like to be involved but can't commit a huge amount of time. Please contact your Home and School divisional representative if you are interested or want to learn more.

Kindergarten	Andrea Jeffery Heather Zimcik	jefferyandrea@hotmail.com Heatherzimcik@yahoo.com
Primary (Grades 1-3)	Jacqui Dickens	jacandphil98@hotmail.com
Junior (Grades 4-6)	Jennifer Avveduto	jennifer.avveduto@gmail.com
Intermediate (Grades 7, 8)	Anusha Khan Triina Forbell Jennifer Peel Tara Marshall Alexandra Lane	anushamkhan@hotmail.com tforbell@hotmail.com jennifer.peel@mac.com taramarshall@rogers.com a.lane@rogers.com

***WARNING* Lunch programs could become extinct at Bessborough!**

Remember the good old days when your children could enjoy a little Mad Science, Lego, and sewing over the lunch hour? Those programs were all organized and brought to you by our hard working parent volunteers. Sadly, no one has come forward to volunteer for this position yet this year which means... No lunch programs.



If you are interested in this important role (or sharing it), please let us know by contacting Christine Davis at [**bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com**](mailto:bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com)



Home & School is on Instagram!

Follow us on Instagram and get messages about events, when forms are due and pictures of the fun goings-on at Bessborough and more!

Follow @BessboroughHS

BESSBOROUGH SPORTS UNIFORMS ARE BACK!

Order your personalized shirts, shorts and hoodies to keep cozy with the cool weather coming. The gear can be worn for gym, most sports teams or to celebrate Bessborough School Spirit!

We're introducing heather grey and additional red options. Extremely affordable, they can be ordered online through www.shop.vintageapparelco.com until end of day Sunday, September 16th. There will be another order date in mid-October, so stay tuned for more information.

Orders placed after September 13th will not be available for the first X-Country Meet. Any inquiries, please contact Michelle Rinaldo at mich_rinaldo@hotmail.com

**Hot Lunch Service – Back by popular demand**

Are you wondering what to pack for lunch each day? The Lunch Lady to the rescue! Home & School has once again partnered with www.thelunchlady.com who will be offering a selection of hot and cold lunch options.

The service will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (except Pizza Lunch days). See the attached Menu and a Welcome Letter which includes instructions for registering your account.

Appreciation Corner

Thank you to Celine Smith for taking charge of the Welcome Back BBQ & Movie Night. It was such a fun night and a huge success. Thank you also to all the volunteers who managed the BBQ and concession sales and tidied up the field in the dark, and to the supportive H&S crew working behind the scenes to make it happen.

Special thanks to Suzanne Sharples who helped to welcome Bessborough staff back to school last week. We are sure that the staff and teachers were feeling the love from the student and parent community.

One last HUGE thank you to: Andrea Jeffery, Heather Zimcik and Alison Steinman, and all the others who organized the warm welcome for our new Kindergarten parents with the Kindie Coffee event on September 13th.

MANY THANKS!

Celine Smith Cabrina Skillen
Stacey Niman Lisa Suutari Connie Mallia
Sheriza Perabtani Leyli Goodale Karen Gagnon
Karen Schweter Shannon Hunt Mike Embir Robin Masters
Jason Basch Liz Speller Eva Svec Giselle Baerveldt
Heather Zimcik Alison Steinman Saba Al Mathno



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September 22nd - Social Series: Street Crawl

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