

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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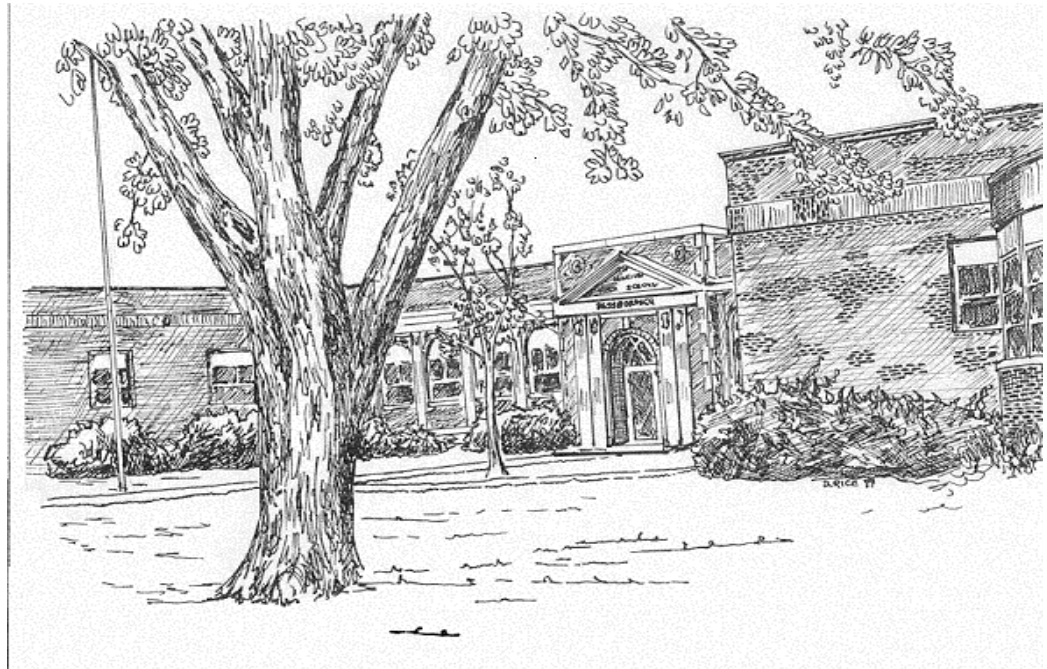
Ward 11 Trustee:
Rachel Chernos-Lin

Principal: Patricia Broderick
Vice Principal:
Frances Themeliopoulos

Office Administrator:
Renee Cronier
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Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 30 – Orange Shirt Day
- Oct. 04 – Terry Fox Run
- Oct. 7 – Regional Cross Country Meet
- Oct. 8 – SUB LUNCH
- Oct. 11 – PA Day
- Oct. 14 – Thanksgiving
- Oct. 15 – Conference Final Cross Country Meet
- Oct. 22 – Photo Day
- Oct. 24 – PIZZA LUNCH



Climate Walk and Eco Initiatives

We expect that over this past week you may have been hearing from your children about their interest in climate change and the media coverage of environmental activist, Greta Thunberg. 'Caring for our earth' and 'helping the ecosystems' or 'reducing our carbon footprint' are just a few of the intentions that have been discussed at school this week. Students made posters, talked about eco initiatives and researched to deepen their understanding of this global issue. Thank you, students and staff for organizing this afternoon's Climate Walk, and for sharing your passion for going green and making a difference. We are a proud Silver Level Eco School thanks to the great team effort at Bessborough last year!

Cross Country ~ October 7th at Earl Bales Park

Student participation at Cross Country has been fantastic! As many as 130 students will participate at the Regional Cross Country Meet at Earl Bales Park on Monday October 7th. Earl Bales Park is located at 4169 Bathurst Street (on Bathurst, south of Sheppard).

Please review important details about individual races, supervision of students, parking, etc., <[Cross Country Information](#)>

Thank you to Ms. Thurow, Mr. Casey and Ms. Manikas for volunteering their time and helping students prepare for the meet!

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.

Reporting Student Absences

Safe Arrival: 416.396.2319

Please call the school as soon as possible if your child will be absent or late. Families of students with unexplained absences will be contacted by the TDSB automated phone system. If you receive this call, please follow all the steps to avoid getting multiple calls.

If your child arrives at school late, please come to the office with your child to receive a late slip. Students will not be admitted to class without a late slip.

School Visits

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School is a very busy place. To maintain security, confidentiality and a focus on learning we ask that you please remember to always begin your visit in the office. Parents or caregivers should not come into the school and visit classrooms during the instructional school day unless it is for a pre-arranged meeting or event. If your child has forgotten an item, please drop off the item in the office and we will call your child to the office to pick it up.

Reminder: Orange Shirt Day is on Monday September 30th



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".

Sub Lunch Date Change

Please note the first sub lunch in October has been changed to **Tuesday, October 8th**. The original date conflicts with the first Cross Country meet, so please update your calendars with the new date.

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).

[2019 Bessborough Welcome Letter](#)

[Sept – Oct 2019 Lunch Lady Menu](#)

Lunch Activity Programs

Fall is officially here...and so are the lunch activity programs! Whether it is chess, jewelry making, LEGO, science discovery...we've got your child's number! See the Home & School website for the full list of programs available: <https://www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com/spring-programs>

If you have questions, please contact:

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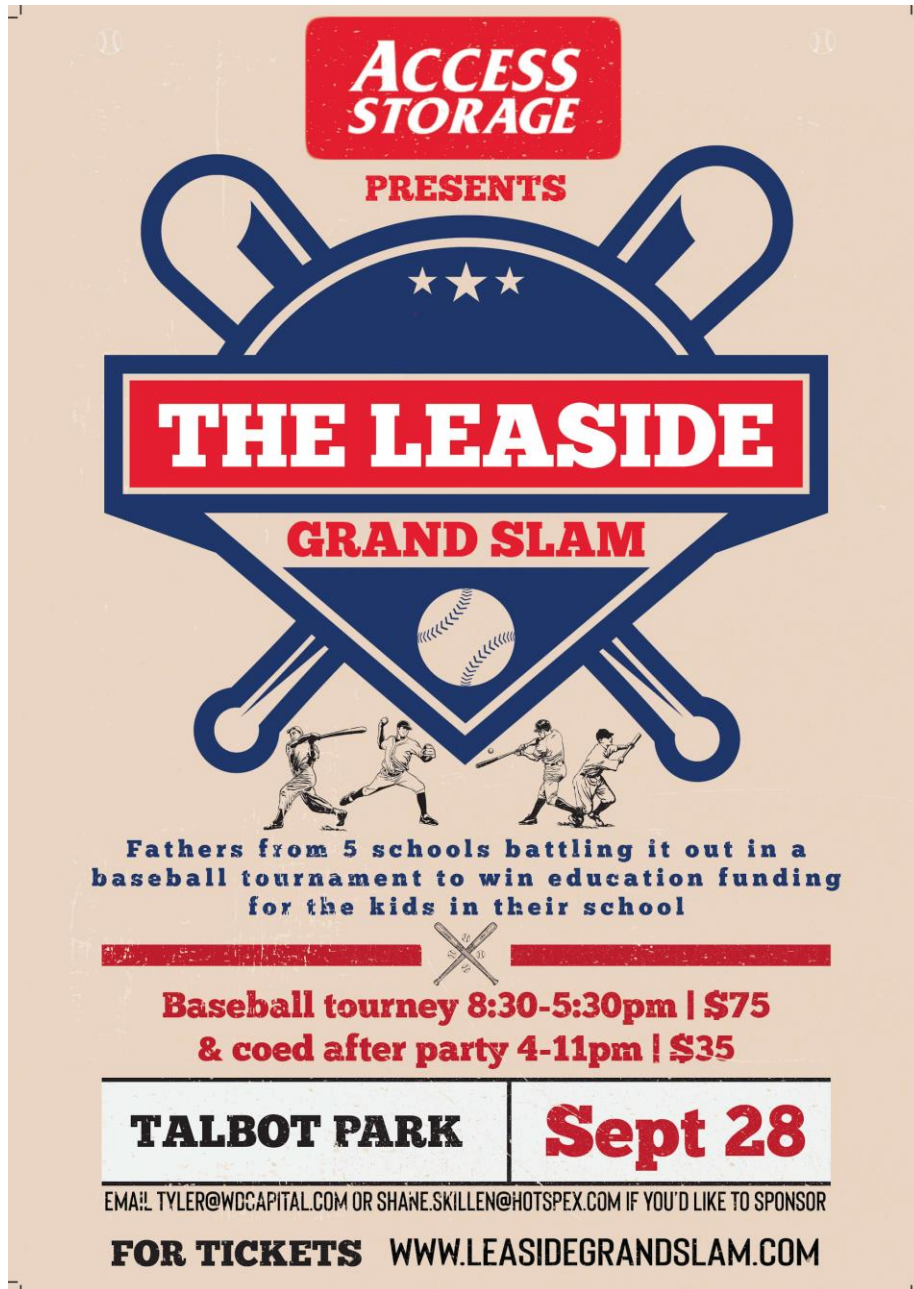
Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night

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!

H & S Social Series: Men with Bats is now...**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>



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THE LEASIDE
GRAND SLAM

Fathers from 5 schools battling it out in a baseball tournament to win education funding for the kids in their school

Baseball tourney 8:30-5:30pm | \$75
& coed after party 4-11pm | \$35

TALBOT PARK | **Sept 28**

EMAIL: TYLER@WDCAPITAL.COM OR SHANE.SKILLEN@HOTSPEX.COM IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPONSOR

FOR TICKETS WWW.LEASIDEGRANDSLAM.COM

Appreciation Corner

Thank you to Celine Smith for organizing the fun-filled Welcome Back Movie Night not once but twice! Big thank you also to Celine's team of helpers: Shawna Hogan, Laura Rumble, Jacqui Shirley, Suzanne Sharples, Lisa Jones, Christine Davis, Julia Quigg, Lisa Suutari, Sarah Pooley, Cabrina Skillen, Karen Schweter, and Jamie Allman.



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**



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

October 3rd - Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night

October 7th – 1st Home & School General Meeting



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