

# Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



## Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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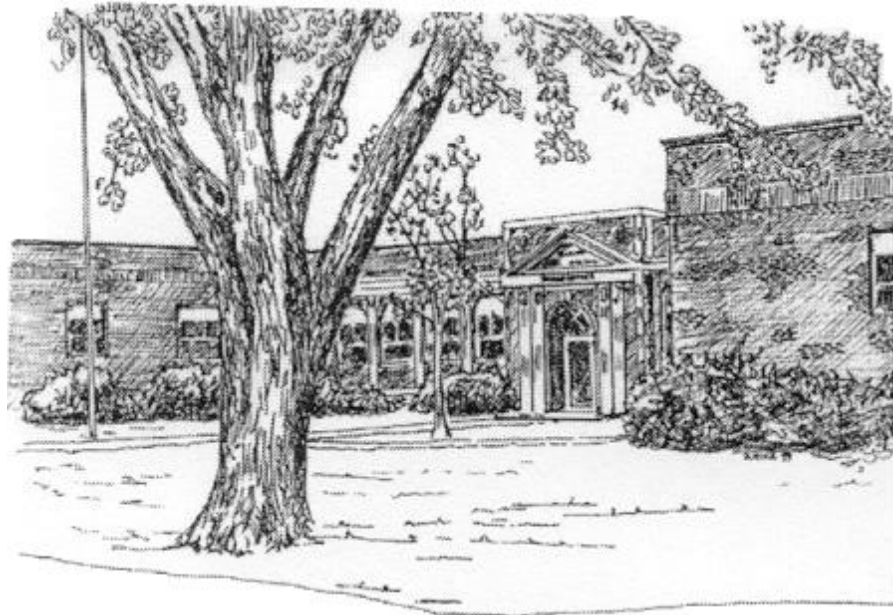
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Frances Themeliopoulos

Office Administrator:  
Renee Cronier  
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### Upcoming Events:

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sub Lunch
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kindergarten Concert at Bessborough
- December 4<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Concert at Leaside H.S.
- December 6<sup>th</sup> – P.A. Day



## Bessborough Yearbook Announcement

It's time to start sending in your photos for the 2019/20 Bessborough Yearbook.

Please send any photos you would like to share from Cross Country, Terry Fox Run, Halloween, Remembrance Day or any sporting or school event to: [bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com)

Please send best quality/largest size files or if sending from your iPhone, send Actual Size. Thanks for sharing!

Yearbook Club is starting in the New Year. The Yearbook Committee/Club will be starting in January and we're looking for some new blood. We are in need of some enthusiastic volunteers to help put our yearbook together. All students (Gr. 6-8), and parents are welcome. No experience necessary! We have a variety of jobs, big and small. *Thank you to Grade 8 students, Nasia and Praghya who have been helping us capture special moments by taking photos for the yearbook since September.*

If you think you can spare some time to help with this year's yearbook or have any questions, please email Corey Ferguson at [c.ginou@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.ginou@sympatico.ca)

Any students interested in joining should watch for details posted in the school in the coming weeks. We hope to see some of our awesome committee from last year back and some fresh faces too. All are welcome!

# Bessborough Café

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

- 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).



## Bessborough Spirit of Giving Campaign

November 25 – December 6, 2019

Please support our Low Denomination Gift Card Collection for Covenant House. *Every donation, no matter how small we receive, will make a big impact in the lives of the youth who are homeless in the city every night.*

Suggested Gift Cards (**\$5 or \$10 amounts**) to: **Rexall, Shoppers Drug Mart, Dollar stores, Tim Hortons, Burger King, McDonalds, Taco Bell**



*Thank you for your generosity.*



*The Student Engagement Committee*

*The gift cards can be dropped at the front office starting on November 25. We will also accept donations at the School's Holiday Concert on December 4.*

# Bessborough School Council (BSC) Enrichment Proposals Update



All of the Enrichment Proposals were **PASSED** at the last BSC general meeting! Thank you to everyone who participated in the vote – either by voting at the meeting or remotely! We look forward to all of the benefits that these enrichments will bring.

## 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!

## Lost and Found

Our lost and found committee will be neatly displaying all things lost and found in the hallway near the office on **Friday, December 13**. They will be on display until Friday, December 20, at which point items left will be donated to charity. Please come in and search for any missing items before then!

## 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!

# Thank you!

Thank you to Lisa Jones and her team (Shawna Hogan, Joanna Bancroft, Janet Embir, Sarah Pooley, Mindy McIntyre, Maria Carter), for organizing our delicious pizza lunches.

In addition, thank you to all of the parents who come out over the lunch hour to serve hundreds of slices of pizza to our kiddos. Your dedication to the school is incredible!



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)



December 2 - Sub Lunch

December 13-20 - Lost & Found items on display near office

January 6 - Sub Lunch (first day back to school after the winter break)



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