

# Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



## Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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### Upcoming Events:

- October 23 – Last day to submit School Council Representative Nomination forms to Main Office
- October 24 & 25 – Virtual Parents as Partners Conference
- October 30 – School Council Election (Evening)



## Curriculum Night Presentations

Since we are unable to welcome you into the school for Curriculum Night this year, our wonderful Bessborough staff members prepared presentations to share information about curriculum and classroom routines with you. The presentations included an embedded Welcome Message from Ms. Mantia.

We are looking forward to another amazing year, working as partners with parents, guardians and the Bessborough community to provide the very best learning opportunities to our students. We thank all staff members for their constant dedication and for all of their work on the presentations.

## Postponed Grade 7 & 8 Vaccination Clinics

Last year, most Grade 7 students were in attendance on November 4, 2019 for the first of two vaccination clinics. The second clinic (April 29, 2020) was cancelled.

To meet the anticipated high demand for flu vaccination this fall, the vaccination clinics for Grade 7/8 vaccines (hepatitis B, meningococcal and human papillomavirus) have been postponed until 2021. To avoid delays, parents can also ask their health care provider to vaccinate their children and to order the free vaccines directly [from Toronto Public Health at toronto.ca/ordervaccines](http://toronto.ca/ordervaccines).

## Virtual Parents as Partners Conference

Registration for the Parents as Partners Virtual Conference continues. More details including the Agenda are available [HERE](#).



# Terry Fox Update

Thank you to all of the students who took part in this year’s Terry Fox Run/Walk Day last Friday October 9th. We would really like to thank all of those who contributed this year to this noble cause. As of this writing, we have raised \$3,100. Unfortunately, this year we will not be able to host a Terry Fox Dance, or a Pie in the Face etc. Hopefully, we will be able to run this event to its full potential next year.

If you choose, you can still donate directly or students can set up their online page at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/BessboroughDriveSchoolToronto>

We are proud to be involved in this honourable initiative and will be back again next year!

Thanks!

Mr. Pantopoulos, Ms. Backus and the Bessborough Terry Fox Team

## Covid-19 School Information for Parents and Caregivers: [HERE](#)

WHO IS A CLOSE CONTACT AT SCHOOL?	
CLOSE CONTACT	NOT CLOSE CONTACT
<p>You were within a 6 feet, or 2 metres distance for more than 15 minutes.</p>	<p>You maintained a 6 feet, or 2 metre distance.</p>
<p>Someone in your class, on your school bus or in your after school cohort.</p>	<p>Goes to the same school, but is not in your cohort.</p>
<p>You had close physical contact with the person, such as a hug.</p>	<p>You were briefly in the same room together but kept your distance.</p>
<p>A person who accidentally sneezed, or coughed on you while talking in close proximity.</p>	<p>You passed a person quickly in the hall, or at recess.</p>

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## Toronto Public Health: *Who is a close contact at school?*



## First School Council Meeting

In case you missed the meeting last week, we posted copies of the presentation and draft minutes on our website for review at [www.bessboroughschoolcouncil.com](http://www.bessboroughschoolcouncil.com). As mentioned the new proposed draft Bessborough School Council by-laws are also available on our website and will be voted and adopted at the next meeting.

### Class Parents Needed

We've still got a few spots to fill - are you interested in being a **class parent**? The role will look a little different this year than it did in years past. Class parents will act as a liaison between the teachers and parents where needed and will be mainly a communications role.

Class parent spots are still available in the following classes. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Josette Katkic ([katkic.ja@gmail.com](mailto:katkic.ja@gmail.com)).

Grade 1- Ms. Gamm

Grade 5/6 - Ms. Buksner

Grade 7- Ms. Standing

### Election of Council Parent/Guardian Representatives

There are 10 vacant positions for parent/guardian representatives on council that sit for a term of one year. A person is generally not qualified to be a parent member of council if he or she is employed at the school or employed elsewhere by the Board. Nomination forms can be obtained from the main school office, and must be submitted to the main office, no later than October 23rd. The list of candidates and brief biography (if provided) will be posted at [bessboroughschoolcouncil.com](http://bessboroughschoolcouncil.com) on October 26th.

### Elections Evening

Only parents/guardians of currently registered children attending Bessborough EMS can participate in the voting process. The elections shall be by secret ballot October 30th at 4:00 pm. Should only 10 names be brought forward, those individuals will be acclaimed.

Successful candidates will be posted on [bessboroughschoolcouncil.com](http://bessboroughschoolcouncil.com)



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