

# Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events November/December

- ◆ P.A. Day - Nov. 16
- ◆ Trustee Gershon's Community Event - Nov. 21
- ◆ Photo Retake Day - Nov. 22 (afternoon)
- ◆ Pizza Lunch - Nov. 29
- ◆ Grade 1-8 Holiday Concert at Leaside H.S. - December 4
- ◆ Kindergarten Holiday Concert at Bessborough - December 5
- ◆ Gr. 7 Immunization - Dec. 5

## Eco Club Announcement

We extend our thanks to everyone who contributed to our Winter Clothing Drive at Bessborough. Many new families to Toronto will be well-clothed because of you.

Last week, the Eco team did a waste audit of both our garbage and recycling around the school. It turns out we were putting several items in the blue bin that belong either in the compost or trash! We are sharing our learning with every class.

**Eco-Tip of the week:** Did you know that tissues and paper towels can be composted? Put them in your green bin! Do not put them in your recycling bin.

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## TDSB Job Opportunity - Lunchroom Supervisor

**Please contact Ms. Themeliopoulos** if you would like to apply for a Lunchroom Supervisor position – or – pass this along to anyone who may be interested.

For more information, please follow this [TDSB link](#).

## Bessborough EMS Student Engagement Committee

Thank you, Bessborough! Our Food drive for Covenant House Toronto was a huge success!

Thank you for your generosity and interest in this campaign. We collected 584 pounds of non-perishable food items, as well as personal care donations.



## Happiness is Wacky Hair/Hat Day @BessboroughEMS

Our ***fabulous*** Bessborough Drive EMS Student Engagement Committee has been very active planning some wonderful events and campaigns. School spirit was in full effect on Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>! Ms. Ho's Grade 5 students and Ms. Buksner's Grade 6 students TIED for highest class participation and both classes were awarded a box of sour keys. Congratulations!





## BESSBOROUGH CAFÉ

WE are happy to announce you that on November 21, Bessborough Café will be open in rooms 31 at lunch time. Please refer to the dates below to see when we are open. This initiative of the Student Engagement Committee is in support of the WE Villages. All of our funds will support the **WE Organization** (formerly **Free the Children**). 100% of the funds collected will be donated for their global initiatives in education, water, health, food and opportunity. Each pillar is a critical component in breaking the cycle of poverty. ([www.we.org](http://www.we.org))



In addition, we will be selling Rafiki bracelets soon\*. In Swahili Rafiki means “friend”. These bracelets are handmade by Kenyan artisans (the “mamas”) and make a great life changing impact gift for the holiday season. Each Rafiki bracelet is \$10.00 (**The WE Group**).



*\*Rafikis will be available for sale as soon as they are delivered by Canada Post.*

### Bessborough Café Dates:

**November 21, 30 – Room 31 at lunch**

**December 5, 10, 11 and 12 – Room 31 at lunch**

*Dear Bessborough Families,*



We are pleased to inform you that the **Student Engagement Committee** will be collecting toys for **Red Door Shelter**, which is located in downtown Toronto. This shelter supports single parents and families with kids. This Toy Drive will run from **December 1st to December 11th**.

There will also be a drop-off spot at the Holiday Concerts on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please make sure all of the toys are unwrapped and new, which means that they cannot be used. Some toy suggestions are books, Dolls, Hot Wheels, Shopkins, Small Lego sets and/or other small gifts that are between \$5 and \$15. This holiday season we cannot forget that there are lots of families and parents in shelters with no presents to give to their children. This year we decided to make even the smallest of change in these people's lives. We really appreciate your time, effort, and compassion towards these families this holiday season.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter and for your donations.

**Bessborough Drive EMS Student Engagement Committee**

## The Enrichment Budget Results are IN!

Thank you to the parents who participated in our Enrichment Budget Vote Tuesday night and gave their voice to our fundraising allocations. We can feel good that the hard work and effort our volunteers put into our great events not only enriches our student and parent community, but it makes a meaningful contribution to the curriculum, safety and fun at our school.



All proposals were approved, including providing an additional \$500 to the crosswalk flags so that we can include more intersections.

Enrichment Initiatives	Amount
Classroom Allocation	\$8,100
Discretionary Student Support	\$5,000
Stem Materials	\$20,000
Arts Programming*	\$10,000
Music Instruments	\$6,000
Reading Materials	\$4,000
Indigenous Curriculum	\$3,000
Guidance and Clubs	\$3,000
Crosswalks Flags	\$1000
Grade 6 Transition	\$500
Grade 8 Graduation	\$2,726
Community Giving*	\$5,000
Total Enrichment Proposals	\$68,326



## Our Yearbook Team Needs You!

This year's yearbook committee is in need of a parent volunteer or two to lend a hand. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm. Our current parent volunteer will be transitioning out of the role this year and we need someone to come on board and learn the ropes. Anyone interested in learning more, please email Corey Ferguson at [c.ginou@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.ginou@sympatico.ca)

And as always, the yearbook would love to have any pictures you'd like to share with us from any school event, so send in those photos. The more you send in, the more chances to get your child in the yearbook! Please send to [bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com)

Be sure to send best quality and the largest file size you have (highest resolution) or if sending from your iPhone, please send "Actual Size".

## 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](mailto:Bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com)) if you'd like to be part of our Social Series team

## LAST CHANCE...BESSBOROUGH UNIFORMS AND SWAG

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](http://www.shop.vintageapparelco.com)

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



Any inquiries, please contact Michelle Rinaldo at [mich\\_rinaldo@hotmail.com](mailto:mich_rinaldo@hotmail.com)



Thank you to Michelle Rinaldo for keeping our kids garbed from head-to-toe in Bessborough sports gear!

Thank you to all the Bessborough teachers and parents devoted to enhancing our children's learning environment. We are very thankful for the support of our parent community who contribute to this excellence in education in many ways: volunteering in the classroom and in school activities, assisting with homework, and providing financial support for enrichment programming, activities and events.



November 16th - Last day to order Bessborough Sports Uniform/Swag

November 29 - Pizza lunch

December 3 - Sub Lunch

June 1 - Mayfair – Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 – 3:00 pm



**STAY CONNECTED . . . . .**

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

Find out what you missed and what's coming up on the Home & School website at [www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com](http://www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com)