



Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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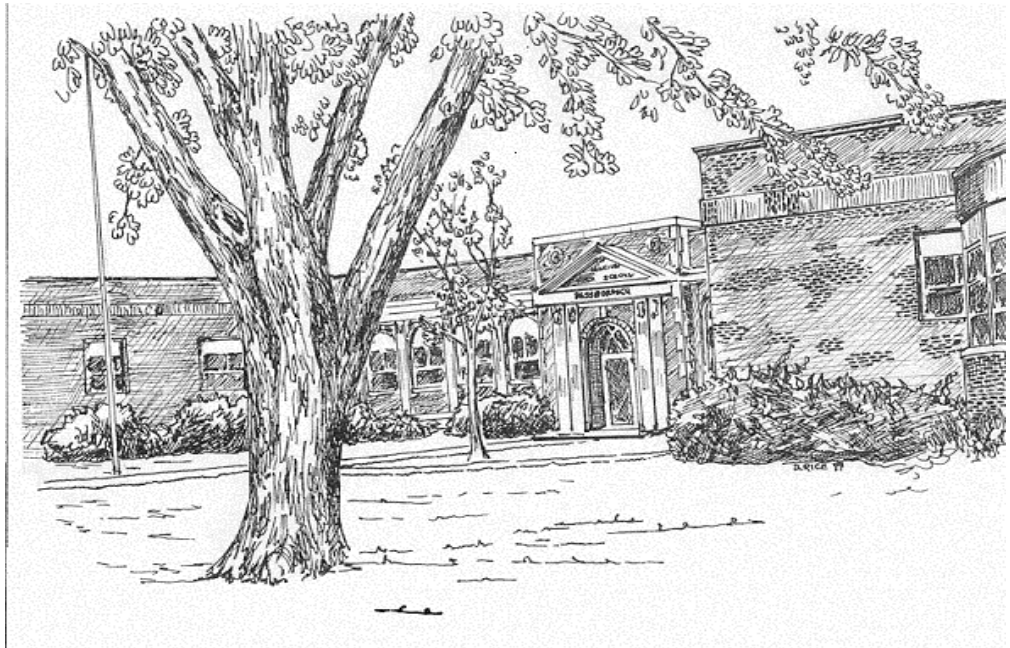
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Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 22 – Photo Day
- Oct. 24 – PIZZA LUNCH
- Oct. 24 – Guidance Presentation at Northlea
- Nov. 4 – Gr. 7 Immunization
- Nov. 11 – Progress Reports sent home
- Nov. 13 – Home & School General Meeting in Library

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



Student Vote

Thank you to our Student Engagement Committee members and Ms. Ciobanu for organizing Student Vote at Bessborough on October 17th.

We are so impressed by the level of engagement and depth of the conversations between students regarding party platforms and the significance of the democratic process. The results of our Student Vote will be announced on Tuesday October 22nd.

Two of our Grade 8 students added their voices to the discussion about what matters to Canada's youngest and future voters in this article by Global's Arti Patel.
[Generation Z: What Canada's Youngest Voters are worried about](#)

We Scare Hunger Food Drive

Beginning on Monday, October 28th until Friday, November 1st Bessborough will be holding its annual [We SCARE Hunger Food Drive!](#)

The Student Engagement Committee will be organizing a Food Drive to collect non-perishable food items for the Daily Bread Food Bank – one of Canada's largest food banks! Bessborough's goal is to raise 1000 pounds of food!

Primary Dance Club begins on Friday October 25th

The Primary Dance Club will be starting next Friday October 25th at 12:00 p.m. This year we are combining the Folkfest Club with the Bollywood Dance Club. Students will have the opportunity to take part in the May Folk Fest at East York Collegiate, as well as various opportunities to perform routines at school. The aim of the Primary Dance Club is to provide playful dance experiences with opportunities for students to interact with each other in an inclusive environment that builds their confidence and self-esteem through a variety of dance activities. The [Permission Form](#) is linked for you.

~ Ms. Willoughby, Mrs. Cook, Ms. Atwal

Congratulations to our Junior Boys Football Team

Congratulations to the Jr. Football Team on a fine season. They played hard in their tournament last Thursday making it to the Conference Semi-final. The boys represented Bessborough well by showing class to their opponents and by never giving up.

It was an enjoyable experience teaching the boys the game of Touch Football. Congratulations again!

~ Mr. Pantopoulos

Bessborough Athletic Council (BAC) Update

The Bessborough Athletic Council is pleased to announce that Bessborough has raised \$8,128.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Although we did not achieve our lofty goal of \$10,000.00, we are satisfied with the results. Thank you to all who donated so generously to such a worthy cause. We have decided that we will still hold a Terry Fox Danceathon on Friday November 1st. We will also hold a pie in the face for both staff and BAC members on the same day during the lunch hour. Details will be relayed to staff and students next week.

Date Change for Grade 7 Vaccination Clinic

Toronto Public Health has had to reschedule our School Clinic date to **Monday November 4, 2019**. Consent forms were sent home in September. Please contact the school if you need a new form.



Attention Kindie Parents

We would like to invite everyone to attend an entertaining evening of cocktails and socializing hosted by our senior kindergarten parents (more details to follow for SK parents). Leave the kids at home and come out for a few hours of fun.

A big thank you to Nadia and Richard Chao for offering their home for this event!

Date and time: **Wednesday November 6th from 7:30 pm-10:30 pm**

Locations: **29 Parkhurst Boulevard**

Get Involved and Bring Your Ideas! STEM, Arts, Sports?

How would YOU like to see funds raised by your H&S allocated in the school?

As an H&S Member, you can have a say in where the funds will be spent. You are among our community of families that decide how to invest our fundraising dollars in the school. This vote will be held at the **November 13** General Meeting, but first...we need your ideas.

If you would like to submit a proposal for spending, please see the request form on the H&S website: bessboroughhomeandschool.com and send to bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com by October 20th.

In the past, funds have gone toward improvement of the kindergarten playground, provision of learning tools like technology for next gen learning accommodating all learners, books and reading programs, new musical instruments, and specialty programming in art, sciences, and special performances.

Appreciation Corner

Thank you to Cabrina Skillen and her new sub lunch team for organizing the first sub lunch of the school year. Liana Kosmatos and Stacey Niman – thanks to both of you for taking on this role!



Home & School is on Insta

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

Follow [@BessboroughHS](https://www.instagram.com/BessboroughHS)



October 24th – Pizza Lunch

November 6th – Kindie Wine & Cheese

November 13th – H & S General Meeting
in the Library



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