

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

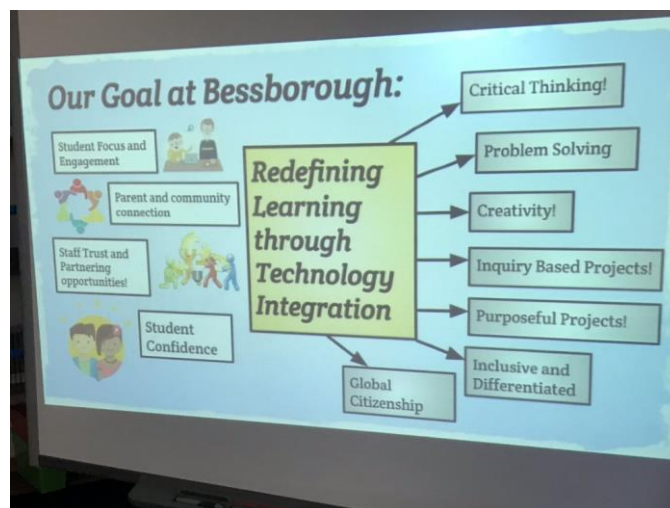
- Nov. 27 – Covenant House Presentation for Grades 6-8
- Nov. 28 – Pizza Lunch
- December 2nd – Sub Lunch
- December 3rd – Kindergarten Concert at Bessborough
- December 4th – Holiday Concert at Leaside H.S.
- December 6th – P.A. Day



Teaching & Learning at Bessborough

On Tuesday November 19th, we welcomed dignitaries from Brunei who were particularly interested in how the use of technology is embedded in day to day teaching and learning at our school.

Students and staff continually embrace new and innovative ways to explore and demonstrate learning. Thank you to our Superintendent, Andrew Howard for highlighting a key goal at Bessborough.



[@AHoward_tdsb](https://twitter.com/AHoward_tdsb) via Twitter

Bessborough Café

The Student Engagement Committee is happy to announce that the Bessborough Café will continue on:

- November 28 – room 31 at lunch
- December 5 – room 31 at lunch
- December 9- 13– in room 31 at lunch

This is an initiative of the Student Engagement Committee 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. (<https://www.we.org/our-work/we-villages/>)



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 to us by Canada Post).



A huge **thank you from the Eco Club! Our clothing drive was a huge success.**

Through your generosity we were able to donate many bags of winter clothing and boots to schools where people are not yet ready for our great Canadian winters.

The kids enthusiastically supported doing good for our community and environment.

Thank you!

Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, Canadians pause for a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. Thank you to all students and staff who participated in our Remembrance Day assembly on Monday November 11th, and to all parents who were able to join us. Every contribution was special.

Appreciation also goes out to Ms. Manikas and her class for creating beautiful poppy artwork that was donated to veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital. Mr. Roynon, a parent of a student in the class kindly shared that the artwork was presented to Veterans at a special luncheon.

Please see the letter below to Ms. Manikas and her class from Jim Hubel, Colonel (Retired):



Hello Stephanie

Thank you so much for your initiative in creating wonderful artwork for our annual Appreciation Luncheon. Veronica arrived with a large pile of colourful and carefully completed creations from your class and made under your cooperation and direction. We placed these on the tables where the Veterans were sitting and told them they could take them away to their rooms if they wished. Most of them just vanished

I think this kind of activity is very important as our young people begin to value the great sacrifices made by sailors, soldiers and air men and women during World War II and the Korean War. We are losing our Veterans very quickly now; they are all in their mid to late 90's and we have several 100 year olds. For this latter group we are honouring them by placing individual citations on the Memorial Plaque in the Veterans Chapel.

Please communicate to your class how much we appreciate their outstanding contribution.

Bessborough School Council Update

Bessborough has been operating a Home & School Association AND a Ministry-mandated School Council together.



This fall, the Executive assessed the pros and cons of this organizational structure and concluded that it is better to simply run as Bessborough School Council, reasons include:

- *Better insurance coverage and costs for our social events, including Mayfair*
- *Ability to leverage the school's cash online and accounting system for easier parent payment and financing reporting*
- *More simple organizational structure to manage and sustain our parent volunteer group*

Our purpose, goals, fundraising and events do not change!

Mayfair is booked – Sunday May 31, 2020

Please save the date!

The annual Mayfair event is booked for Sunday May 31, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Now, this big event can't run without your help! We'll be looking for volunteers to join our Mayfair committee in the New Year.

Specifically, we are looking for people to head up the BBQ and Silent auction sub-committees!





Instagram

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)



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