

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events December

- ◆ Grade 6 classes at True North Climbing Trip - Dec. 18th
- ◆ DuffleBag Theatre: Beauty and the Beast Performance for K to Gr. 5 - Dec. 19th
- ◆ Grades 7/8 classes at Downsview Sports Day trip - Dec. 19th
- ◆ Pyjama Day - Dec. 21st
- ◆ Winter Break Dec. 24th to Jan. 4th

Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020

Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will take place from February 11 to February 15. Details about the specific times we will be welcoming parents and guardians will be provided closer to that week.

You have the option of registering your child in-person at school or beginning the registration process via online registration (OLR) at www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

NOTE: Regardless of which process caregivers select, you are required to visit the school to validate registration information. Please see the [registration checklist](#) we have provided and ensure that you bring all required documentation when you visit the school.

BAC Announcements ~ Pyjama Day & PALS

Hey Bessborough, who's excited for winter break? We know the Athletic Council is!

We want to have a school wide pyjama day on the 21st of December! The last day before holiday break! Hope to see you all in your pyjamas!

PALS has been going great for the past three weeks! We want to see all of the Primary students out on the field at lunch on Thursday (weather permitting). This will be our last PALS for the next couple of months so make sure to come join us on Thursday.

First LEGO League & our #BessboroughBuilders

Please monitor our school [Twitter account](#) on Saturday for news about the big day! Our team has been working hard for the past three months and their day begins at 7:00 a.m. tomorrow when they will meet Mr. Casey and Mr. Day at John Polanyi C.I.

Enjoy the experience, Bessborough Builders!

Delivery of Toy Drive Donations for the Red Door Family Shelter

The Student Engagement Committee, and specifically Maggie N., Claire W. and Helena J. who organized this initiative thank you for your generous donations! Thank you, Mr. Worth and Ms. Neate for driving the girls to the shelter to drop off the toys. Thank you, Mr. Worth for sharing these photos.



The Student Engagement Committee would like to thank our Bessborough families for your immense generosity. We are grateful for your overwhelming support for the Red Door Family Shelter toy drive and the Covenant House gift card collection.

Student Engagement Committee ~ ME to WE

Ms. Angheloni: A great big **THANK YOU** to our entire Bessborough community! Thank you to staff, students and their families for the tremendous support received during our recent Covenant House & Bessborough EMS “WE Café” fundraisers. The funds raised were overwhelming! The Gift Card amount collected was approximately \$1000.00 and the Cafe generated \$1800.00

A special thank you to Sue Thurow’s Grade 2 students for their “Home Kindness” initiative. Students earned and contributed approximately \$150.00 to our total by doing chores at home.

At this time of year as we celebrate throughout the world with generosity and care, it is heartwarming to witness the scope of global & community giving at Bessborough.

Thank you, students for being such wonderful ambassadors. We are very proud of you!

Parents and guardians, we invite you to enjoy this YouTube video ~ “Colour Your World with Kindness.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rweIE8yyYoU>

Bessborough Girls Coding Club

On Wednesday December 12th the Bessborough Girls Coding Club participated in a **nation-wide hackathon**. They were presented with the task of coding an interactive story about the environment. Working in pairs, groups, or solo, they started planning creative narratives and solving problems systematically. Mr. Ivan and Ms. Surdivall are very impressed with the way the girls helped each other and persevered through challenging setbacks. These are our future female Scientists, Technicians, Engineers, and Mathematicians in action!





Once again, Home & School would like to thank Julie Waspe, Kozue Schmidt, and Lisa Weekes for stepping up to the take on the role as Lunch Program (Activities) leads. They have organized some fun activities for our kids for the winter months.

The Lost & Found



HOME & SCHOOL

Has your child lost their Hockey jacket or rubber boots? 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



Winter Lunch Programs ~ Activities Galore

Bessborough will be offering amazing lunchtime programs again this winter! Programs begin in January. Each program has a different start date; please refer to the registration information. Your children can explore with art, breathe with Yoga and Meditation, accessorize with Jewellery Making, and get artsy with Artibits or check-your's-mate in chess!



See the attached forms for more information and links to registration. You can also go to the H&S website: www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com and click on "Activities and Events" in order to find the "Lunch Activities Programs". Sign up today to avoid disappointment!

If you have questions, please contact Kozue Schmidt: kawasaki.kozue@gmail.com, Lisa Weekes: lisaweekes@hotmail.ca or Julie Waspe: jolski@gmail.com



January 7 – Sub Lunch

Mayfair is Junefair!! June 1st - 11:00 - 3:00pm



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