

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events November/December

- ◆ Pizza Lunch - Nov. 29
- ◆ Sub Lunch - Dec. 3
- ◆ Grade 1-8 Holiday Concert at Leaside H.S. - December 4
- ◆ Kindergarten Holiday Concert at Bessborough - December 5
- ◆ Gr. 7 Immunization (full day) - Dec. 5
- ◆ P.A. Day - Dec. 7

Eco Club Announcement

The Eco Club team has been working hard to find ways to reduce waste around the school. What has been our first step? Education!

We will have lunch monitors, announcements, classroom posters and a bulletin board to help students direct their waste in the proper place.

Eco-Tip of the week: Did you know that food waste that goes in the garbage contributes 20x more to climate change? Make use of the incredible green bin system in Toronto and compost all of your food when you are done eating..

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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 Athletic Council Announcement

Hey Bessborough! It's the Athletic Council!

Guess what is coming back to Bessborough?!? *The PALS program.*

If any primary students are interested in playing fun games with their friends at lunch, come join the Athletic Council members on the field at lunch on Fridays! Athletic Council members will not be picking you up from lunch. You eat your lunch normally and head outside when you are done to meet the Athletic Council on the field. Make sure to bring a lunch on Friday and be ready to play some games with your friends! See you on the field!

Junior Boys Volleyball Tournament ~ Tuesday November 27th

Our Junior Boys Volleyball team will participate in a tournament at North Prep Jr. Public School (1100 Spadina Road) on Tuesday November 27th and Mr. Tzavaras will be coaching that day. Game one is at 12:30 p.m. and game two is at 1:25 p.m. **Good luck to our junior boys!**

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Junior Girls Basketball Tournament ~ Wednesday November 28th

Bessborough is hosting a Basketball Tournament on November 28th and we are looking forward to cheering on our team! **Good luck to our junior girls!**

Game 1 vs. Bennington at 9:30
Game 3 vs. Bennington at 11:30

Game 2 vs. Rolph Road at 10:50
Game 4 vs. Rolph Road at 12:50

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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)



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 4th and 5th.

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

Have you captured some images for this year's Yearbook? Are you available to volunteer some time to the Yearbook Committee?

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

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

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 Lost & Found



Has your child lost their favourite toque? Visit the Lost & Found clothing bins outside each gym and the clothing rack located outside the office. Any items not claimed by December 21st will be donated to those in need.

If you have any questions please contact Leila Baghdadi at baghdadi.leila@gmail.com.

Do you like numbers and money and have a few hours to spare....?!? Treasurer Support candidates are needed now.

This volunteer supports the Treasurer in working closely with the Executive and Leadership to manage financial planning around fundraising dollars flowing in, and Operations and Enhancement Budget items being paid out.

Please contact Christine Davis (Bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com) if you would like more information about the Treasury Support role.



November 29 – Pizza Lunch

December 3 – Sub Lunch

MAYFAIR IS IN JUNE! SATURDAY JUNE 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm!



STAY CONNECTED...

Find the latest Executive and General meeting approved minutes and what's coming up on the H&S website. www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com

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

