

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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Upcoming Events:

- December 23 – January 3
Winter Break
- January 6 – Term 1 Resumes
- January 6 – Sub Lunch
- January 15 – Community
Coffee (9:15 a.m.) at Leaside
Longo's with Trustee Rachel
Chernos-Lin
- January 17 – P.A. Day



Bessborough Student Engagement Committee

The Student Engagement Committee along with Ms. Ciobanu and Mrs. Robertson would like to thank families for your generous donations of toys that will be donated to the Red Door Shelter, gift cards for our Covenant House Spirit of Giving Campaign and also for purchasing Rafikki bracelets to support fundraising for the Me to We Villages. A summary about all of the fundraising, including sales at the Bessborough Café will be shared in a future newsletter.

Bessborough Holiday Concerts

We truly appreciate all of your cheering and feedback at our Holiday Concerts on December 3 and December 4.

The concerts were the culmination of several weeks of curriculum-based arts programming for our JK to Grade 6 students – made possible by school council fundraising efforts. Thank you to Niky Johnson for all of her work with students and for helping to instill a love of the arts! A huge round of thanks goes out to all teachers and support staff for their contributions.

To our maestro, Mr. McMillan, thank you for all that you do on a daily basis, including working with our talented Bessborough band members. Bravo!

Bessborough Café

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

- 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).



Bessborough Yearbook Announcement

The Bessborough Yearbook would love to have your photos from both of the Holiday Concerts this past week. If you took some great shots of your awesome performers and would like to see them in the yearbook, please share them with bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com

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



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!

Thanks to Stacy Niman and Liana Kosmatos for organizing and running the Sub Lunch program.

As well, thank you to all parent volunteers who signed up to help distribute the sandwiches to our hungry kids



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 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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