

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events December

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

Holiday Concerts ~ December 4th and 5th

We are looking forward to welcoming and entertaining you at our 2018 Holiday Concerts!

The fabulously talented Sarina Condello and Sheila Philcox have put together two wonderful programs and our school has been filled with song, dance and holiday cheer as the creative process has unfolded! Thanks also to our Kindergarten team for the extra performances they have added to the Kindergarten Program.

Please note, Sarina has requested “holiday wear” – outfits that that would be appropriate for photo day. Bright, cheery colours would be ideal. Browse in your closet; no need to shop for new clothing. Any special wardrobe requests have already been shared by classroom teachers.



6:45 p.m. on December 4th – Grades 1-8 at Leaside High School
Please drop off your child at 6:20 p.m.

6:30 p.m. on December 5th – Kindergarten Concert at Bessborough
Please drop off your child in the classroom at 6:15 p.m.

BESSBOROUGH CAFÉ



Thank you to everyone who visited the Bessborough Café this week! We will be open in room 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:

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

Bessborough Athletic Committee Announcement

The PALS program is back! Thank you to everyone who showed up on Thursday November 29th!

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 **THURSDAYS!** 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 Thursday and be ready to play some games with your friends! See you on the field!

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".



Once again, a big **thank you** to Lisa Jones and her fabulous team (Lilly Delic, Janet Embir, Joanna Bancroft and Shawna Hogan) for organizing the last pizza lunch for 2018 and having fun doing it! See you in 2019 team! (Well, we will see you before, but you know what we mean.)

Enrichment Budget Dollars at Work!

The Film Club (Grades 4 - 8) shooting their original production with equipment purchased from the 2017/18 disbursement.



A sneak peek at some of the wonderful things happening at our school outside of the classroom as a direct result of the hard work and effort our volunteers put into our great events that not only enriches our student and parent community, but makes a meaningful contribution to the curriculum, safety and fun at our school.

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



Are you good with 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.



December 3 – Sub Lunch

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



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

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