

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events February/March

- ◆ Pink Shirt Day - Feb. 27
- ◆ Pizza Lunch - Feb. 28
- ◆ Sub Lunch - Mar. 4th
- ◆ March Break - 11th-15th
- ◆ Pizza Lunch - Mar. 28th

Eco Club Update

The Eco Club is working on a variety of initiatives at school. We are very proud of the progress we have made with Boomerang Lunch and thank the Bessborough community for their cooperation. We hope to see more students bringing in reusable containers so that we create less waste both at home, and at school!

We are asking for donations of travel mugs that are no longer being used in your homes. By keeping a collection of these reusable mugs at school, we are hoping to encourage our staff to abandon the use of disposable coffee cups (which are not recyclable in the city) and switch to a more sustainable option. Your donations are greatly appreciated, thank you!

Tip of the week: Save all mail and communications that have only been printed on one side. Create a "GOOS" paper bin (**Good On One Side**) and ask your children to use this to doodle and colour on. You'll never need to buy paper again!

Bessborough Wellness Club ~ Cookie Decorating

Hey Bessborough!

The Wellness Club is pleased to be offering a free cookie decorating club for Grade 1 students during lunch, beginning at 12:00 o'clock for four consecutive weeks.

Grade 1 teachers will be letting parents know which students signed up. Ten students per week will participate for one session each starting on Wednesday February 27th.

Thank you for signing up, Grade 1 students!
Wellness Club

To help us celebrate Black History Month and to give us more inspiration for our own story telling, a storyteller from Arts Express performed for students from grades 1 to 8 this Tuesday. The children had lots of great questions afterwards about segregation in Canada and learned how to bring a true story from our own history to life with drama and pictures.



February 27 is *Pink Shirt Day!* This day raises awareness about anti-bullying. Pink Shirt Day was started by David Shepard, Travis Price and their friends in a small town in Nova Scotia. They encouraged their high school peers to wear pink t-shirts in support of a grade 9 student who was bullied at school for wearing a pink shirt.

To show our support for anti-bullying and your right to express your individuality, the Student Engagement Committee encourages everyone to wear as much pink as possible on this day.

On the same day, some students will choose to join the "I am Silent" campaign. They will choose to be silent for 1 hour, or for the entire day. By taking a vow of silence Bessborough students will choose to turn up the volume on the struggles of young people fighting for their basic human rights.

The Student Engagement Committee would like to thank you, Bessborough, for supporting our Candy Gram Fundraiser. We were able to raise \$853.20 for the grade 8 graduation trip.



Counting down to MAYFAIR!!!

Save the date - **Saturday June 1st from 11 am – 3 pm** for a fun-filled family day at school.

Now, this big event can't run without your help! We need volunteers to join our Mayfair committee.

If you are interested please contact: Cabrina Skillen (Cabrina.Skillen@hotspex.com) or Lauren Morgan (lauren_swinburne@hotmail.com)



Mayfair Poster Design Contest 2019

Calling all creative minds to design an original poster to advertise MAYFAIR: THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!

How to enter: See attached Contest Entry Form.

REMINDER: Submissions due by Friday, March 8th!

Prize Winner: The winning entrant will be revealed the week of March 18th and will receive a Mayfair wristband. Value: Priceless!

Please Note: We would appreciate donations of your gently used stuffies for our **Teddy Bear Hospital**. They can be dropped off in the bin provided outside of the school office. Thank you!

Silent Auction items needed:

- Event tickets
- Memorabilia
- Gift baskets
- Cool experiences



Please contact Christine Davis at brent.christine.davis@gmail.com if you have donations.

Also, if you know of anyone in the community interested in sponsorship we'd love to hear from you!



Monday February 28 - PIZZA LUNCH!

Monday March 4 - Sub Day

Friday March 8 - Mayfair Posters submissions due!