

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events March/April

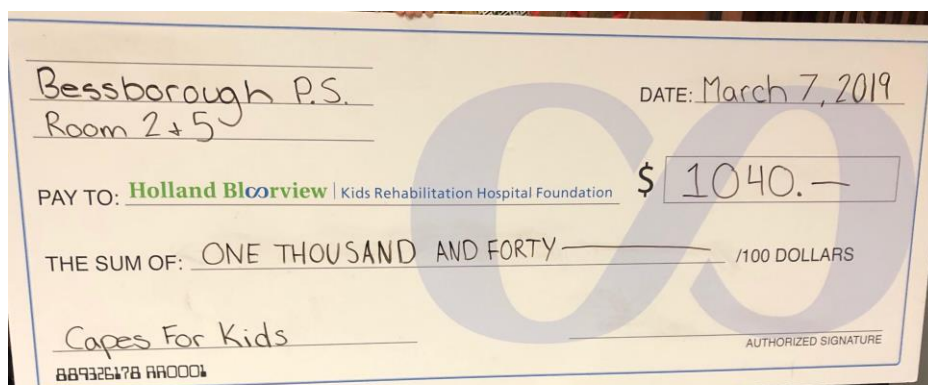
- ◆ March Break - 11th-15th
- ◆ Pizza Lunch - Mar. 28th
- ◆ Sub Lunch - April 1st

Capes for Kids Update

Firstly we would like to thank everyone who donated to our Capes for Kids campaign! Because of our fundraising efforts both Grade 1 classes were invited to Holland Bloorview yesterday to celebrate alongside students who attend school at Holland Bloorview!

We celebrated with a LEGO party and got to see the place that our efforts are going to be helping. Both grade one classes together raised \$1040.00 and because of that we were presented with a giant cheque representing the amount of money that Rooms 2 & 5 raised! Participating in Capes for Kids has spread awareness about differences, inclusion and ways we can help people in our community. We look forward to continuing our exploration on community.

~ Ms. Standing & Ms. Barnes



Eco Club Update

This week the Eco Club took on the grocery industry! We watched the CBC marketplace episode about plastic food packaging and had a discussion. Then we wrote passionate letters asking for less plastic packaging.

Tip of the week: To avoid plastic while grocery shopping, choose glass and metal instead. Consider purchasing reusable grocery bags for all your produce.

Important upcoming H&S event - please vote!



The Bessborough Home and School would like to offer a screening of the documentary **Screenagers** in the library on Tuesday April 23rd, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Our intermediate students would also screen the documentary during class time that week. The parent event would also include an expert in the field to facilitate a discussion after the viewing.

- Cost for our association would be \$700 which would come out of our Enrichment Budget. Members of our H&S community are encouraged to click on the link below to vote to approve (or not) the spending of H&S funds for this purpose.
- See below for more information regarding **Screenagers**, and *please* click on this link to vote: [Screenagers Event Vote](#)

Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time—friction she knew all too well..... SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.



Help us support a Plastic-Free Canada!

Andre Craig, a Leaside resident and his daughter, Alianna (a student at Bessborough) recently appeared on Breakfast Television to speak about their efforts to evoke change and the overwhelming support they received when they started a Facebook page called PlasticFreeFebruary, currently updated to #plasticfreeforever.

Andre has now posted a petition to lobby government to legislate change by banning single use plastics.

Please add your name to this [petition](#) directed to the Environmental Review Protection Canada and share to your network. Andre's goal is to reach 1000 signatures to support the ban of single use plastics and to change packaging laws ASAP!



Spring is coming... and so are spring lunch programs!

Our lunch programming committee has been working hard to arrange for more amazing programs for the spring. Stay tuned over the next few days as we will be updating our H&S website with information for registration.

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

The winning design and artist will be revealed on **Monday March 18th**. The winner will receive **ONE** Mayfair wristband. **Value: Priceless!**

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 March 18 - Mayfair poster contest winner announced

Thursday March 28 - Pizza lunch

Monday April 1 - Sub lunch