

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events December/January

- ◆ Winter Break Dec. 24th to Jan. 4th
- ◆ Sub Lunch - Jan. 7th

Student Engagement Committee Holiday Greeting

Happy Holidays to our Bessborough Community!

On behalf of the Student Engagement Committee we would like to extend best wishes for a wonderful holiday break. May it be filled with joy, excitement and treasured experiences. Take time to relax and rejuvenate with your family and friends.

We would also like to take the opportunity to once again thank all of the Bessborough Community and families that generously donated to both Covenant House and the Red Door Shelter Toy Drive. You have certainly helped to make the holidays brighter for many families and young people this holiday season.

Warmest Wishes and all the best in 2019,
The Student Engagement Committee



BAC Holiday Greeting

What a great first four months of school!

As you know winter break starts on the 21st. We would like to wish all of the students, teachers and parents a great holiday break! Hope you all have a great time full of cheer and happiness and also get some time to relax and get ready for the New Year! Happy Holidays to all in the Bessborough Community!

Sincerely,
Bessborough Athletic Council

Congratulations to our Grade 6 Boys Volleyball Team

Congratulations are in order for the Junior Boys Volleyball Team. They represented the school well on December 11th and earned the right to be named North Conference Champions. What was impressive was the fact that the boys did not lose a set *all season*. What was even more impressive was the manner in which the boys conducted themselves. They were competitive, yet showed class. They were tenacious throughout the match, yet humble during post-game handshakes. Every time adversity was met, they responded. For instance, the boys started their first set down 5-0 and turned the set around after a little reset.



Coach Tzavaras deserves a lot of credit for donating his time to offer the boys extra practices, which really enhanced our team's skill this season.

Coach Jeff Rockwell deserves credit as well for his assistance with the team's progress.

We are all proud of the work, which was put in this season. Thank you for your commitment. Congratulations again on being Conference Champions!

First LEGO League & our #BessboroughBuilders ~ December 15th

Mr. Casey: Congrats to the Lego Robotics team you came 1st at the weekend winning the Core Values award for the city of Toronto! They were outstanding in their efforts and represented themselves and their community proudly!



Alternative School Program Flyers Sent Home This Week

**CITY VIEW ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL
GRADE 7 OPEN HOUSE**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019 AT 6:30 PM

\$2500 RAISED TODAY FOR WOMEN'S SHELTERS. CITY VIEW ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK

YMCA CAMP FIRE CREW!

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- Committed to equity and social justice activism
- Enriched academics and excellent preparation for secondary school
- Strong emphasis on the arts
- Global perspective
- Strong student voice and inclusive community

City View Alternative Senior School
38 Shirley Street (Dundas/Brook)
<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/cityview>

If you care about the world and want to take action.

**Hawthorne II Bilingual Alternative
Junior School**

Information Evening

JK to Grade 6 with on-site daycare and extra-curricular activities and clubs

January 24th, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

Admission procedures begin in early February for September 2019. See website for details:
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/school/5362>

Information can also be found on the School Blog website:
<http://www.hawthorne2bilingual.com/>

Hawthorne II is unique. It is the only bilingual and the largest alternative elementary school within the TDSB. The current enrollment is about 200 students. Most of the students are Canadian-born whose first language is English. Children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 receive daily instruction in French which consists of twenty minutes per day in JK and gradually increases with each grade to 150 minutes in grade 6. Parents and staff are committed to teaching French and ensuring that pupils realize that French is a living language.

Hawthorne II does not have a catchment area, and therefore, any student in the TDSB can apply through Optional Attendance. The entry point into Hawthorne is usually Junior Kindergarten; however, there are spaces that open up in the other grades when students move to other schools. For the application process, please contact Tracey, our Office Administrator at 416-393-0727.

We are located at:

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EAST ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL OF TORONTO

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Jennifer Zurba, Principal • Tina Weinberg, Vice Principal

E.A.S.T. invites you to attend our Open House

WHEN: Thursday, January 24, 2019
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Rotating 30 Minute Tours

WHERE: East Alternative School of Toronto
at Blake Elementary School
21 Boulton Avenue, Toronto

WHO WE ARE:

We, at E.A.S.T., are a small, grade 7/8 school of 68 students and 3.5 teachers. We are committed to fostering an inclusive, safe, engaged, and compassionate community, where students are socially minded critical thinkers, who advocate and work towards a just and sustainable society. This mission statement is grounded in the four principles of:

1. Social Justice, Citizenship and Sustainability
2. Integrated Arts
3. Inquiry Based Curriculum
4. Active Parent Involvement

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Attend our Open House, Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm to receive an application.
2. Complete the application package, and return it to us by **February 15th, 2019, 3:00 P.M.**

Attendance at the Open House is **strongly recommended**; here parents and students learn about E.A.S.T., assess its suitability, and receive the application package. If you are unable to come, please email Kristin Scott at kristin.scott@tdsb.on.ca to request an application package.

Grade 7 Students at AGO Anthropocene ~ December 14, 2018



Grade seven students considered some tough questions while viewing the Anthropocene exhibit at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Seventy-five percent of the waste seen in the image above is produced by one company. How can that company be part of the solution? How can we be part of the solution? Students learned about humanity's environmental impact on Planet Earth and their own ecological footprints. They had time to reflect on what they'd learned through a hands-on art making activity.



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.

A special thank you to Suzanne Sharples for her special brand of staff appreciation for all that they do! And, of course, we can't forget our Admin, the entire staff and all the parents who gave some (or a lot!) of their time – thank you for a great fall term! See you in 2019!

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 Chess Artibits is already FULL!

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.



The Lost & Found



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





***January 7 - Sub Lunch (First day back to school!)

Mayfair is Junefair! June 1st - 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. – Stay tuned!



STAY CONNECTED...

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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