

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

- October 24 & 25
– Virtual Parents as Partners Conference
- October 30 – School Council Election (Evening)
- October 31 – Halloween
- November 1 – Daylight Savings Time ends.



Celebrating a Safer Halloween during Covid-19

Toronto Public Health has now shared guidance for Celebrating a Safer Halloween during Covid-19. The TPH flyer is linked for you [HERE](#).

This year, there will be some changes to how Halloween can be recognized and celebrated in schools. Regular masks/face coverings must still be worn and not to be replaced with costume masks. In line with physical distancing practices, school parades and dances are not allowed.

Classroom teachers will communicate their plans for October 30th with you and we appreciate your support with preparing students for a fun day and more unique school memories.

Traffic Safety

It is wonderful to see that many families are regularly walking to and from school. Walking not only helps to alleviate congestion around the school, it is a healthy and eco-friendly choice.

We have had reports from parents about distracted drivers in our community. We encourage all drivers to please focus on your driving and avoid cell phone use.

School staff periodically review traffic safety with students. We encourage you to please reinforce the safety messages on this [TDSB Traffic Safety Tips](#) fact sheet with your children at home.

Claude Watson Virtual Open House

The Claude Watson Secondary Program at Earl Haig Secondary School is hosting an Open House on Thursday November 12, 2020.

Grade 8 students currently interested in a specialized Arts high school program: Dance, Drama, Film, Music or Visual Arts are invited to [SIGN UP](#) for the Virtual Open House.

- * 6:00 PM Drama & Music
- * 7:00 PM Dance, Film & Visual Arts



Grade 8 to Grade 9 Transitions

TDSB schools host open houses and information nights for parents and students each year. We will continue to share details with you as high schools confirm their dates.

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

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

TORONTO.CA/COVID19 TORONTO Public Health

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



Bessborough School Council Presentation, Minutes and By-laws

Just a reminder that copies of the most recent School Council presentation and the draft minutes are posted on our website for review at www.bessboroughschoolcouncil.com.

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

A BIG thanks to all those who have volunteered to be a class parent this year!

We've still got some 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).

JK/SK- Ms. Dominique
Grade 1- Ms. Gamm



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October 25 & 25 – Virtual Parents as Partners
Conference

October 30 – School Council Election



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