

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events: June

- ◆ Kilometer Club continues until June 14th
- ◆ Track & Field City Finals - June 11th
- ◆ Grade 7 Immunization Clinic 2 - June 13th
- ◆ Beach Day - June 18th
- ◆ Grade 8 Graduation at Leaside H.S. - June 24th

Sports Updates ~ Lots to Celebrate!

It has been a particularly busy time for sports recently and we are very proud of our student athletes for their participation and good sportsmanship – often in multiple events and/or sports.

Congratulations to:

Track & Field Conference qualifiers who competed on May 31st
Track & Field qualifiers competing at City Finals on June 11th
Junior Boys Slo-Pitch – Division 2 Conference Champions
Grade 7/8 Girls Slo-Pitch – Conference Champions
Grade 8 Boys Slo-Pitch – Conference Champions

Thank you to MaryAnne Liut for providing a photo of our Grade 7/8 Girls Slo-Pitch Champions!



A huge round of thanks also goes out to all Coaches and parent volunteer drivers!

Grade 7 Immunization - Clinic 2

Toronto Public Health will be visiting Bessborough on Thursday June 13th for Clinic 2. The first Clinic was on December 5th, 2018.

416.338.7600 toronto.ca/health | TORONTO Public Health

Today is The Last Chance to Buy Your Yearbook. Don't Miss Out!

You should have received your notice from School Cash Online that yearbooks are now available for purchase for \$22 each and **TODAY** (Friday, June 7, 2019) is the **FINAL** day to purchase your yearbook before the order goes into the printer. **Please note:** This is the first time they have been available to purchase. Yearbook orders were NOT part of the September package.

Thank you for all the amazing yearbook cover entry art!



We had so many great entries again this year. A record number! THANK YOU! Look for the winning cover art on this year's yearbook cover, due to arrive the last week of school. All of the amazing art will be featured in the yearbook!



Thank you to Mr. Day for providing a photo of our Grade 8 Boys Slo-Pitch Champions!

Thank you to our Student Engagement Committee for organizing the last spirit day of the year!

Beach Day is on June 18th!



JUNE 18 IS BEACH DAY! THIS LAST SPIRIT DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, ORGANIZED BY THE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE INVOLVES THREE HOURS PACKED WITH FUN, INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 7. PLEASE PACK SUNSCREEN, HAT, SUNGLASSES, WATER BOTTLE AND LIGHT COLOURED CLOTHES.

Ladies Night - Thursday June 13th at 7:30 pm



Tickets: \$65.00
Contact: Cabrina.Skillen@hotspex.com

Host: Kellie Smith
Location: 64 Vanderhoof Avenue



BRING YOUR CREDIT CARD: It's also a shopping night in support of the School! Not to be outdone by the men and their bats, the ladies have their own much-anticipated event! While the street changes every year the opportunity to skip bedtime with the kids remains. Come enjoy copious amounts of wine, cocktails and yummy apps to celebrate the end of the school year. This year bring your credit cards and some friends... fantastic vendors Dotty Dress Studio, Desserts & Skirts, Stella and Dot, and Eliza Perry Jewelry will be there.

Dress Code: Summer white, dancing shoes, and flip flops for the way home!

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

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

See the attached Social Series catalogue for more information.
Contact Cabrina.Skillen@hotspex.com if you have any questions.

KILOMETER CLUB 2019 Continues Monday!



This is a non-competitive physical activity for ALL Bessborough students to participate in. Kilometer Club will continue on Monday June 10th and will continue until **Friday, June 14**. *See more information attached.*

Start time is 8:05am in the Bessborough South Yard.

Contact Triina Forbell with questions or concerns tforbell@hotmail.com



Thursday, June 13 - Ladies Night!
Saturday, Sept 14 - Leaside Street Crawl
Saturday, Sept 28th - Men with Bats



Appreciations - Bessborough Mayfair

Bessborough Mayfair is about fundraising, fun and community. It is also about commitment and volunteerism. It is so great to see Bessborough gather and the kids having so much fun!

Mayfair 2019 planning started back in the fall, and the day could not have been such a huge success without our dedicated Mayfair committee and many parent volunteers. We're going to attempt to thank everyone in this note, and hopefully you will see something in this long list of acknowledgments that you would like to get involved with in 2020.

First and foremost a big thank you to our former Mayfair Chairs Kristine Locklin and Jennifer O'Donnell who without their knowledge and guidance 2019 Mayfair wouldn't have been possible.

The Bessborough Administration and Home & School Executive for providing their guidance and leadership - Pat Broderick, Frances Themeliopoulos, Robyn Israel, Laura Rumble, Alison Steinman, and Lisa Suutari.

Renee Cronier for completing our permits, making announcements, collecting forms, banners and donations, and answering all of our endless questions.

Karen Schouten and Nancy Maycher for organizing the volunteers, and Jacqui Shirley for working the desk with them on the day of.

Lindsay Blakely, Linna Chercover, Sue Jamieson and the class parents for assisting with communications.

Corey Ginou-Ferguson who created the Mayfair Poster and all our amazing signage. Emily Knight who created the Mayfair drawing at the top of the poster, and Claire Davis who created the image for our Thank You card.

*Clara Mizener, Will MacKay and Emery Rice, for thanking our sponsors (they addressed and personally distributed the Thank You cards).

Shane Skillen for doing all the heavy lifting on our Friday night preparations.

Christine Davis, Jonathan Botrie, Kozue Kawasaki, Kate Brodie, Jennifer Avveduto, and Sue Jamieson for gathering silent auction items and helping with set up. And everyone who donated or procured items – we had so many amazing donations this year.

Karen Gagnon, Jeff Reid and their family, Jason Locklin and Leaside Pub for running the BBQ.

Rebecca Handford for assisting with Mayfair forms and distributing wristbands.

Dave Roynon for doing the heavy lifting with the tents and hosting the firefighters. The setup crew that did a lot of lifting too - Mark Pooley, Ethan Steinmetz, Greg Goodale, Teresa Gomez, Brooke Hales, Deryk Beal, Phil Shirley, Richard Chao, Simon Samiee, Sean McGratten, Brian Morgan and Shane Skillen.

“DJ McMillan” and his students for providing the tunes throughout the day and all the other teachers that came to volunteer. And, to Ms. Atwal and her dance crew for providing some dance entertainment.

Sheriza Perabtani and Jonathan Botrie for helping with sponsorship. And, to our many sponsors.

Mary Holmes and Katerina Podolak for organizing the candy shack and Jennifer Avveduto who organized our many guessing jars. Thank you to all who donated those yummy jars. Keaton and Grayson Collis who assisted with set up.

Natalie Healy who was our floater for the day, who in the eleventh hour was running errands to make sure we had everything we needed. And Tony Hammill who ran out to get more burgers and buns when those were needed.

Lizzie White, Maeve Prestonji and Sophie Brady who dedicated themselves for the day to face painting and wacky hair styling.

Bianca Angheloni for inspiring the intermediates to give back to their school community by volunteering their time at Mayfair. Thank you to those Grade 7 and 8 students for taking part in the true community spirit of Mayfair.

Katie Robinson for helping to organize a great social series (yes, you can still sign up!) and Shane Skillen who promoted Men with Bats. Sarah Zimmerman for stepping up on the day of to set up the Social Series booth. And, finally the teachers for their creative and exciting social series events to be hosted in June.

Lisa Suutari, Geoff Lamb, and Rebecca Handford for gracefully keeping track of our numbers.

Skillen and Lang families for lending their bouncy castles.

Karen and Kate Gagnon, and all our Bessborough bakers that helped satisfy everyone’s sweet tooth at this year’s Mayfair Bake Sale.

The day would not be possible without the ticket takers and the attraction supervisors - the parents who take turns making sure our kids have a safe and fun time. Thank you!

All Bessborough Alumni returning to help for the day.

Leaside Ortho for providing Nick the Balloonist and for being a committed sponsor for many years.

Access Storage, our newest presenting sponsor, for the storage pod, neat Bessborough branded tennis balls and leaf bags.

Jason and Will Locklin, Jason Basch, Dave Collis, Kevin Wepler, Ethan Steinmetz, Ollie Burnett, Vivian Luong, Tyler and Remy Lang and Saba and Hamza Al Mathno who were the dedicated cleanup crew this year.

Bill and Lu our incredible caretaking staff who take care of Bessborough and were there helping from start to finish - we couldn't do it without you.

Elizabeth Nikopoulous and Liana Kosmatos who enthusiastically took on setting up and organizing the Kindie Yard.

Jodi Kageyama from Bessborough Daycare for swapping frozen freezies with H & S to help with the sales rush.

Christie Grant and Natalia Diaz-Granados for covering Leaside in Mayfair posters, the reason for which we had such great turnout.

The inaugural Mayfair Ball Hockey Tournament was a wonderful success and we would like to thank all volunteers who set up this experience. Thank you to: Jill Richardson, Brian Bernardo, Alyssa Marshall, Taylor Davis, Carson Davis, Tobin Davis, Brent Davis, Chris Forbell and Claire Howard. Thank you, Jen O'Donnell for ordering the pizza to feed all the hungry players! Thank you, David Tremblay from Extreme Hockey for the bumpers!

It takes a village to make an event as large as Mayfair run, thank you to anyone that we might have missed in this note. The event cannot run without the support of volunteers. Thank you for once again showing up. It means the world to us and more importantly to the kids. Our Bessborough community is truly special.

And, lastly to the Morgan and Skillen families who have had to endure our absenteeism while we planned this great event!

Thank you everyone!

Lauren Morgan and Cabrina Skillen

