

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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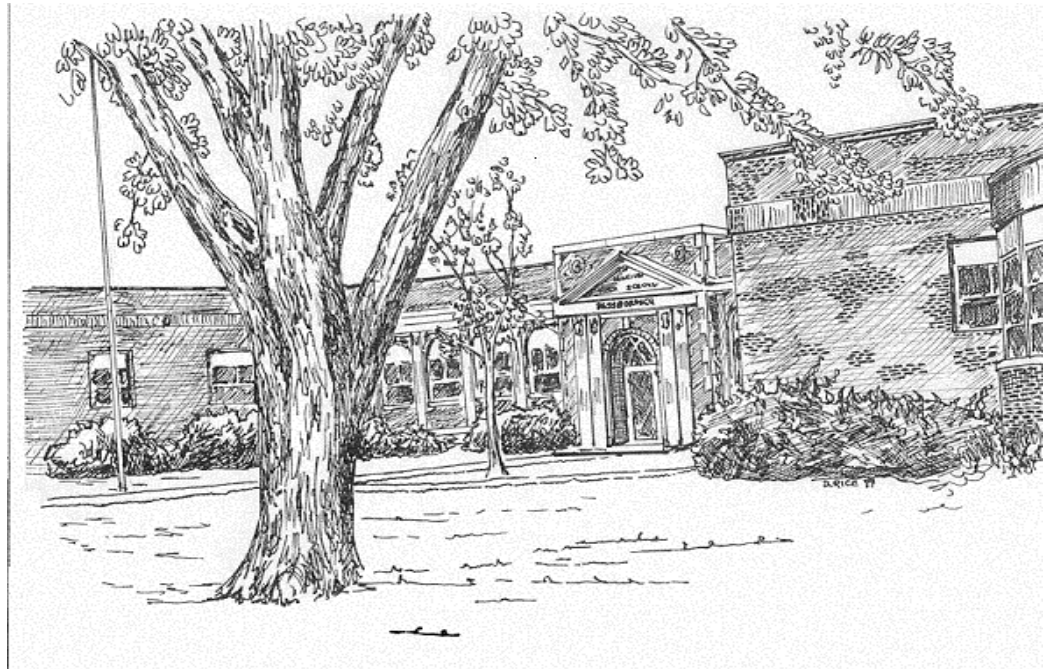
Ward 11 Trustee:
Rachel Chernos-Lin

Principal: Patricia Broderick
Vice Principal:
Frances Themeliopoulos

Office Administrator:
Renee Cronier
Secretary: Toyin Bere

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 30 – Orange Shirt Day
- 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



Thank you for Attending Curriculum Night

We thank all parents and guardians who were able to attend Curriculum Night on Thursday evening and look forward to seeing you at future school events. You will continue to receive regular communication from classroom teachers and the weekly newsletter is sent out by Ms. Themeliopoulos on Friday afternoons.

An updated [2019-2020 staff list](#) can be found on our school website.

Orange Shirt Day ~ September 30th

On Monday September 30th students and staff at Bessborough Elementary & Middle School will recognize **Orange Shirt Day**.

Orange Shirt Day is an annual event that started in 2013 to recognize the legacy of the Residential school system for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. It is a show of support and understanding of the history of the school system that impacts many First Nations, Métis and Inuit families today. The phrase **"Every Child Matters"** reminds everyone that children are such an important and integral part of our communities and that they are our future generations of change makers.

By wearing orange, we have an opportunity to bring awareness to the history of residential schools and to stand up against other injustices that may impact our children/students.

Police Reference Checks

Parents and community members are encouraged to participate in volunteer activities in our school that support programs and services and help students succeed.

The Toronto District School Board process requires all **NEW** volunteers to:

- Complete the Bessborough [Police Reference Check](#) form (linked via our school website).
- Attach a certified cheque or money order for \$20.00 payable to TORONTO POLICE SERVICES.

Please bring the completed form and payment to the school office to process.

TDSB schools no longer accept emails declaring “No Offences/No Convictions”.

If you have previously completed a Police Reference Check, please complete the [Volunteer Annual Offence Declaration](#) form (linked via our school website) and send it to the school office to be processed.

Cross Country Reminder



Cross Country continues on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00 a.m.

The Qualifying Meet for all runners (and the only run for students in Grades 1 and 2) is on Monday October 7th at **Earl Bales Park**.

Earl Bales Park is located at 4169 Bathurst Street (on Bathurst, south of Sheppard). More details about where to meet will be provided closer to October 7th.

WE Day Inspires Change

The Student Engagement Committee and Ms. Robertson were so fortunate to attend the We Day Event on Thursday, September 19th at the Scotiabank Arena. We were thoroughly entertained and thoughtfully impacted by the incredible guest speakers and talented musical artists that graced the stage. We were also encouraged to tap our inner super powers to incite and create change in our community and world.

It was a truly memorable day that inspired us to be the superheroes of both today and our future.

~ Ms. Robertson



Terry Fox Run/Walk ~ Oct. 4th

Our annual Terry Fox National School Run/Walk is taking place 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. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed toward our fundraising goal!

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





Purchase Your Home & School Membership – Form Attached

Annual membership is \$20 per family paid to the Ontario Federation of Home and Schools. Membership includes: The ability to submit proposals and participate at Home & School budget voting, insurance for H&S events, publications for parents, and representation to government and educational bodies.

Note: we were recently informed that we could not process the memberships via TDSB Online Payment system. Please send your cheque and membership form in an envelope marked “Home & School”.

NEW THIS YEAR: 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 (<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>). 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

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.

See you at The Leaside Pub at 190 Laird Drive, on Thursday October 3 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. See you there!

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:

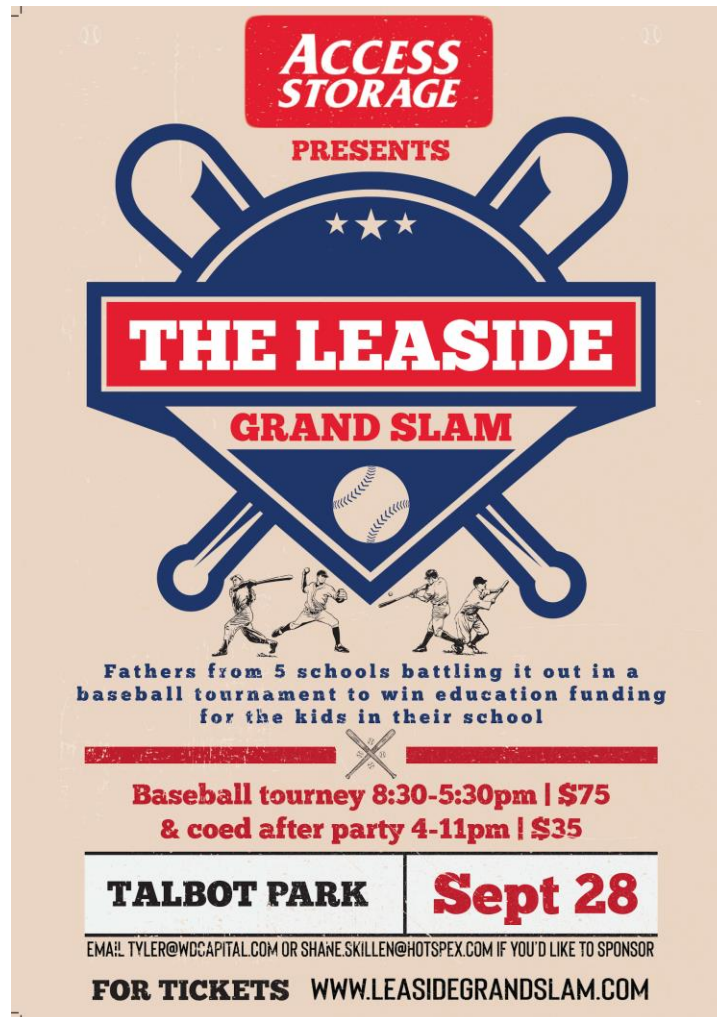
Kindergarten	Andrea Bee bee.andreaellen@gmail.com & Heather Zimcik Heatherzimcik@yahoo.com
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We could always use some help in the following areas: Co-chairs, Sub Lunch and Social Series. If you are interested in any of these positions on the Home & School 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 the hosts of the last week's Street Crawl. It was a fabulous night. Thank you to: Julie & Robert Munro, Kelly & Jonathan Botrie, Sherry Robertson & Paul Nazar! Also, a big thank you to Katie Robinson for organizing this event.

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.

Fall Lunch Programs for Students

Sign up for the Fall Series of Lunchtime Programs continues. 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!



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

Hot Lunch – The Lunch Lady

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 below for more details:

[2019 Bessborough Welcome Letter](#)

[Sept – Oct 2019 Lunch Lady Menu](#)



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

October 3rd - Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night

October 7th – First Home & School General Meeting



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