

# Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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### Upcoming Events:

- May 2-6 – Children’s Mental Health Week
- May 4-6 – Fundraising for Save the Children Ukraine
- May 23 – Victoria Day
- May 28 – MayFair
- June 3 – P.A. Day
- June 22 – Grade 8 Graduation



## Children’s Mental Health Week

This year, the TDSB recognizes Children’s Mental Health Week (CMHW) from May 2 to 6, 2022. This year's theme is **Intersecting Identities and Well-Being**.

Links to more information and resources are available [HERE](#).

Please also see page 5 of the newsletter and the [@TDSB\\_MHWP](#) TDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Twitter page.



## 2022-2023 Elementary School Calendar

The Ministry of Education has released the [2022-2023 Elementary School Calendar](#) and the first day of school for students is **Wednesday September 7, 2022**.



## **Bessborough 5 v 5 Soccer Tournament: SAVE THE DATE!**

**Date:** Friday, May 27, 2022

**Time:** 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Location:** 211 Bessborough Drive (South Yard Field)

**Cost:** \$20 per participant. Price includes 2 slices of cheese pizza and a bag of chips. Athletes must bring their own water bottle.

**Teams:** Balanced teams will be formed based on age level and ability. **No special requests please.** Team lists will be communicated the week before the tournament.

**Format/Rules:** Teams are guaranteed two games. Further information to follow after registration.

**Registration Deadline:** FRIDAY MAY 13 **(No exceptions.)**

**Registration Link:** [5 v 5 Soccer Google Form Registration](#)

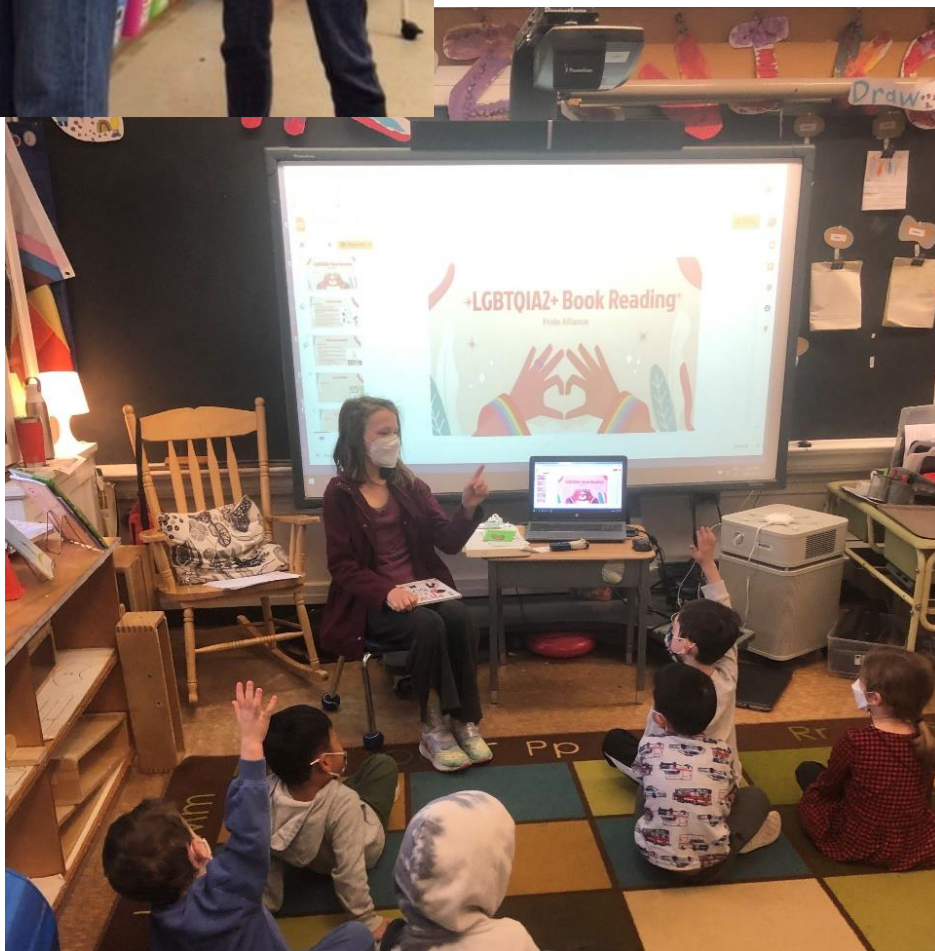
**\* Be sure to update the form with your own email address.**



## Pride Alliance Read Alouds

Grade 6 and 7 students from the Pride Alliance have begun reading aloud gender identity and pronoun books to primary classes. So far, the Kindies, Grade 2's and Grade 3's have had the opportunity to listen to a story and talk about different terms and ideas that have come up from the students.

The Pride Alliance will continue to provide these opportunities throughout May and June! Thank you to the Pride Alliance members, Ms. Buksner is proud of your leadership!





## Grade 6 Drama Workshop on April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Last Friday afternoon, Ms. Buksner welcomed her friend Michelle, who is a teacher, actor and puppeteer for a fun Drama workshop!

The Grade 6's are learning about tableau, its elements and how to tell a story using frozen pictures. The students got to play different games and recreate photos of war and peace, using only their bodies and one chair as a prop.

All of the students had a great time and learned a lot!







**Tuesday April 26, 2022**  
**Junior Track & Field Day**



**Thursday April 28, 2022**  
**Intermediate Track & Field Day**

## Mental Health and Well-Being

Here are some monthly/daily resources for staff, students, parents, and caregivers.

- [Monthly Well-Being Activities for Gr.K-3](#)
- [Monthly Well-Being Activities for Gr. 4-8](#)



Student mental health and well-being is an important part of student success and a priority at the TDSB. Information about resources and support, including resources available specifically during COVID-19 is available [HERE](#).

The TDSB Professional Support Services team offers weekly virtual drop-in times where you can connect directly with a staff member to help answer questions and provide support to help you and your child.

More information is available [HERE](#).

**Virtual Drop-in hours**

Join our Virtual Drop-ins  
Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Thursdays 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
[www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualsupport](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualsupport)

Connect with Professional Support Services staff to explore ideas related to your child's mental health and well-being

The banner features a green background with white and blue text. It includes a blue-bordered box with white text for drop-in details. At the bottom, there are two logos: "tdsb Professional Support Services" with a green and blue icon, and "tdsb Mental Health & Well-Being" with a blue and white icon. A decorative bar with green, yellow, blue, and orange segments is at the bottom.



# Student Engagement Committee Fundraising for Ukraine

Our Student Engagement Committee is looking forward to next week's fundraiser. Teachers will be sharing details about the scheduled visits for each classroom and we thank you in advance for all purchases!

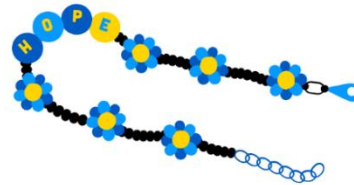
All proceeds from this fundraiser will be going to Save the Children Ukraine.



# Bake Sale!



Hand made crafts  
made by students  
available



Prices Range From \$3-\$15  
Each class only has one chance to buy!

Packaged items for sale!

\*Gluten Free Options Available!

Dates: May 4th to 6th



All proceeds go to Save  
The Children Ukraine.



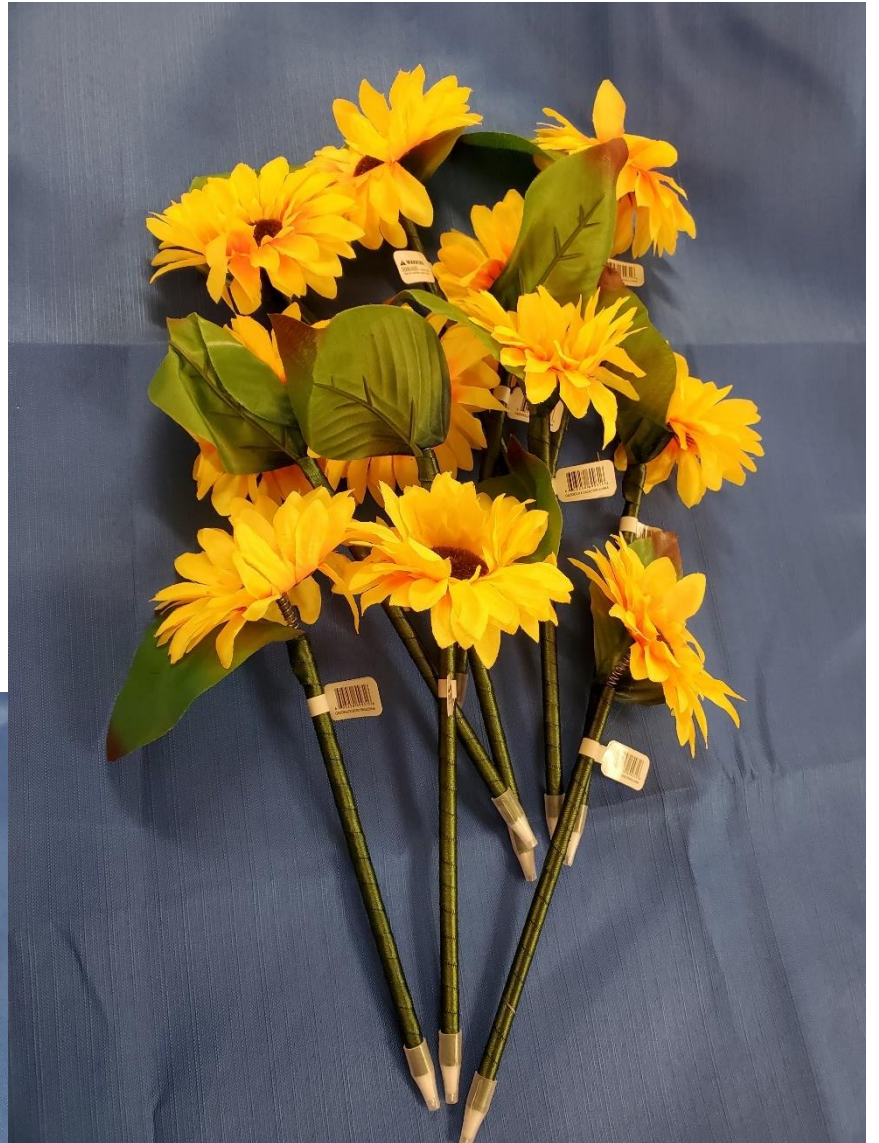


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## The Countdown is on! 28 Days until MayFair!

MayFair is coming! Save the date for **Saturday May 28th 11:00 am to 3:00 pm** for a fun-filled family day at school.

Thanks to all those who are working to get this very special school and community event running!

## Mayfair Poster Design Contest 2022

Thank you to all the creative submissions for the Mayfair Poster. We look forward to reviewing them and announcing the winner at the beginning of May. **Stay tuned!**

## Wanted: Parent Coaches

Yippee SPRING TEAMS are back! We are looking for some parent coaches. Parents will be paired with a teacher to lead the teams. Practice schedule to be decided by the coaching staff. Please contact Christine Davis at [bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com) if you have some time to help!

**Grade 5/6 Boys Slo-Pitch** – 4<sup>th</sup> week of April to 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June

**Grade 7/8 Boys Slo-Pitch** – 4<sup>th</sup> week of April to 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June





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Follow us on Instagram and get messages about events, when forms are due, pictures of the fun goings-on at Bessborough and more!

Follow [@bessboroughschoolcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/bessboroughschoolcouncil)



Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> – MayFair



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