

# BESSBOROUGH BUZZ

## YOUR BESSBOROUGH E&MS NEWSLETTER

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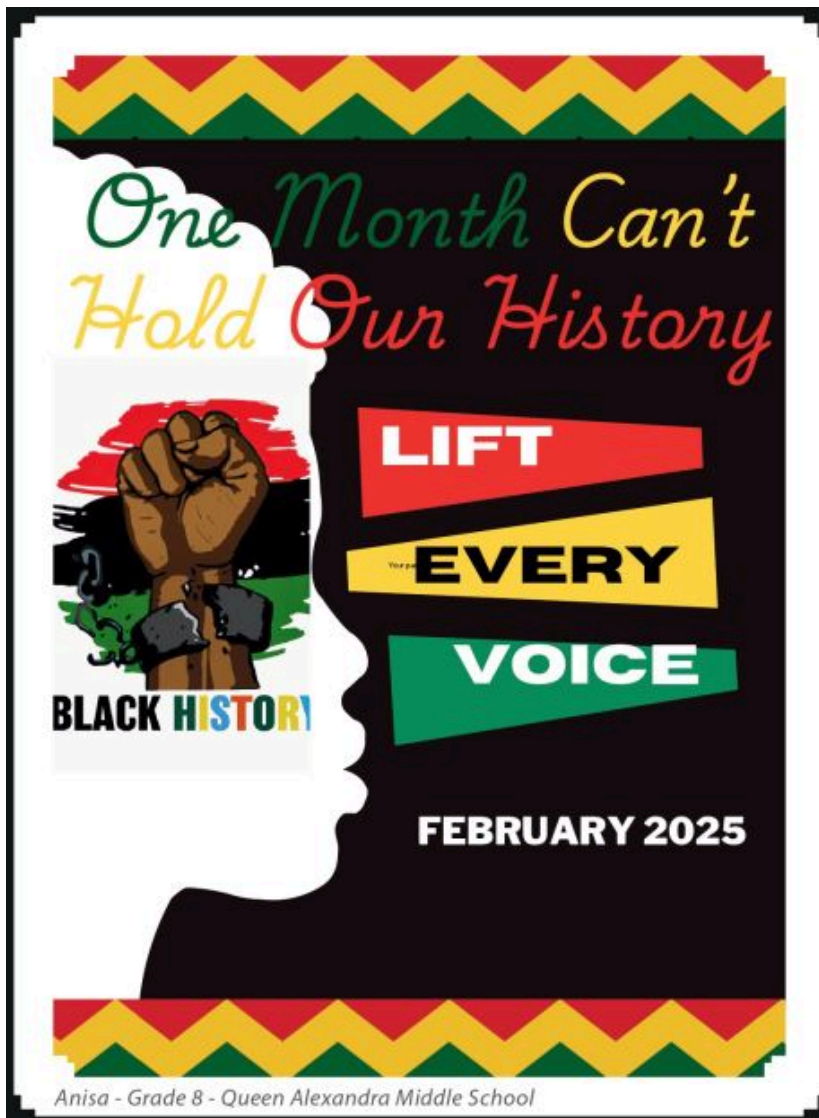
Ward 11 Trustee: Shelley Laskin

Principal: Janet Bambrick

Vice Principal: Katalin Roughton-Paré

Office Administrator: Renee Cronier

Secretary: Vasiliki Gloris



Anisa - Grade 8 - Queen Alexandra Middle School

## IMPORTANT DATES

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

- FEBRUARY 25- 7PM

### ARTISTS IN MOTION

- NEW DATE TBD

### GRADE 6 SHELDON TRIP

- FEBRUARY 19-21

### GRADES 4-8 SKI TRIP

- MARCH 6

### MARCH BREAK

- MARCH 10-17

### EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

- APRIL 18
- APRIL 21

# BESSBOROUGH STUDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

As previous Newsletters have stated, the BAC is planning a lot of different activities/events to dispel the winter gloom. We will provide information for all of the things we are planning here so that you can know in advance.

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

The Special Events team, a sub-committee of the BAC, has planned a number of activities for the month of February.

On **February 21**, we will be hosting a kahoot for the entire school. We will host different ones for the Primary, Junior, and Intermediate grades to ensure fairness. Themes for the Kahoot are still to be decided.

On **February 28**, we will be hosting a bingo game in the afternoon for all classes who want to participate. There will be prizes for the winners.



As well, Bessborough will be participating in the **Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart** during the week of **March 3rd-7th** during gym classes. **Our school fundraising goal is \$5000!** We will be sharing information on how to donate very soon.

## INTRAMURALS:

A thank you to all of the Grade 4s who came to intramurals today. This is a reminder that our next meeting will be on **Feb 21**.

## PALS:

The BAC will play games in the big gym with students in Grade 3 during the afternoon recess on Mondays and Wednesdays.





# 2025 WARD 11 BY-ELECTION

The Ward 11 by-election is just around the corner! Election day is Monday, March 3, with advance voting taking place February 22 and 23. Eligible voters can also register for Mail-in Voting before February 6.

Residents in TDSB Ward 11 can vote for your Trustee if you are a Canadian citizen, at least 18 years old, and a public school supporter. Eligible voters are encouraged to use MyVote to confirm you are on the voters' list, add or update your voter information, check where you vote, and more.

Please explore the links below or visit the City of Toronto's 2025 Ward 11 By-Election webpage for more information.



## 2025 By-election for Trustee Toronto District School Board Ward 11 (Don Valley West)

<b>Vote by Mail</b> Apply by 4:30 p.m. February 6	<b>Advance Voting</b> February 22 & 23 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	<b>Election Day</b> March 3 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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**Did you Know?** The boundaries of Toronto District School Board Ward 11 are the same as the boundaries of the City of Toronto Ward 15, Don Valley West.

**Your City. Your Vote.**  
[toronto.ca/ByElection](https://toronto.ca/ByElection)



**You can vote for Trustee, TDSB Ward 11 (Don Valley West) if you are:**

- an English public school supporter; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- at least 18 years old; and
- a resident in TDSB Ward 11; or
- a non-resident in the city of Toronto, but you or your spouse own or rent residential property in TDSB Ward 11; and
- not prohibited from voting under any law.

Get on the voters' list before 4:30 p.m. on February 6 at [toronto.ca/MyVote](https://toronto.ca/MyVote).

### Vote by Mail

Apply to vote by mail before 4:30 p.m. on February 6 at [toronto.ca/VoteByMail](https://toronto.ca/VoteByMail) or call 311 to learn more.

Once your Mail-in Voting application is processed you will be sent a package. Completed packages must be received by February 24 at noon (12 p.m.).

### Vote in Person

Vote early during the advance voting weekend on February 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

You can vote at one of two voting places:

- **York Mills Collegiate Institute**, 490 York Mills Rd.
- **Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute**, 135 Overlea Blvd.

### Election day is Monday, March 3

Vote at your assigned voting place from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Find details at [toronto.ca/MyVote](https://toronto.ca/MyVote) or call 311.



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# BESSBOROUGH E&M SCHOOL COUNCIL

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next School Council meeting is around the corner. **Join us on February 19 at 7pm.**

Your voice matters! This is a great opportunity to stay informed, share your thoughts, and hear directly from our principal on important school updates. Whether you're a veteran Bessborough parent or new to the school, your participation helps shape the school experience for our students.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### OUR BOOK SWAP IS BACK!

The Great Bessborough Book Swap, where you can bring a book, take a book, and share the love of reading with friends and classmates is back!

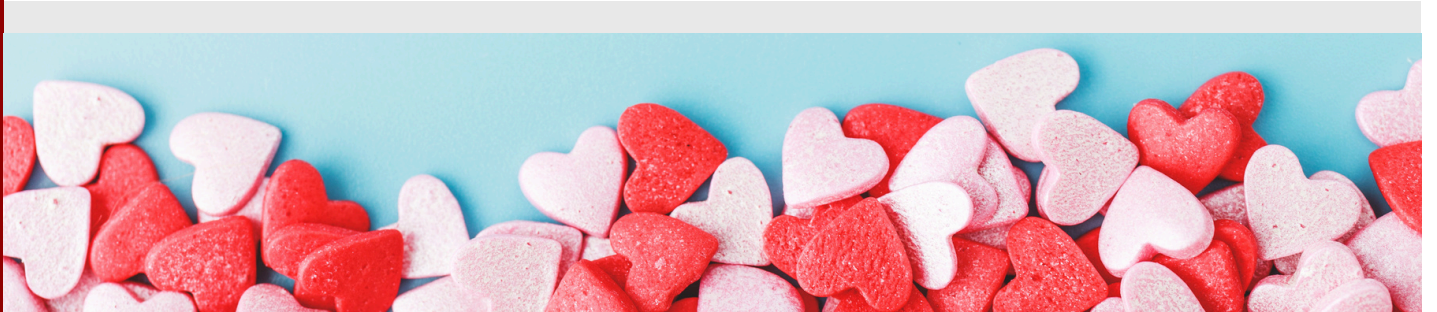
#### How It Works:

- Donate a max of 2 (good condition) books on **Feb 24th or Feb 25th** to your child's homeroom teacher
- Get 1 ticket for your donation
- Use your ticket at the Swap on **Feb 27th**

Got Qs? Email [Rachel](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11 FEB** TUESDAY  
Report Cards Go Home
- 14 FEB** FRIDAY  
PA Day - No School
- 17 FEB** MONDAY  
Family Day - No School
- 20 FEB** THURSDAY  
**Parent Social:** Ladies Night
- 24 FEB** MONDAY  
Book Swap Donations Due
- 25 FEB** TUESDAY  
School Council Meeting-7 PM
- 26 FEB** WEDNESDAY  
Pizza Lunch
- 27 FEB** THURSDAY  
Bessborough Book Swap



#### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for our 2nd Annual **Great Bessborough Book Swap** on **February 27th**

#### 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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### OUR LATEST SPIRIT WEAR DROP IS HERE!

**We're Open for Business!** Our latest spirit wear drop is now **LIVE** - including this years **Grad Hoodies**. Plus, for everyone who's been asking we've also included school spirit wear in this round of orders.

Show your school pride and place your order today. Don't miss out!

**ORDER TODAY**



### FEB 20 IS LADIES NIGHT OUT!

Join us on February 20 from 7-9pm! Leave bedtime behind and meet us at The Daughter, where the only thing you'll be picking up is a glass of wine, not a stray LEGO. There are only 50 tix available, so lock in yours today!

How to secure your spot:

- Sign up to secure your spot [here](#)
- etransfer \$60 to [Robyn Rider](#)

### MAYFAIR IS COMING!

Hard to believe that MayFair planning has started, and we need your help! We are seeking donations for our highly anticipated silent auction. Do you have tickets to events, valuable services, or high-value items you can contribute? Your generous donation can make a significant difference.

Get in touch with [Aimee](#)

