

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events October/November

- ◆ City Championships Jr. Boys Football - Oct. 29th
- ◆ Pajama Day - Nov. 2
- ◆ Sub Lunch - Nov. 5
- ◆ Progress Reports go home - Nov. 12
- ◆ H & S Enrichment Budget Vote - November 13
- ◆ Photo Retake Day - Nov. 22
- ◆ Pizza Lunch - Nov. 29

Caring and Safe Schools Committee

We would like to thank Ms. McGowan and Mr. Lamb for volunteering as parent reps on our Caring and Safe Schools Committee. Student representation on this committee will include two students per grade. Our first meeting date will be announced soon. ~ Ms. Buksner & Ms. Themeliopoulos

Good luck to our Jr. Boys Football Team!

Our Junior Boys football team will be competing at the City Championships on Monday October 29th. Game 1 is at 10:00 a.m. and Game 2 is at 12 noon. *Good luck Bessborough!*

Terrific end to an awesome Cross Country Season!

The final Cross Country event of the year took place on Thursday October 25th at Centennial Park.

Congratulations to all participants, to Morgan (Gr. 6) on her first place finish and to our Grade 6 Boys, the 2018-2019 City Champions! For more details about Elementary Athletics in the TDSB, follow [@TDESAA_TDSB](#)

Eco Club Update

Ms. Jain and Ms. Thurow are pleased to report that there are 25 students participating in Eco Club on Tuesdays. Students, please remember that attendance is mandatory if you wish to continue participating in the Eco Club.

The first week students took pictures of nature and of things that interested them outside. The second week, the Eco Club did a litter pick up in our school yard. Students will be analyzing what they found next week!

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Congratulations to our Senior Girls Soccer Team!

Ms. Buksner and Ms. Backus would like to congratulate the Senior Girls Soccer team on winning the North Conference, Division 2 Championship this week! They won their semi-final game against Woodbine 4-0 and the finals against Bedford Park 3-1. While the weather wasn't the greatest, the play on the field was EXCEPTIONAL!!! From our dynamic D to our magnificent mid-fielders right on through to our fantastic forwards the team really put it all out there. Thank you to all the girls for your commitment and enthusiasm throughout the season.



Senior Girls Basketball Team

Tryouts for the Senior Girls Basketball Team will begin Monday Oct 29 in the gym at 8:00 a.m. Tryouts and practices will continue to run every Monday and Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Senior Boys Football Team

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Football Team on playing a terrific tournament this past week. Unfortunately they missed getting into the playoffs by a narrow margin however they represented Bessborough with a great deal of sportsmanship. Great job team!

Junior Boys Volleyball Team

Junior Boys (Grades 5, 6) Junior Boys Volleyball Tryouts will occur on both Tuesday Oct. 30th and Thursday Nov. 1st in the main gym. Practices will start at 7:45 a.m.

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Leaside Men with Axes - It's finally HERE! Saturday, October 27th

5:30 pm at the Amsterdam Brewery (45 Esandar Dr.) - \$85 per ticket.

To purchase tickets go to: menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca

Silent Auction Items Still Needed! - Please contact the hosts(see below) if you can 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, Personal Trainers, and Home organization services
- **Prizes** between \$250-\$500 retail value

The event 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 Elementary & Middle School but they also support the H&S community charity outreach initiatives.

For more info email please contact the hosts:

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The Social Series Team Needs You!

Do you love attending our social events? Are you looking to get more involved and have some fun new ideas that you want to unleash on our Bessborough parent network?

Please contact Christine Davis (Bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com) if you'd like to be part of our Social Series team.

Bessborough H & S - Enrichment Budget

1. Did you attend the Kindie Parent Coffee and meet other new parents to the school?
2. Has your child's reading improved thanks to Empower Reading, the specialty reading program?
3. Is your child teaching you new sources of discovery through technology?
4. Do you and your kids enjoy the pizza and sub days?
5. Are you thankful the Lice Check program was performed *at school*?
6. Are you amazed at how much can be done with a piece of Lego?
7. Has your child come home with a new curiosity for playing a musical instrument?
8. Through the extraordinary array of clubs, has your child been able to feel at home in the school and find a special place where they can shine?
9. Has your morning ritual been made a little easier with the Lunch Lady program?
10. Have you enjoyed a night out at the Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night or Ladies Night?
11. Is the Mayfair a must attend event in your household?
12. Does your child get a thrill out of exploring bugs under the microscope?
13. Do you do a little chair dance when the students are on stage singing their lungs out at the Holiday Concert?
14. Do you look forward to the annual Welcome Back Movie Night & BBQ to ring in a new school year?
15. Have you forgotten to plan Date Night and been saved with the Street Crawl?
16. Have you ever admired the students' garden in the kindie yard and Hanna Road?
17. Has your child found a book of interest and enjoyed it while sitting at a new piece of furniture in the school library?
18. Have you discovered your inner Lumberjack at Men With Axes?
19. Has the kindie sandbox inspired a world of construction or archeology in your child?
20. Are you grateful for the safe and caring environment your children are provided at our community's school?

Your Bessborough Home & School Association has contributed fully and/or partially to *all* of these events. If you said "Yes" to even one of the questions, consider that **your reason to join us at the Enrichment Budget vote on November 13th**. The parent membership is responsible for deciding where to allocate fundraising dollars, so it's important that we hear from as many of you as possible.



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

It is not too late to book your babysitters, so you can enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow kindie parents and teachers outside of the yard! 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.

Thank You

Thank you to Lisa Jones and her fabulous team (Lilly Delic, Janet Embir, Joanna Bancroft and Shawna Hogan), for organizing our first pizza lunch of the year. Your team runs like a well-oiled machine and you are the cause of hundreds of parental sighs of relief. Sigh!

Thank you to Alison Steinman for hosting the class parent orientation evening. Also, a shout out goes to Mary Holmes and Suzanne Sharples for their assistance with this event.

Thank you to Ms. Ho and Justin Quigg for their coaching of the girls' soccer team. Thank you to the parents who showed up to cheer on our team-and to Julia Quigg and Mary Holmes for providing the parents and players with warm coffee and hot chocolate on such a chilly morning.

Once again, thank you to all the parents and teachers that have volunteered their time during the Cross Country events. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time next year, we could use parents to help with the Primary Cross Country runners.

Please contact Christine Davis (Bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com) to find out how you may help.



Follow us on Instagram @**BessboroughHS** to get reminders about important dates and upcoming events.

Tell me more.....Find out what you missed and what's coming up on the Home & School website at www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com



October 27th – Men With Axes menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca

November 1st – Kindie Parent Wine and Cheese

November 5 – Sub Lunch Day

November 13 – H & S Meeting and Vote