

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

211 Bessborough Drive
Toronto, ON M4G 3K2

Safe Arrival:
bessborough@tdsb.on.ca
416.396.2319

LN5 Superintendent:
Andrew Howard

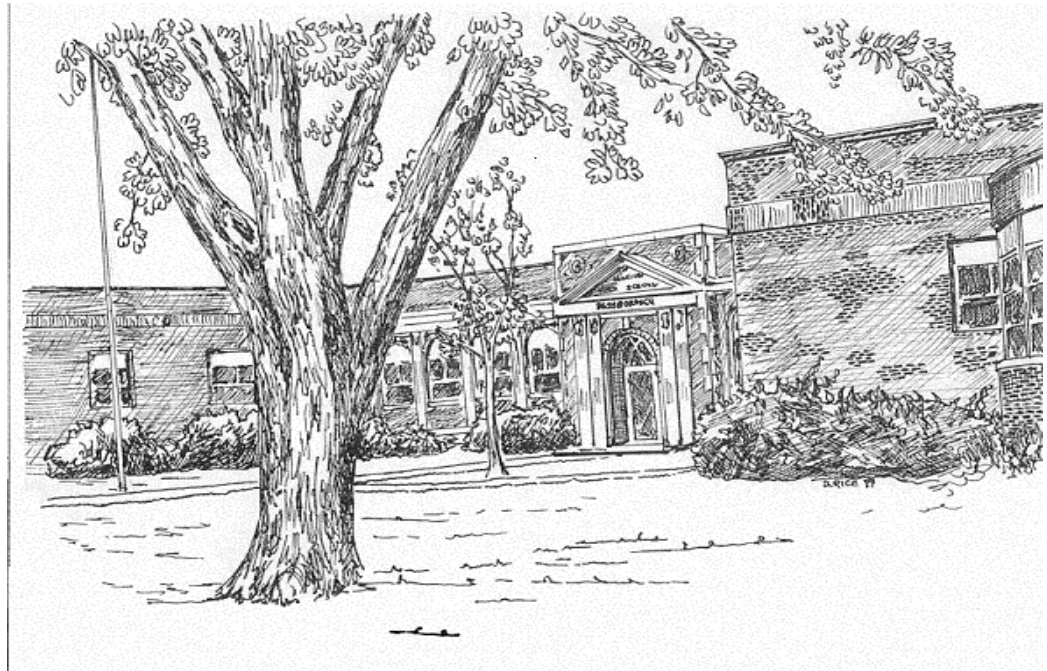
Ward 11 Trustee:
Rachel Chernos-Lin

Principal: Patricia Broderick
Vice Principal:
Frances Themeliopoulos

Office Administrator:
Renee Cronier
Secretary: Toyin Bere

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 19 – Curriculum Night
- Oct. 04 – Terry Fox Run
- Oct. 07 – Regional Cross Country Meet
- Oct. 11 – PA Day
- Oct. 14 – Thanksgiving
- Oct. 15 – Conference Final Cross Country Meet
- Oct. 22 – Photo Day



Welcome Back!

Another year of learning is underway and the energy in our school is incredible. The first day of school was memorable for so many reasons, and for students that included experiencing the joy of reconnecting with friends!

Our dedicated staff worked very hard leading up to September 3rd to recreate welcoming spaces for our eager learners. We are looking forward to an amazing year working as partners with parents and the Bessborough community to provide the very best learning opportunities to our students.

To get a glimpse of some of the engaging learning activities our teachers develop, please check our [school website](#) for Weekly Bulletins as well as Teacher/Class websites and blogs. Our School Fact Sheet, the TDSB calendar and other helpful information is also on the site.

Welcome our new Superintendent and Bessborough Staff

Andrew Howard ~ Superintendent of Education, Learning Network 5

Verjenia Aziz ~ Early Childhood Educator
Toyin Bere ~ Secretary
Laura Malouin ~ Grade 8
Michelle Shnaider ~ Grade 4
Rachel Standing ~ Grade 1
Margo Swire-Valaei ~ Grade 7
Joyce Zhu-Chow ~ Grade 7 & French

Bessborough Child Care Centre

Please contact Jodi Kageyama at 416.467.0389 or bccc@bellnet.ca with any questions.

Health & Physical Education

During this week and next, all of the HPE teachers are reviewing the TDSB Concussion Protocol with students. Main discussion points are as follows:

1. To stop all activity after an incident occurs.
2. To tell a teacher, coach or parent about the injury
3. The importance of seeing a physician, no matter how serious the injury.
4. To follow the Steps to recovery as outlined in the Parachute Document.

Along with the Parachute Document, there are 2 TDSB documents which outline the procedure and timelines for when a student who has received a possible concussion can return to regular activities and full-time studies.

Head injuries need to be taken very seriously. At Bessborough, whenever a student approaches any of us to describe a possible concussion, the student is immediately sent to the office and the office will then make a call home. It is important that you as parents monitor the situation appropriately. A visit to your paediatrician is recommended, even as a precaution.

Please review the documents below which provide you with information about concussions, and the recommended protocol during recovery. The goal is to ensure that students will return to studies and or activities full-time and be symptom free in the process

Thank you,
Bessborough Physical Education Department

[Recognition Tool \(Parachute Canada\)](#)

[TDSB Return to Learn \(Appendix A\)](#)

[TDSB Return to Physical Activity \(Appendix B\)](#)

Touch Football Reminder

Grade 5/6 and Grade 7/8 team practises will be on Tuesday at 8:00 am and Wednesday after school.

Teams will be announced soon. ~ Mr. Pantopoulos

Curriculum Night ~ Sept. 19th

This is a great opportunity to find out about class and school routines, student expectations and ways to support your child.

Since it is very early in the school year, teacher presentations will be about curriculum and classes as a whole. It is not possible to discuss individual students on this evening. As always, if you have concerns you would like to discuss, feel free to contact your child's teacher via email. We strongly advise that students remain at home as presentations are aimed specifically at parents.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

- 6:30 – Welcome and opening remarks in the Gym.
- 6:45 – Presentation 1 (Locations to be announced.)
- 7:15 – Presentation 2
- 7:45 – Announcement to end the evening.

Terry Fox Run/Walk ~ Oct. 4th

Bessborough is pleased to announce that we will be participating in The Terry Fox National School Run/Walk on **Friday October 4th** with the rain date scheduled for Tuesday October 8th.

We appreciate your support of our fundraising for the Terry Fox Foundation.

More details available: [TERRY FOX RUN/WALK](#)





Home & School Forms due today!

Reminder that the Home & School forms were due today.
If you have not returned the forms yet, please hand them in ASAP.

Pizza & Sub Lunch Forms Online

The pizza and sub lunch ordering is ONLINE this year! It is so easy to sign your kids up on the School Cash Online system. Please submit your orders for Pizza and Sub lunches no later than Monday, September 23rd.
If you have any questions regarding Pizza lunch, please contact Lisa Jones lisa.am.jones@gmail.com
If you have any questions regarding Sub lunch, please contact Cabrina Skillen cabrina.skillen@gmail.com

Hot Lunch Service –The Lunch Lady returns!

Running out of lunch ideas already? The Lunch Lady to the rescue! Home & School has once again partnered with www.thelunchlady.com who will be offering a selection of hot and cold lunch options. The service will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (except Pizza Lunch days). See the attached Menu and a Welcome Letter which includes instructions for registering your account.

Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night

Do you have a kid in grade 7? You are invited to come mingle and meet Patricia Broderick, Principal, and Frances Themeliopoulos, Vice-Principal, as well as the teachers, and other Grade 7 parents at: The Leaside Pub at 190 Laird Drive, on Thursday October 3 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. See you there!

H & S SOCIAL SERIES EVENTS:

Street Crawl! **Tickets are still available.** Join old friends and new as you enjoy food and drink at not one, not two, but three of your fellow Bessborough parents' homes on September 14th. Tickets are \$65 each.

Proceeds from this event go to the Bessborough Home & School. You are invited to arrive at the first address at 7:30pm (see H&S website for details). Please contact Cabrina at cabrina.skillen@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

*** Please note that the date for this event that was included in the H&S paper package that came home with students last Friday was INCORRECT! ***

We need YOU!

We are looking for Class Parent volunteers! This is the perfect role for you if you'd like to be involved but can't commit a huge amount of time. Please contact your Home and School divisional representative if you are interested or want to learn more:

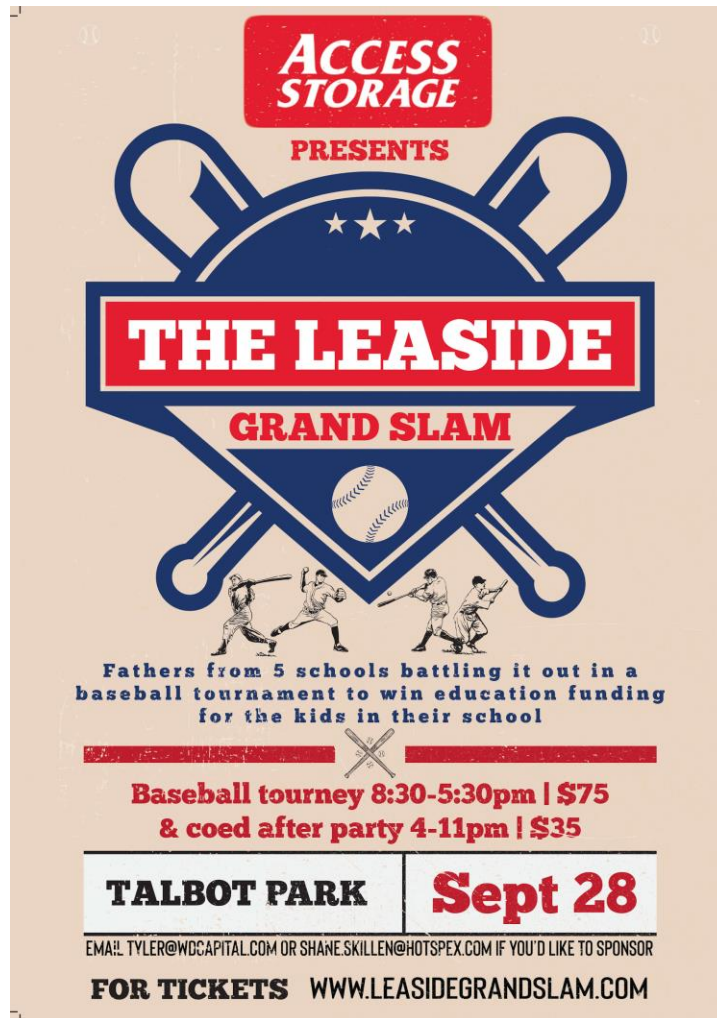
Kindergarten	Andrea Bee bee.andreaellen@gmail.com & Heather Zimcik Heatherzimcik@yahoo.com
Primary (Grades 1-3)	Jacqui Dickens jacandphil98@hotmail.com
Junior (Grades 4-6)	Nancy Maycher nmaycher@sympatico.ca
Intermediate (Grades 7 & 8)	Connie Mallia cmallia@rogers.com & Olya Walker walkerolya@gmail.com

We could always use some help in the following areas: Co-chairs, Sub Lunch and Social Series. If you are interested in any of these positions on the Home & School Executive, please contact Christine Davis (bessboroughhomeandschool.com) as we would love to have you.

Men with Bats has now become...***THE LEASIDE GRAND SLAM!***

To purchase tickets visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-access-storage-leaside-grand-slam-co-ed-after-party-beer-tent-tickets-61925536948>



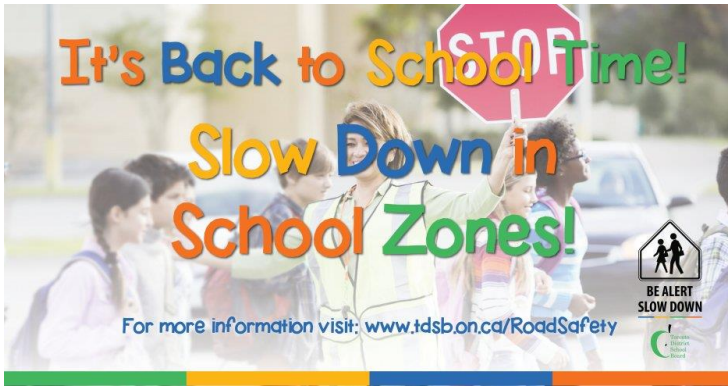
Appreciation Corner

Special thanks to **Suzanne Sharples** who helped to welcome the staff at Bessborough back to school last week. We are sure that the staff and teachers were feeling the love from the student and parent community.

Thank you to **Heather Zimcik and Andrea Bee** and all the others who organized the warm welcome for our new Kindergarten parents with the Kindie Coffee.



Home & School is on Insta! Follow us on Instagram and get messages about events, when forms are due and pictures of the fun goings-on at Bessborough and more! **Follow @BessboroughHS**



Safety in our School Community

We ask for your ongoing partnership in ensuring the safety of all students at Bessborough by:

- Stopping in the designated Drop-Off-Zone on the east side of Bessborough Drive – ***south of the Bus Loading Zone.***
- Walking students across the street if you park on the west side of Bessborough so children will not walk or run between moving vehicles.
- Signing in at the office each time you enter the school during the instructional school day. All visitors (including volunteers) should begin their visit in the office.

Fall Lunch Programs for Students

Thank you to parent volunteer, Kozue Schmidt for organizing the Fall Series of Lunchtime Programs! Options include Chess, Hip Hop Dance and Superhero LEGO.

For more information, go to the "[Lunch Activities Programs](#)" page on the Home & School website under the "Activities and Events" tab. Sign up today to avoid disappointment!



September 14th - Social Series: Street Crawl

September 29th - Social Series: 1st Annual Access Storage Leaside Grand Slam

October 3rd - Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night



Bessborough E & MS

211 Bessborough Drive
Toronto, ON – M4G 3K2
416.396.2315

Website: <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/bessborough/>