

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events: June - September

- ◆ Reports go home
- Monday June 24th
- ◆ Grade 8 Graduation at
Leaside H.S.
- Monday June 24th
- ◆ Last day of school for
students - June 27th
- ◆ PA Day - June 28th
- ◆ Office opens for the
2019-2020 school year
- August 26th
- ◆ First day of school
- September 3rd

Appreciation for all that you do!

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our Home & School team, as well as the support of all parent and community volunteers. Without your contributions, we wouldn't be able to do what we do at Bessborough.

Special appreciation goes to the members of the Bessborough Home & School Executive Board. We would like to recognize that cumulatively, this year's exec. members have served over 10 years. Their contributions are too many to list.

To this year's Chair, Robyn Israel, we say so long and not goodbye as we know you will continue to share your expertise and mentor incoming executive members. Thank you so much!



Yearbooks are coming!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the yearbook by sharing photos. Thank you parents, teachers, staff and students! Everyone's contributions (too many to name) have made for a great yearbook.

A big shout out to our amazing Student Yearbook Committee: Josh Delic, Esther Handford, Charlotte Hammill, Tara Hymus, Charlotte Ferguson, Mia Lang, Sarah Snider, Kyra Quigg, Rachel Van Humbeck, David Balan, Sarah Gupta and Emily Knight.

Ms. Thurow, thank you for your dedication! Your leadership over the last 5 years has been instrumental in the publication of 5 fabulous yearbooks. Yearbooks will be distributed as soon as they arrive next week. Please contact Corey Ferguson at c.ginou@sympatico.ca with any questions. Thank you, everyone for your purchases and we hope you enjoy the 2018-2019 yearbook!

Coach's Corner 2018-2019 Sports Wrap Up

We would like to reflect on a tremendous year for athletics at Bessborough. As a staff, we are very fortunate to have such amazing support from our parents. They work endlessly to support us in so many ways including fundraising, driving us to games, coaching and organizing.

We are also very fortunate to have such amazing support from our administration, office staff, educational assistants and teachers. They volunteer their time tirelessly to support our students in so many ways from coaching teams, to supporting on ski trips, overnight trips to camp, track and field days, as well as providing coverage so teachers can be out of the school to coach. The list goes on and on. As they say, it takes a village, and we really do have an amazing village here at Bessborough.

We would like to thank the following people for instilling a love of athletics and for devoting time to coaching at Bessborough this year.

Cross Country- Sue Thurow, Stephanie Gamm, Justin McMillan, Rachel Standing, Himali Atwal, Stephanie Manikas, Neil Casey

Sr Boys Football- Ritch Couper

Sr Girls Football- Trifon Pantopoulos

Jr Boys Football- Greg Ivan

Sr Girls Soccer- Karen Backus, Sarah Buksner

Sr Boys Soccer- Ryan Day

Jr Girls Soccer- Karen Ho

Sr Girls Basketball- Ritch Couper

Jr Girls Basketball- Greg Ivan

Sr Boys Volleyball- Mark King

Jr Boys Volleyball- Trifon Pantopoulos, Tassie Tzavaras

Sr Boys Basketball- Ritch Couper

Jr Boys Basketball- Greg Ivan

Sr Girls Volleyball- Trifon Pantopoulos, Karen Backus

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Jr Girls Volleyball- Greg Ivan, Meera Jain

Sr Boys Hockey- Trifon Pantopoulos

Jr Hockey- Greg Ivan

Sr Girls Hockey- Karen Backus, Ryan Day

Sr Coed Badminton- Ritch Couper

Jr Coed Badminton- Stephanie Gamm

Folk Dance- Nancy Willoughby, Heather Cook

Track and Field- Ritch Couper, Trifon Pantopoulos, Greg Ivan, Neil Casey, Karen Backus

Sr Boys Slo-Pitch- Ryan Day

Sr Girls Slo-Pitch- Karen Backus, Sarah Buksner

Jr Boys Slo-Pitch- Jason Chong, Tassie Tzavaras

Jr Girls Slo-Pitch- Will Chang, Rachel Standing

Sr Ultimate- Stephanie Manikas

Jr Ultimate- Justin MacMillan



Thank you to the following parents who also devoted time to athletics:

Tim Irvine- Sr. Girls Football

Stacy Irvine - Track and Field

Andre Craig - Sr. Girls Basketball & Track and Field

Lisa Campbell - Track and Field

Brad Bull, Gord Woolley, Ian MacMillan, John Lorimer - Sr. Boys Hockey

Tracy Shepard, Sheila Allen- Organizing the Leaside Cup Hockey Tournaments

Rudy Katkic - Sr. Boys Volleyball

Jason Locklin, William Masters - Jr. Boys Hockey

Justin Quigg - Jr. Girls Soccer

We look forward to another successful year of sports in the 2019/2020. Go Bessborough!

The Eco Team wishes everyone a 'GREEN' Summer!

KEEPIN' YOUR SUMMER GREEN!



- Avoid getting caught buying a plastic water bottle in the summer heat. Be sure to carry your reusable one around!



- Enjoy patio season and request your drinks without straws. Bring your own containers to carry left overs home too!



- During your summer strolls, consider picking up even one piece of litter a day!



- Open your blinds and let that summer sun though while keeping electric lights off!



- Consider planting a bee garden or hosting a bee hive in your backyard this summer!



- Frequent farmers' markets using reusable produce bags to buy your fruit and veg plastic-free!



- Increase the temperature of your house by 1 degree for significant savings in money and energy!



- Choose a plastic-free, non-toxic sunscreen available at some of the zero waste stores around Toronto!



- Hang your clothes out to dry in the summer sun!



- When preparing for school next year, reuse what you can and buy only what you absolutely need.



It has been a BUSY YEAR!

Home & School has facilitated our community coming together to support all those in our schools - kids, staff and families. It's a lot of work, and an invaluable contribution.

Pause and consider our year:

- 38 weekly bulletins, 8 class parent emails, a current and helpful website
- 4 General Meetings, 5 Executive Meetings (and minutes for each!)
- Many hours in community outreach, committee, superintendent, staff, student and administration meetings
- We supported our staff, appreciating them with cookies, flowers, candy apples, turkeys, caffeine and candy
- We had 260 registrations for 18 Lunch Programs
- We introduced new parents through the Kindie and Grade 7 Parent Welcome Nights
- We brought our parent community together with Street Crawl, Men with Axes, Lawn Bowling, and Ladies' Night
- We served 1,855 Sub Lunches and 3,311 Pizza Lunches!
- Our families came together at our Welcome Back BBQ & Movie Night and Mayfair
- We support the celebration of years of growth at Bessborough with Grade 8 graduation ceremonies
- We reached out to the community around us, donating to New Circles and giving the gift of literacy through Empower Reading to a school in need
- The "Screenagers" movie and Executive Coach, Patrizia Kohly, kept us informed re: the physical and mental health reasons to monitor screen time
- We gave necessary financial support to kids who would otherwise have missed out
- We supported our kids with: technology for next generation learning, books and reading programs, with STEAM materials, arts education and performances, and socials like teacher events and Skyzone, and physical activities like kilometre club
- We supported the staff who teach our kids perspective on being citizens of a bigger world



Volunteer Roles - We Need You

Home & School is looking for volunteers to be representatives for Bessborough's Intermediate Grades (7 and 8) for next year.

Intermediate Rep role includes:

- Acting as a parent representative and communication point for the Intermediate grade levels to Home & School and teachers
- Helping the teachers find, equip and organize class parents for each class if required – for the intermediate grades many teachers don't require a class parent
- Organizing the welcome night in October at Leaside Pub for the Grade 7 parents
- Finding and organizing babysitters for the Home & School general meetings
- Ensuring there is an organizing committee for the Grade 8 grad

Please send Alison.Steinman@gmail.com an email if you might be interested!

Mayfair Co-Chair

No experience required as you will have an experienced, collaborative and fun team to work with and guide you along the way on this ride.



Contact Cabrina Skillen if you are interested and have questions: Cabrina.Skillen@hospex.com



Saturday September 14th – Leaside Street Crawl

Saturday September 28th – Men with Bats



Leaside Street Crawl – Saturday September 14th at 7:30 pm

Hosts: Julie & Robert Munro, Kelly & Jonathan Botrie, Sherry Robertson & Paul Nazar

Date: Saturday, September 14th 2019

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Hanna Road, Parkhurst Blvd, MacNaughton Road

Number of People: 60

Cost: \$65.00 per person

This popular and always sold out event has you joining sixty of your friends on a winding trek through Leaside, stopping to socialize at 3 homes along the way. Enjoy a selection of beer, wine, signature cocktails and shooters while snacking on yummy munchies and grooving to great tunes. Always a hilarious evening and a great way to catch up with friends you haven't seen all summer. This is a great start back to school in September and you can be sure to leave this event with some great memories and more Bessborough friends. ***More details to follow.***

1st Annual Men with Bats Tourney – Saturday September 28th at 9:00 am

Date: Saturday September 28th, 2019

Time: Softball 9am-6pm; Dinner 6pm to 12:30am

Location: Talbot Park Diamonds (Leaside High school)

Dinner Location: Amsterdam Brewery (Leaside)

of People: Limited Tickets Available

Cost: EARLY BIRD/MAYFAIR RATE \$75.00 per person (includes baseball tournament, dinner, auction)

REGULAR RATE - \$85.00

This event gets out a lot of great guys (so you can hang with old friends and meet new ones) and it typically raises a lot money for Bessborough so you can feel really good about having a lot of fun AND helping the school. Some of the proceeds also go towards funding the Empower Reading program at a school in need.

Tickets are available online with eventbrite - <https://menwithbats2019.eventbrite.ca>

Contact Cabrina.Skillen@hotspex.com if you have any questions.

Lost & Found Last Call!



Do you see anything that looks familiar? Water bottles, winter boots and gloves galore. All the Lost & Found items are now displayed on tables just inside the main doors, and up in the hallway. Please take a look for any of your lost clothing before the end of the school year. All clothing will be donated if not claimed.

Please contact Leila: baghdadi.leila@gmail.com if needed.



Triina Forbell-thank you for organizing and running Kilometer Club for the past 8 years! We are so sad to see you go! Thank you to Tracy Shepard & Nolan Shepard and to Corey Ginou for all of your help. Also to Grade 8 students, Sarah Giles, Sidney Peel, Jaycee Comish & Jason Sotiroff for your assistance each day. Thank you to Mr. Chang for all of his support. Thank you to Jodi Kageyama and the daycare staff for their support managing the program. Last but not least, THANK YOU to all of the students who participated and to the parents who stayed to pass out the Popsicle sticks.

Kristine and Jason Locklin, thank you so much for your time and donations to the school and another successful Lawn Bowling Night.



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Kellie Smith and family, thank you for opening your home to the ladies of Bessborough EMS. Ladies Night was a fun evening with vendors, wine and a Raptors game to boot.

Corey Ferguson & Sue Thurow - thank you both for all of the work you put into the school yearbook. People may not realize the number of hours that go into creating, proofing, editing and organizing a yearbook...not to mention collecting and taking photos. Our students love having this keepsake and will cherish it for years to come.

Finally, thank you to all of our fabulous teachers who hosted social series events these past few weeks. So many smiles, so much laughter and tummies full of ice cream, cupcakes, freezies and popcorn at Bessborough these final days before summer.



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