

BESSBOROUGH BUZZ

The Bessborough E&MS Newsletter

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BESSBOROUGH 1923 - 2023 ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

BESSBOROUGH 100TH

Save the Date for Bessborough's 100th Anniversary Celebration on **Thursday, April 18th from 5-8pm.**

Decade rooms, performances by the choirs and bands, and videos from alumni of their remembrances of Bessborough will be part of the celebrations!

We are looking for volunteers who can help with the planning and organization of this event. Please contact Janet.Bambrick@tdsb.on.ca if you are able to help. The next meetings of the 100th planning committee will be:

- Wednesday, Feb. 7
- Wednesday, Feb. 21
- Monday, Feb. 26

All meetings are at 11:40 am.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEB 7

- 100TH COMMITTEE MEETING

FEB 9

- BESSBOROUGH CAFE

LOOKING AHEAD

- FEB 13-REPORTS GO HOME
- FEB 16-PA DAY-NO SCHOOL
- FEB 19-FAMILY DAY-NO SCHOOL
- FEB.27-AFRICAN HERITAGE ASSEMBLY
- FEB 28 - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING, 7PM
- MARCH 1-SKI TRIP (G.4-8)
- APRIL 18 - 100TH CELEBRATION
- MAY 25 - MAYFAIR



AFRICAN HERITAGE (BLACK HISTORY) MONTH

During the month of February, African Heritage (Black History) Month is recognized across Canada thanks to The Honourable MP Jean Augustine, who introduced the motion in the House of Commons in December 1995; it officially took effect in February 1996. Bessborough will be having an African Heritage/Black History Month assembly on **Tuesday, February 27th at 1:30 pm**. Parents/Guardians are invited to this assembly where they will see student presentations as well as a performance by Joaquin Nunez Hidalgo and his ensemble.

CHINESE HERITAGE MONTH

TDSB's Chinese Heritage Month is proudly recognized in February each year. This year we celebrate the *Year of the Dragon: Majesty, Brilliance, Confidence, Leadership*. Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most important celebrations for Chinese communities around the world. Lunar New Year is celebrated annually, and its dates are based on the lunar calendar. For 2024, it starts Saturday, February 10 and ends Saturday, February 24. The festivities include family gatherings, decorations, and of course a feast! Bessborough will be celebrating Chinese Heritage Month in the classroom in student learning. We also have a planned performance for students by Chinese Dragon dancers for later in the 2nd term. More information about this performance and an invitation for caregivers to join us will be shared soon.





The Valentine's Day Candy Gram Fundraiser

We are pleased to announce that The Student Engagement Committee organizes **The Valentine's Day Candy Gram Fundraiser** in support of the **Sick Kids Foundation**

February 9 (lunch, room 31) : Grades 2 and up

February 13: (lunch, room 31) Kindergarten and Grade 1s

Send a candy gram to a friend or buy one for yourself.

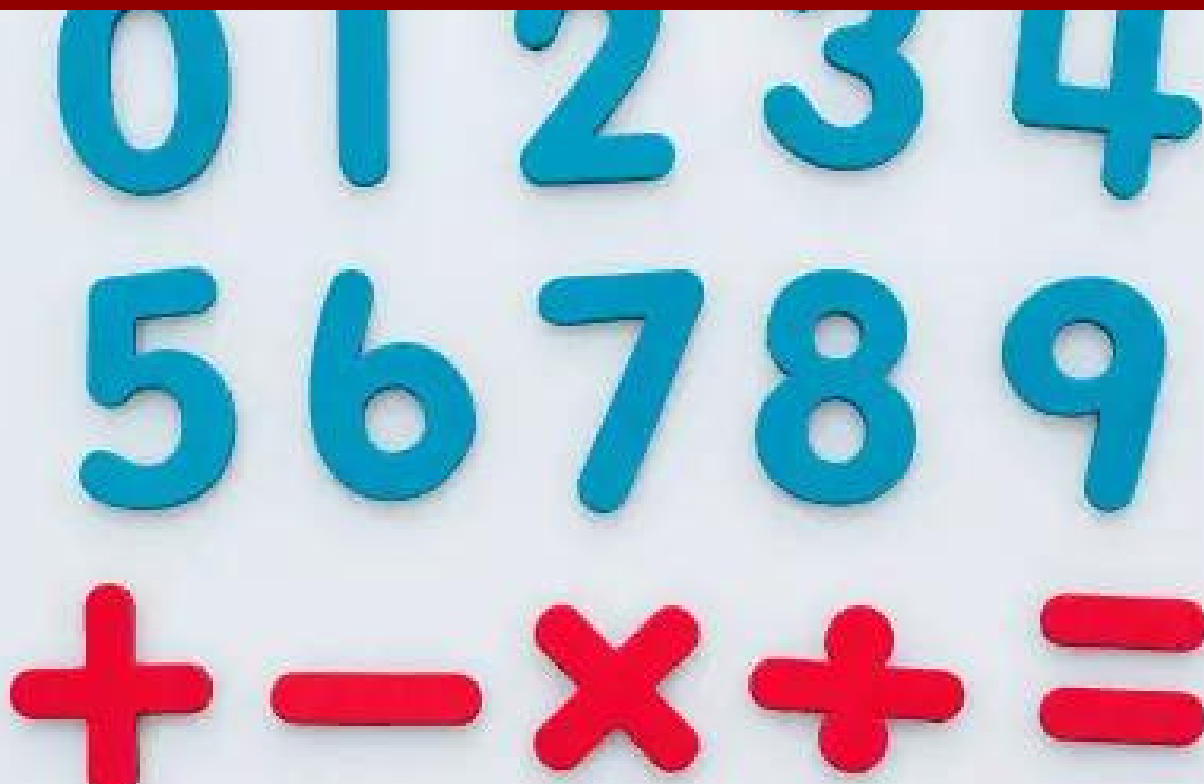


We will sell: sour keys, peanut free Valentine's Day cookies, marshmallow twists and popcorn

*allergies and ingredients information will be shared with homeroom teachers

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BUILDING MATHEMATICAL MINDS

A VIRTUAL SESSION FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Building Mathematical Minds Part 1 takes place on **Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Building Mathematical Minds presentation will provide parents/caregivers with strategies to make learning math at home a positive experience for everyone.

Parents/caregivers will be able to understand the math their children are learning at school, learn different ways to approach a math problem, and feel more confident in supporting their children with their homework.

Please **register for the session**. For more information, please contact, TDSB Community Support Worker, Donna.Cardoz@tdsb.on.ca.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – FEB

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February 2024.

- Children who will be 4 by December 31, 2024, are eligible to start Junior Kindergarten in September 2024.
- New registrations are completed through TDSB's Online Registration
- For more information, [please visit the TDSB's Registration web page.](#)

TRUSTEE RACHEL CHERNOS LIN-WARD 11

VIRTUAL WARD FORUM-FEBRUARY 8

An evening of learning about Mathematics and Numeracy at the TDSB and Ward 11 Schools featuring presentations by:

- Denise Humphreys, System Superintendent, Mathematics
- Sherryl Vroom, FDK Teacher, and Samantha Wanniarachchi DECE, Maurice Cody Junior Public School
- **Karen Ho, Bessborough Drive Elementary and Middle School – Grade 3 Teacher**
- Winona Magno, Thorncliffe Park Public School – Grade 4/5 Teacher
- Steve Pugh, Hodgson Middle School – Grade 6-8 Teacher

Please Register Here: <http://tinyurl.com/294k7kc5>

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BESSBOROUGH E&M SCHOOL COUNCIL

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MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Brace yourselves for a whirlwind of fun at our upcoming in school and social events – Trivia Night, Book Swap, Mayfair, and more.

Be sure to follow us on [Instagram](#) for everything you need to know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

30
JAN

Tuesday
Grade 7/8 Hockey Tryouts

31
JAN

Wednesday - 6pm
Early Literacy Night
[RVSP HERE](#)

31
JAN

Wednesday
Pizza Lunch

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

28
FEB

Wednesday - 7pm
School Council Meeting

MAYFAIR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Calling all parents! Join us for our biggest fundraising event, Mayfair. If you are interested in being **part of the planning committee, we need your help!** Email [Charlotte Fleming](#) and help make a lasting impact on our school community.

Mayfair will be on **May 25 10-3pm**
Stay tuned for updates.



SPRINT WEAR

Get your Grad Hoodie and/or Toque before it's too late.
[Order today](#)

GET INVOLVED

Get involved and help us make a difference in our school and community.
[Sign up here](#)

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GET YOUR SPIRIT WEAR BEFORE IT'S TO LATE

Final call for the ultimate graduation style!

Celebrate your graduate with our **limited edition grad hoodie**. This year's hoodie was designed by our graduating class. Act fast, this is your last chance to make their celebration truly special.

ORDER NOW



Bessborough Toques are also still available!

There is still a lot of winter left! Get your **Limited Edition Bessborough Pom Toque** and support **our school today!** Act quickly – limited stock available. Don't miss out on the chance to elevate your child's winter wardrobe!



ORDER NOW

WHY SHOULD YOU GET YOUR SPIRIT WEAR?

Every purchase of our spirit wear directly fuels the flame of education. 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.

Special thank you to Ali Lort, who has graciously volunteered her time to drive stylish school spirit into our hallways.