

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events November

- ◆ Sub Lunch - Nov. 5
- ◆ Progress Reports sent home - Nov. 12
- ◆ H & S Enrichment Budget Vote - Nov. 13
- ◆ Trustee Gershon's Community Event - Nov. 14
- ◆ P.A. Day - Nov. 16
- ◆ Photo Retake Day - Nov. 22
- ◆ Pizza Lunch - Nov. 29

Join Trustee Gerri Gershon & Meet Newly Elected Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin

We hope to see you at Trustee Gerri Gershon's event on November 14th at Longos on Laird. The event flyer is attached for you.

Join Gerri for her last Community Coffee meeting before retirement and meet your newly elected Trustee, Rachel Chernos Lin.

Grade 7 Immunization Clinic ~ December 5

Toronto Public Health will be visiting Bessborough to provide free vaccination against three diseases. The vaccination package was sent home with students on September 24th. If you need a form, please phone the school.

The vaccines available at school clinics are not free at doctors' offices. All Grade 7 students are eligible to receive meningococcal, human papillomavirus and hepatitis B vaccines. Please note the meningococcal vaccine is mandatory for school attendance.

416.338.7600 toronto.ca/health | TORONTO Public Health

Singing Club for Grades 2-4

Members of our Bessborough Wellness Club will be starting a Singing Club for students in Grades 2-4 in preparation for the Winter Concert. Thank you, Grade 8 student leaders in our Wellness Club for offering this experience!

Any child who enjoys being on stage and singing is welcome to join us on Wednesdays at lunch from November 7th until the Winter Concert (December 4th for Grades 1-8). Practices will run from 12:00 to 12:30 in Room 12. Students will be preparing a performance of the song 'Winter Wonderland'!

We hope to see you there!

Teacher contacts: Ms. Buksner sarah.buksner@tdsb.on.ca
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Junior Boys Football ~ Conference Champs!

The Junior Boys Football team ended their season becoming the third best team in the TDSB. The boys demonstrated teamwork, perseverance and dedication throughout the whole season. Entering the City Championships with an undefeated record, the boys lost in the semifinals by only one point. Bessborough would like to congratulate all the boys on a successful season!

Thank you to staff and parents for your support of athletics at Bessborough EMS! We appreciate all that you do from coaching, to driving to your CHEERING!



Hackergals

Girls in Grades 5-8 are invited to join Ms. Surdivall and Mr. Ivan on Tuesdays at lunch to learn more about coding in Python. Our first meeting is on Tuesday November 6th. We will meet once a week in preparation for a ***nation-wide*** hackathon on December 12th.

Animation club

Students in Grades 5-8 are invited to join a student-run after school club for creating interesting animations. Two Grade 7 students will be leading the activities and Ms. Surdivall will be supervising. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:15 in the library.

Field trip to see Anthropocene – November 8, 2018

Students in Grades 6-8 are looking forward to going to TIFF Bell LightBox to view Anthropocene, a documentary about human impact on the physical environment. It will resonate with the themes of sustainability and stewardship in our science, social studies, and geography classes, and will provide a rich reference for our classroom discussions. See theanthropocene.org/film/ for more details about the film.

Bessborough Eco Team

Bessborough's Eco Team has organized a Winter Clothing Drive! Bring all your gently-used, no longer needed winter gear to school from Monday November 5th to Friday November 9th, and Bessborough's Eco Team will collect it for you! Where will it go? To students at the TDSB's Rene Gordon Elementary School who are new immigrants to Canada. Our clothing drive will help families with necessities for Toronto's winter weather. We can do our part by donating our unneeded winter gear to help keep kids nice and toasty all winter.

We are collecting the following:

- Sweatshirts
- Sweatpants
- Winter coats
- Snow pants
- Winter boots
- Winter accessories such as scarves, gloves, toques, balaclavas etc...

Have your child bring the clothing to school and the Eco Team will come and pick it up. It will be delivered straight to Rene Gordon.

We thank you for your donations in advance!
Ms. Jain, Ms. Thurow and the Eco Team

Eco Tip of the Week: Did you know that most candy and chip wrappers are unrecyclable? Help your city out and throw them in the garbage unless they are made of cardboard or have a recyclable sign on them!

National Geographic Explorer Classroom

7C students were very excited to join a Google Hangout recently with oceanographers from National Geographic's [#ExplorerClassroom](#) onboard the Nautilus. They learned a lot about deep sea exploration and had a chance to ask their own questions about human impact on ocean habitats.



We Need Your Say! H&S Meeting - Tuesday November 13th at 7:00 pm!

At our next H&S meeting we will review the Enrichment Proposals and vote on where to allocate dollars raised through H&S events and activities. Don't miss your chance to have a say in where our money gets invested in the school. Please see the attached document "**Enrichment Vote Letter 2018-2019**" for a description of each proposal and how to vote.

Don't forget to **bring your phone** - you need it to vote! Babysitting will be provided in the mini-gym.

You **MUST** be an H&S member to vote. If you don't have your membership yet, you can get the form by clicking [here](#) or go to the H&S website under the tab 'Who We Are'. Please bring a \$15.00 cheque made out to "Bessborough Home & School" to the meeting.

The Social Series Team Needs You!

Do you love attending our social events? Are you looking to get more involved, to be part of a lovely group that share ideas and have fun while making things happen? If so, we would love to meet you! Please contact Christine Davis (Bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com) if you'd like to be part of our Social Series team.

BESSBOROUGH UNIFORMS AND SWAG ARE BACK!

Order your personalized shirts, shorts and hoodies to keep cozy in the cool weather. The gear can be worn for gym, most sports teams or to celebrate Bessborough School Spirit! Extremely affordable, they can be ordered online through www.shop.vintageapparelco.com

New colour options this year - heather gray and additional red options. Order now until November 16th. Delivery is due in mid-December, just in time for the holidays!



Any inquiries, please contact Michelle Rinaldo at mich_rinaldo@hotmail.com



A BIG thank you to the Men with Axes team for organizing yet another successful night of axe throwing, beer drinking, meatball sub-eating, and last but not least, fundraising!

Tyler Lang, Shane Skillen, and Chad Iwata - you blokes are top-notch and Home & School appreciates all of your efforts to put such an event together and have it all run smoothly. Thank you to Chris Maissan for your computer expertise and support with the webpage. Thank you to Anthony Hammill, Michael Tkaczuk and Mike Embir for your exquisite culinary skills. And thank you to Dave Asals, Arin Arat, Kevin Robinson, Kiran Patel, Taylor Simms-Brown, and Julian Mossanen for all of your efforts as well.

This year the Men with Axes team efforts were successful in raising \$22,251.00! Thank you to those who helped to secure prizes/donations and to all of you who participated.

The Men with Axes event has a charitable component and has previously funded the **Empower Reading** Program at Grenoble Public School. **Empower Reading** was developed at Sick Kids hospital and has been implemented in many schools to help struggling readers reach grade level and beyond. We have seen the positive impact this program has had on many kids at our school and we are excited to share the gift of literacy with other children in this way.

The teacher at Grenoble who underwent the training wanted to share this letter of thanks with our parent community to show how grateful they are to be given this incredible gift:

Thank you so much for this very generous donation to Grenoble and for giving me the opportunity to be trained in Empower. I feel like I've won the lottery! I'm pretty humbled and blown away by the generosity of Bessborough's parent council.

I first found out about the program in 2013, when I was trying to find resources to help a grade 2 student (that I suspected to be dyslexic). I've been trying to chase the program down ever since! I understand how expensive the Empower program is but I also know how life changing the program can be, for students who are having difficulty in reading. I appreciate that you recognize this and are willing to invest in Empower. I'm very grateful for the opportunity and rest assured I'll execute it as best I can. I am over the moon excited for the first session!

Thank you to the Kindergarten Reps: Andrea Jeffery and Heather Zimcik for organizing the Kindie Wine & Cheese night. Also, a big thank you to Heather and Peter Bolt for hosting this fun event!



November 5th – Sub Lunch

November 13th – H & S Meeting and Vote

November 16th – Final day to order Bessborough Spirit Wear

November 29 – Pizza Lunch

STAY CONNECTED...



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