

# Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events November/December

- ◆ Remembrance Day Assembly - Nov. 12
- ◆ Progress Reports sent home - Nov. 12
- ◆ H & S Enrichment Budget Vote - Nov. 13
- ◆ P.A. Day - Nov. 16
- ◆ Trustee Gershon's Community Event - Nov. 21
- ◆ Photo Retake Day - Nov. 22
- ◆ Pizza Lunch - Nov. 29
- ◆ Gr. 7 Immunization - Dec. 5

## Progress Reports & Upcoming Interviews

Progress reports are being sent home on Monday November 12<sup>th</sup>. These reports are intended to provide you with an early indication of how your child is progressing at this point in the school year.

A large focus for the Progress Report for Grades 1-8 is the Learning Skills: Responsibility, Organization, Collaboration, Initiative, Independent Work and Self-Regulation. The development of these learning skills is an integral part of a student's learning. The Kindergarten Communication of Learning Report provides initial observations and information about your child's strengths and growth. Suggestions for the next steps your child is ready to take in their learning are also included.

Teachers have been maintaining regular, ongoing communication with parents and guardians since September 4<sup>th</sup> via email, newsletters and class blogs. The meeting you have scheduled with your child's teacher is an opportunity to hear more about day to day rich learning experiences and goals students are working to achieve.

## Join Trustee Gerri Gershon & Meet Newly Elected Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin

Please see the attached, revised flyer advising that Trustee Gershon's upcoming Community Coffee Meeting has been rescheduled. We hope you are able to attend on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Wellness Club

Hey Bessborough! The Wellness Club will be starting a dance club for grades 5-6! We will be performing a hip hop dance at the winter concert to the song, Last Christmas! If you are interested in learning how to dance or are looking for a free space to show off your talent, please come to the big gym at 12:00 on Wednesday.

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### **Our Yearbook Team Needs You!**

This year's yearbook committee is in need of a parent volunteer or two to lend a hand. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm. Our current parent volunteer will be transitioning out of the role this year and we need someone to come on board and learn the ropes. Anyone interested in learning more, please email Corey Ferguson at [c.ginou@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.ginou@sympatico.ca)

And as always, the yearbook would love to have any pictures you'd like to share with us from any school event, so send in those photos. The more you send in, the more chances to get your child in the yearbook! Please send to [bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com)

Be sure to send best quality and the largest file size you have (highest resolution) or if sending from your iPhone, please send "Actual Size".

### **Remembrance Day Assembly ~ Monday November 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our school assembly will take place on Monday morning beginning just after 10:30. Thank you to Mr. McMillan for organizing the assembly and to everyone who is participating.

Our MCs are Riley B. and Lauren M. and the program is as follows:

- Wreath Laying
- Last Post
- Moment of Silence
- Reveille
- Ms. Standing's Grade 1 class will be speaking about what peace means to them.
- Bessborough Concert Band will play O Canada
- Riley will recite "In Flanders Fields" which was written during the First World War by Canadian physician, Lieutenant-Colonel John McRae.
- "Imagine" by John Lennon performed by Lauren A. and Sydney P.

### **Bessborough Remembers One of its Own ~ Flying Officer Walter D. Newel**

Walter Newel was a Leaside resident whose family lived on Bessborough Drive. He attended Leaside Public School (now Bessborough Elementary & Middle School) from 1930 to 1935. Walter Newel was killed in action, in Europe, in 1943 at the age of 22. His family still lives in Leaside.



## We Need Your Say H&S Meeting - Tuesday November 13th at 7:00 pm



At our next H&S meeting we'll review the Enrichment Proposals and vote on where to allocate dollars raised through H&S events and activities. Don't miss your chance to have a say in where our money gets invested in the school. Please see the attached document "**Enrichment Vote Letter 2018-2019**" for a description of each proposal and how to vote.

Don't forget to **bring your phone** - you need it to vote! Babysitting will be provided in the mini-gym.

You **MUST** be an H&S member to vote. If you don't have your membership yet, you can get the form by clicking [here](#) or go to the H&S website under the tab 'Who We Are'. Please bring a \$15.00 cheque made out to "Bessborough Home & School" to the meeting.

### The Social Series Team Needs You!

Do you love attending our social events? Are you looking to get more involved, to be part of a lovely group that share ideas and have fun while making things happen? If so, we would love to meet you! Please contact Christine Davis ([Bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:Bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com)) if you'd like to be part of our Social Series team.

### BESSBOROUGH UNIFORMS AND SWAG ARE BACK!

Order your personalized shirts, shorts and hoodies to keep cozy in the cool weather. The gear can be worn for gym, most sports teams or to celebrate Bessborough School Spirit! Extremely affordable, they can be ordered online through [www.shop.vintageapparelco.com](http://www.shop.vintageapparelco.com)

New colour options this year - heather gray and additional red options. Order now until November 16<sup>th</sup>. Delivery is due in mid-December, just in time for the holidays!



Any inquiries, please contact Michelle Rinaldo at [mich\\_rinaldo@hotmail.com](mailto:mich_rinaldo@hotmail.com)



Thank you to all the class parents and parent volunteers that organized and contributed to the Halloween parties and so many smiles and happy faces! Another round of thanks also goes out to Cabrina Skillen for organizing Sub-Lunch. There were lots of happy kids on November 5<sup>th</sup>, our second Sub-Lunch of the year.

Once again, a **BIG thank you** to the Men with Axes team for organizing yet another successful night of axe throwing, beer drinking, meatball sub-eating, and last but not least, fundraising! Tyler Lang, Shane Skillen, and Chad Iwata- you blokes are top-notch and Home & School appreciates all of your efforts to put such an event together and have it all run smoothly. Thank you to Chris Maissan for your computer expertise and support with the webpage. Thank you to Anthony Hammill, Michael Tkaczuk and Mike Embir for your exquisite culinary skills. And thank you to Dave Asals, Arin Arat, Kevin Robinson, Kiran Patel, Taylor Simms-Brown, and Julian Mossanen for all of your efforts as well.

This year the Men with Axes team efforts were successful in raising over \$22,000! Thank you to those who helped to secure prizes/donations and to all of you who participated.

The Men with Axes event has a charitable component and has previously funded the **Empower Reading** Program at Grenoble Public School. **Empower Reading** was developed at Sick Kids hospital and has been implemented in many schools to help struggling readers reach grade level and beyond. We have seen the positive impact this program has had on many kids at our school and we are excited to share the gift of literacy with other children in this way.

The teacher at Grenoble who underwent the training wanted to share this letter of thanks with our parent community to show how grateful they are to be given this incredible gift:

Thank you so much for this very generous donation to Grenoble and for giving me the opportunity to be trained in Empower. I feel like I've won the lottery! I'm pretty humbled and blown away by the generosity of Bessborough's parent council.

I first found out about the program in 2013, when I was trying to find resources to help a grade 2 student (that I suspected to be dyslexic). I've been trying to chase the program down ever since! I understand how expensive the Empower program is but I also know how life changing the program can be, for students who are having difficulty in reading. I appreciate that you recognize this and are willing to invest in Empower. I'm very grateful for the opportunity and rest assured I'll execute it as best I can. I am over the moon excited for the first session!



**November 13<sup>th</sup> – H & S Meeting and Vote**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – Final day to order Bessborough Spirit Wear**

**November 29 – Pizza Lunch**

## **STAY CONNECTED...**



Follow us on Instagram @**BessboroughHS** to get reminders about important dates and upcoming events.

Find out what you missed and what's coming up on the Home & School website at [www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com](http://www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com)