

# Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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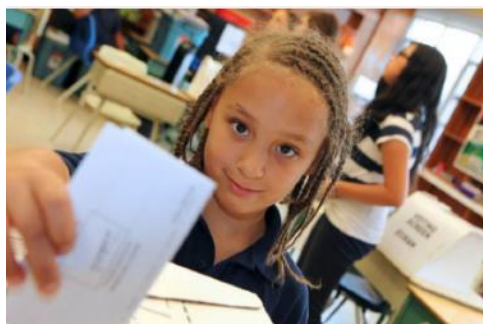
## Upcoming Events October

- ◆ X-Country Meets  
- Oct. 16, 25
- ◆ Meet the Trustee  
Candidates - Oct. 18
- ◆ Jr. Girls Soccer  
Tournament - Oct. 19
- ◆ Gr. 7/8 Parent  
Information Evening  
- October 23
- ◆ Photo Day - Oct. 24
- ◆ Jr. Boys Football  
- Oct. 24

## Student Vote ~ October 18<sup>th</sup>

On Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup>, students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 will participate in the 2018 Ontario Municipal Student Vote.

Student Vote is made possible by CIVIX, a non-partisan, registered national charity dedicated to promoting active and engaged citizenship. Bessborough's Student Engagement Committee has worked tirelessly to organize the vote, an event that allows our older students to experience the voting process first hand. Our students will vote for the Mayor, the City Councillor for Ward 15 Don Valley West and our School Trustee.



## Photo Day ~ Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>

Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark October 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, as Edge Imaging will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles.

Edge provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories.

For more information on photo day, please visit [www.edgeimaging.ca](http://www.edgeimaging.ca) for answers to frequently asked questions.

### **Undefeated! ~ Congratulations to the Jr. Boys Football Team**

Our Junior Boys Football team competed at a tournament on Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup>. It was an incredible overall team effort and our players demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship.

Our team played Allenby Jr. P.S., Blythwood Jr. P.S. and Bedford Park P.S. and won all three games. They now advance to the semis on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Junior Girls 5/6 Soccer ~ Tournament on October 19<sup>th</sup>**

Our team has been training with Ms. Ho and Mr. Quigg and are looking forward to the tournament on Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>. Bessborough is hosting and we are looking forward to cheering on our team!

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### **Parent Information Evening ~ October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Library**

Grade 8 students will be working on “Choices for Nine”, their transition program to Grade 9 throughout the year. The introduction to the program begins in early October.

Bianca Angheloni, our school guidance counsellor will be making regular visits to the Grade 8 classes to ensure that information goes out in a timely manner.

As an introduction to the “Choices for Nine” program, there will be a parent information evening at Bessborough Drive Elementary & M.S. in the Library, on **Tuesday October 23 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.**

It is highly recommended that all families of Grade 8 students attend this very important meeting. This session will provide information about key dates, timelines, Optional Attendance procedures, Secondary School programs and requirements, Secondary School Open House dates and times, Course Selection and much more. Grade 7 parents are also encouraged to attend.

## Meet the Trustee Candidates at Bessborough ~ October 18<sup>th</sup>

We are pleased to host the opportunity for you to hear directly from Trustee Candidates in our ward, Don Valley West. As little is understood about the role, this event should provide you with insight to make an informed voting decision on October 22nd.

The role highlights are:

- Trustees represent the community and play a vital role in ensuring parents and students have a direct pathway to express our views on the education issues that matter most.
- Through collaboration, engagement and joint decision making, trustees reflect the values, priorities, and expectations of the parents, students and supporters that develop into TDSB policy. They work to promote student achievement, well-being and equity to reflect the diverse needs of students in communities.
- They play a key leadership role in setting the strategic direction of TDSB programs and policies, making sure there is local accountability for student success and well-being, and that the operation of the school board achieves key goals and priorities.

We welcome you to the Library from 7.00pm to 8.30pm for candidates to make a brief presentation and participate in a Q & A. [Please RSVP here](#)

## Lunch Programs – Start up

There is still time to sign up for the amazing lunchtime programs that start up again October 15th! Your children can explore with art, blast off with Lego Space, Hop with a Bunny, Go Mad with Science or Check-your-mate in Chess! For more information, go to the "Lunch Activities Programs" page on the Home & School website under the "Activities and Events" tab. Sign up today to avoid disappointment!

If you have questions, please contact:

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## Reminder for Enhancement Budget Ideas

We encourage you to be creative. What have you seen in another school that caught your eye? What do you talk about at the dinner table that's ignited an idea? Is there a professional speaker that could capture our kids' imaginations? This vote will be held at the November 13 General Meeting, but first...we need your ideas.

Proposal requests are due October 19th to Robyn Israel ([robyneisrael@gmail.com](mailto:robyneisrael@gmail.com))

## Leaside Men with Axes 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraiser

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

Includes: Axe throwing instruction, tournament, delicious BBQ dinner and Silent - Live Auction. Approximately \$30k in auction items and prizes. Not only do the proceeds from this event support Bessborough School but they also support the H&S community charity outreach initiatives such as bringing the Empower Reading Program to another TDSB school in need.

To purchase tickets go to: [menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca](http://menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca)

**\*\* If you are interested in helping we could always use help in sponsorship and operations (prizes between \$250-\$500 retail values). Silent Auction Items Needed! \*\***

The silent and live auction is a huge part of the night and we need you!! Can you leverage some of your abilities, contacts and workplaces for ideas such as:

- Box Seats for events
- Products like running shoes, jerseys, sports memorabilia
- Professional services like Lawyers (Help creating a will), Personal Trainers (family boot camp), Home organizing (make things easier to find!)

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**Gobble Gobble!**

Congratulations to Mr. Justin McMillan and Ms. Ariel Chambers (from the daycare) who won this year's Staff Appreciation Turkey Draw! Once again, this was a huge hit with staff and students! Lots of anticipation as everyone waited to see which staff members would be the last ones standing and going home with a turkey for Thanksgiving.

## Kindie Wine & Cheese - November 1st 7:30 - 10:30 pm

Enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow kindie parents and teachers outside of the yard! The Kindergarten Wine & Cheese Welcome has been confirmed for November 1st from 7:30-10:30 pm. This is a wonderful chance to chat with other parents and Bessborough staff over a few drinks and great food in a relaxing environment. This year, this event will be hosted by Heather and Peter Bolt at 61 Cameron Cres.

### Sub Lunch Feedback

\*\*Parents please check with your children that they had no order discrepancies with their sub lunch order on Monday, October 1st. It was our first day and we are still working out the kinks with our new local provider – *Subway* . \*\* Please contact [cabrina.skillen@gmail.com](mailto:cabrina.skillen@gmail.com) if needed.



Thank you to our fabulous teachers and parent volunteers that make the Junior Cross Country event “run” smoothly! So give it up for these parents who volunteered their time: Kim Wright, Michelle Rinaldo, and Tony Hamill. Thank you to our devoted teachers- Ms. Thurow, Ms. Rambarran, Ms. Manikas, Mr. Casey, Ms. Gamm and Ms. Jain, for organizing and supporting the kids during the Cross Country event. Special thank you to Justin Quigg for stepping up and coaching the girls Grade 5/6 Soccer Team! Thanks to Suzanne Sharples, our Appreciation Lead for spearheading the Turkey giveaway for our fabulous staff and teachers.



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Find out what you missed at the first H & S Meeting!



October 25<sup>th</sup> – First Pizza Lunch

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Social Series: Leaside Men with Axes  
[menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca](http://menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca)

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Kindie Parent Wine and Cheese

November 13<sup>th</sup> – Home & School Meeting and Vote