

# Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



## Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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### Upcoming Events:

- November 1 – Daylight Savings Time ends.
- November 11 – Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 20 – P.A. Day
- December 2 – Leaside H.S. Live Open House



## Celebrating a Safer Halloween during Covid-19

We had an amazing day celebrating Halloween at school! In addition to the individual classroom activities, staff and students participated in a school-wide virtual costume party! It was wonderful to be able to bring the school together to share their creative costumes and wish each other a Happy Halloween! Bessborough was filled with lots of smiles, laughter and fun!

To everyone who will be enjoying alternative entertainment this weekend, we wish you safe and fun Halloween celebrations! Last week, Toronto Public Health shared guidance for Celebrating a Safer Halloween during Covid-19. The TPH flyer is linked for you [HERE](#).

The most recent Covid-19 school information for parents and caregivers from TPH is available [HERE](#).

## Secondary School Virtual Open Houses & Info. Nights

To help you make an informed decision when choosing a school, TDSB schools will host virtual open houses and information sessions (live or pre-recorded) for parents/guardians and students between November and January.

All families of Grade 8 students are invited to join on the scheduled dates. The completed list is available [HERE](#).



## **Bessborough School Council Executive & Parent Members 2020/2021**

After completing the nomination period, we are pleased that all 10 Council Parent/Guardian Representative positions are filled. Please note that an election on October 30<sup>th</sup> was not necessary as the number of nominees was equal to the positions to fill on Council. As such, roles were acclaimed.

Below are your School Council Representatives for 2020/2021:

Andrea Bee, Chair

Lisa Suutari, Past-Chair

Andrea Jeffery, Secretary

Geoffrey Lamb, Treasurer

Alison Steinman, Parent Rep

Christine Davis, Volunteer Coordinator

Eva Svec, Communications Co-Lead

Sarah Pooley, Communications Co-Lead

Charlotte Fleming, Communications

Josette Katkic, Lead Divisional Rep

A Bessborough School Council General Meeting will be held the last week of November. Stay tuned for the date and time.

## Appreciation Corner

Thanks to all the class parents and teachers who helped to make Halloween special and safe for all the kids today! It's a year to get creative with quarantining party snacks and social distancing class parties - we appreciate your efforts!



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November 20 – P.A. Day



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