

BESSBOROUGH BUZZ

YOUR BESSBOROUGH E&MS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK

We're thrilled to kick off another exciting school year with you. This weekly newsletter is your one-stop shop for all the latest updates, events, and news happening at our school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **CROSS COUNTRY** MON, WED, FRI - 8AM
- **CURRICULUM NIGHT** SEPTEMBER 26 - 6:30 PM
- **PA DAY** SEPTEMBER 27
- **ORANGE SHIRT DAY** SEPTEMBER 30
- **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING** OCTOBER TBD
- **TERRY FOX DAY** OCTOBER 10
- **PHOTO DAY** OCTOBER 16

IMPORTANT DATES

CURRICULUM NIGHT

- SEPTEMBER 26 - 6:30 PM

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

- OCTOBER TBD
- DECEMBER 4 - 7PM

UPCOMING PA DAYS

- SEPTEMBER 27
- OCTOBER 11
- NOVEMBER 15 & 29

THANKSGIVING

- OCTOBER 14

WINTER BREAK

- DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 3

OUR 2024–2025 TEACHING STAFF

Kindergarten

- Ms. Adina Wolodarsky
- Ms. Danielle Kerr

Early Childhood Educators

- Ron-Anne Guerrero

Grade 1

- Ms. Kimberley McNamara

Grade 1/2

- Ms. Veronica Hum
- Ms. Nicole Niezen

Grade 3

- Ms. Stephanie Gamm

Grade 3/4

- Ms. Michelle Shnaider

Grade 4

- Mr. Jason Chong

Grades 5/6

- Mr. Mark King
- Ms. Joyce Chow
- Ms. Kelly Peach
- Ms. Ruby Balshin

Grade 7

- Mr. William Chang
- Ms. Sarah Buksner
- Ms. Claire Dombrower
- Ms. Ruby Balshin

Grade 8

- Mr. Ryan Day
- Ms. Bernadine Rambarran
- Ms. Mirela Ciobanu
- Ms. Ruby Balshin

Librarian

- Ms. Susan Thurow

Empower Reading Program

- Ms. Susan Thurow
- Ms. Kelly Peach

Physical Education

- Mr. Gregory Ivan
- Ms. Sarah Buksner
- Ms. Laura Malouin

Music

- Mr. Justin McMillan

EA & CYW

- Ms. Karen Backus
- Ms. Colleen Sparks

W E L C O M E

TO OUR NEW STAFF

Ms. Danielle Kerr (LTO)
Ms. Veronica Hum
Ms. Nicole Niezen
Ms. Ruby Balshin
Ms. Claire Dombrower

Kindergarten
Grade 1/2
Grade 1/2
ISP
Grade 7



A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to the Bessborough Parent Council and organizers **Heather Zimcik** and **Katerina Podolak** for an amazing BBQ and Movie Night last Friday. Despite the weather, it was a magical evening and a great start to the school year.



TERRY FOX

WRITTEN BY: CHARLOTTE MUNRO AND LOGAN ASALS



The Terry Fox run is coming up! On **Thursday, October, 10th** all students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be running for Terry Fox, to raise money for cancer research. Bessborough will host the run **from 9am-11:30am**. Please make sure your child comes with running shoes, water bottles, hats, and sunscreen. Your child's teacher will share the schedule of when your child is running. T-shirts can be purchased up until Thursday, October 3rd @ 3:30pm. Your child will be bringing home a pledge form and donations can be made in cash or cheque.

Donations can also be made [online here](#).

GO BESSBOROUGH!

SEPTEMBER 30TH IS ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Bessborough invites all students to wear orange on **Monday, September 30th** for Orange Shirt Day. Details about Truth and Reconciliation Week learning will follow in future newsletters. As Canadians, we are called upon to take action to learn, share, and celebrate, to build a better country together! We encourage everyone to review the resources available at: Urban Indigenous Education Centre National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS


Health and safety is of the utmost importance for our students.

We ask for your help by:

- Parking on the west side of Bessborough Drive.
- Walking students across the street if you park on the west side of Bessborough, so children will not walk or run between moving vehicles.
- Not dropping children off in the school parking lot.
- Screening your child for illness, keeping them home if unwell.

IMPORTANT TDSB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome All Grade 1 Parents, Caregivers, and Educators

 **Let's Talk, Read & Write!** 
tdsbHUB.ca

Learn how to help your child read and spell words in a fun and playful way

Learn how to help your child develop their academic language skills

5 Virtual Sessions
6:30 - 7:30pm

Sept. 24 Let's Play With Sounds
Oct 8 From Sounds to Words
Oct 15 Let's Read
Oct 29 Let's Write
Nov 12 Let's Keep Learning

For more information, contact
Donna Cardoza, Parent Caregiver & Community
Engagement Worker

 647-403-5821
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A collaboration between TDSB Speech
Language Pathologists and Donna Cardoza
(PCEW)

REGISTER by scanning the QR code or type the code


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IMPORTANT TDSB ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 All-Nations Powwow hosted by the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Indigenous Centre

Aanii Boozhoo,

We are thrilled to announce that the 2024 All-Nations Powwow hosted by the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Indigenous Centre will take place on **September 28, 2024, from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM on the UTM North Field** (in front of Maanjiwe nendamowinan).

This year's program includes two dance specials open to ages 18 plus, a Men's Traditional Dance Special and a Jingle Dress Dance Special.

Following the success of last year's inaugural Powwow, we expect to draw thousands of participants as it is a wonderful opportunity bring together community members, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. **You are formally invited to join us** to celebrate and share Indigenous culture and knowledge.

Powwow Program

- 12:00 PM Grand Entry Ceremony
- 12:30 PM Opening Remarks
- 1:00 PM Intertribal, Spot and Exhibition Dances
- 2:00 PM Men's Traditional Dance
- 3:00 PM Jingle Dress Dance
- 4:00 PM Intertribal, Spot and Exhibition Dances
- 4:30 PM Retiring of Flags, Closing Ceremony & Travelling Song
- 5:00 PM End of Powwow

Please contact **Sabrina Sy** (indigenous.utm@utoronto.ca) for information in an alternate format or if any other arrangements can make this event accessible.

UTM Indigenous Centre presents
**ALL-NATIONS POWWOW
JINGLE DRESS
DANCE SPECIAL**

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
NORTH FIELD,
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA

Open to Ages 18+ **NEW PRIZES!**

1st prize.....\$1000 + jacket
2nd prize.....\$800 + jacket
3rd prize.....\$400 + jacket
4th and 5th prizes.....\$300

Scan for Dancer Registration
or visit uoft.me/powwowdancerform

For additional information, please visit the
UTM All Nations Powwow 2024:
Powwow | Office of Indigenous Initiatives
(utoronto.ca)

IMPORTANT TDSB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director of Education Search Survey

As the TDSB searches for its next Director of Education, they want to hear from you! A survey is being conducted to learn more about insights on the appointment of the TDSB's next leader. Students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers and members of the broader community are encouraged to take the time to share their thoughts on opportunities that lie ahead for the new Director of Education in the coming years. The results of this survey will be used to develop criteria to select the next Director of Education who will shape the TDSB's future strategy, key performance indicators, and will build upon the TDSB's commitments to its diverse community of students, staff, and stakeholders. Survey responses will be confidential and reported anonymously as group data.

Please submit your survey no later than September 22, 2024 at 11:59 pm.
Access the survey at bit.ly/TDSBDirector.

**Welcome to
a New School Year**





BESSBOROUGH E&M SCHOOL COUNCIL

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WELCOME BACK

This year promises to be full of fun and connection, starting with the epic return of the Men's With Series, alongside a fantastic lineup of new and returning parent social events.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming **Parent Council Meetings: October TBD** and **December 4** at **7pm**. Your voice matters, and we encourage you to join us in shaping our school community.

STAY INFORMED BY FOLLOWING US ON INSTAGRAM

CLASS PARENTS

We're seeking parent volunteers to support our School Council and help our teachers coordinate classroom volunteers and assist with special events. It's a great way to get involved, be connected to your child's teacher and support community in our classrooms.

Interested? Email [Charlotte Fleming](mailto:Charlotte.Fleming@bessboroughem.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS

16 **MONDAY**
SEPT Men with Brooms tix on sale

26 **THURSDAY - 6:30PM**
SEPT Curriculum Night

27 **FRIDAY**
SEPT PA Day - No School

30 **MONDAY**
SEPT Orange Shirt Day

TBD **TUESDAY - 7PM**
OCT School Council Meeting

10 **THURSDAY**
OCT Terry Fox Day

16 **WEDNESDAY**
OCT Photo Day



MEN WITH BROOMS

Save the Date - Nov 16
Get ready to witness the epic comeback of Men with Brooms.

GET INVOLVED

Get involved and help us make a difference in our school and community.
Sign up here.

FOLLOW US

Stay up to date and informed by following us on **Instagram.**



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THE WALL OF FAME

On behalf of the School Council, we want to acknowledge and thank the following parents for their invaluable time and support for our school community. If you want to get involved, [sign up here](#).

MOVIE NIGHT

- Katerina Podolak
- Heather Zimcik
- All of our Parent Volunteers

LAWN BOWLING

- Heather Deluce
- Andrea Bee

TEACHER APPRECIATION

- Rachel Gordan

FALL SPIRIT WEAR

Our newest drop of **Bessborough Spirit Wear** is HERE!

Why buy? Proceeds from spirit wear sales go back into our beloved school, empowering us to fund enriching initiatives for our classrooms and breathe life into our schoolyard. With each stylish piece, you not only wear your school colors but also become a vital contributor to the growth and vibrancy of our community.

Thank you to **Allie Lort** for volunteering her time to bring stylish school spirit into our hallways.

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