

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 4 – Gr. 7 Immunization
- Nov. 4 – Sub Lunch
- Nov. 7 – Photo Retake Day
- Nov. 11 – Progress Reports sent home
- Nov. 15 – P.A. Day
- Nov. 20 – Home & School General Meeting in Library



Bessborough Garden Club

The Bessborough Garden Club has worked hard these past couple of months! We cleared out the weeds that crept into our vegetable beds during the summer, harvested some healthy and delicious veggies, and prepared the soil for the winter. The members celebrated its last meeting this week by sharing what they most enjoyed about Garden Club while sipping a well-deserved cup of hot chocolate! See you next spring!

~ Ms. Willoughby & Ms. Chow



Parent Representatives needed for Caring & Safe Schools Committee

Our Caring & Safe Schools committee includes student, staff and parent representatives. Two parent representatives who can attend at lunch time (11:45 to 12:35 p.m.) on the dates below are needed.

Tuesday, November 19th Tuesday, March 24th
Tuesday, January 21st Tuesday, May 5th

Please send an email to frances.themeliopoulos@tdsb.on.ca if you are interested in representing our parent community on this committee.

~ Ms. Buksner & Ms. Themeliopoulos

Halloween Parade on Thursday October 31st

The annual Halloween Parade will take place right after lunch, beginning at approximately 12:45 p.m. Kindergarten classes will come out to Bessborough Drive from the Kindergarten Yard. All other grades will follow the Kindergarten classes north to Parkhurst, east along Parkhurst to Hanna and into the South Yard. The Kindergarten classes will remain in the South Yard after the parade and have prepared a short performance for families.

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!

Bessborough Athletic Council (BAC) Reminder

The Terry Fox Dance will take place on Friday November 1st and a “Pie in the Face” fundraiser is taking place at lunch. Thank you to staff members who have signed up to be “pied” for a great cause! Our “Toonies for Terry” collection continues as we are SO close to our \$10,000.00 goal.

Thank you to all Volunteers!



On any given day we welcome a number of volunteers at Bessborough – parents, grandparents and/or community members. We truly appreciate every volunteer’s contribution – whether it is reading with students, helping to coach various school teams, driving students to tournaments, helping to supervise during field trips, helping with Pizza Lunch and Sub Lunch, etc., etc., etc.,

Congratulations to all for a Great Cross Country Season!

Congratulations to all the Cross Country athletes who participated and raced with the team this year! All of the athletes should be very proud of their hard work and dedication by coming out to early morning practices and even training over the weekend in their free time.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the parents who volunteered at practices during warm-ups, keeping everyone safe by supervising corners and even running along! Yesterday, on October 24th, 11 students competed in the City Finals at Centennial Park. It was a sunny, but windy day and everyone finished with fantastic results! Shout out to Morgan Yeoman who defended her title by finishing 1st place in the Grade 7 girl's race! **Go Bessborough Go!**





Attention Kindie Parents

We would like to welcome 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 20th** 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 30th.

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 Lisa Jones and her team (Shawna Hogan, Joanna Bancroft, Janet Embir, Sarah Pooley, Mindy McIntyre, Maria Carter), for organizing our first Pizza Lunch of the year. Your hard work is very much appreciated by both the kids who love the pizza and the parents who love not making lunch!

Thank you to all of the teachers and parent volunteers who helped out with cross country and junior/intermediate soccer and football. Your time and effort are what help to make these activities a success.



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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)



November 4th – Sub Lunch

November 6th – Kindie Wine & Cheese

November 20th – H & S General Meeting
in the Library

November 28th – Pizza Lunch



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