

BESSBOROUGH BUZZ

The Bessborough E&MS Newsletter

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Each year, students at Bessborough learn about the importance of Remembrance Day and the contributions of Canadians, past and present, who have served for our country. Students learn about Remembrance Day through story, art and writing as well as in our annual assembly. A big thank-you to Mr. McMillan who organized this year's assembly with performances by Bessborough's Primary, Junior and Senior choirs as well as readings by students, including Ms. Ciobanu's Grade 8 class reading a selection of telegrams that had been sent home to Canada during World War II.

Bessborough students have also been involved in "The Poppy Project", a partnership with Millwood Retirement Home. Students write personal messages of thanks on paper poppies to veterans who have served. The poppies are displayed outside of Millwood Retirement Home. Students in Ms Ho's grade 3 class were delighted to share their writing for this project with Global News and Susan Hay. You can see the story [here](#). Thanks to Ms. Ho for her preparation of students for this news story.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 14

- BEAVER COMPUTING CHALLENGE
- PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME

NOVEMBER 17

- PA DAY-PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

NOVEMBER 20

- 100TH COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 29

- SCREEN TIME PRESENTATION
6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 30

- LEASIDE OPEN HOUSE 6:30 PM



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**SCREEN TIME PRESENTATION WITH
JANINE LAWFORD—NOVEMBER 29 AT 6:30 PM
USE THIS LINK: ZOOM**



Screen Time/Social Media in Families

More on Screens and Social
Media in Families: Security,
Rules etc...What every parent
should know...

November 29th, 2023 630pm to
730pm

[https://tdsb-
ca.zoom.us/j/94717496435](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94717496435)

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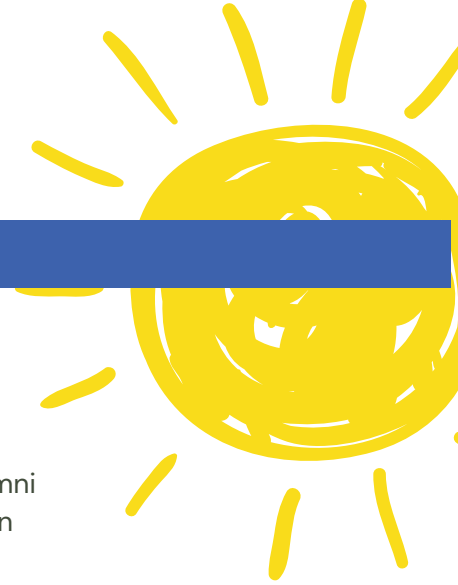
BEYOND GRADE 8 PLANNING

Listed below is important information, including deadlines, for Grade 8 to Grade 9 transition planning for families:

November

- Central Student Interest Program Online Application is available (November 6, 2023)
 - Central Student Interest Program Application Support
 - Deadline to submit the Central Student Interest Program Online Application (4:00 p.m. on November 24, 2023)
 - Attend your Elementary School Transition Event (if applicable)
 - Attend the [Secondary School Open Houses and Information Nights](#)
 - Research [Secondary Central Student Interest Programs](#), [Alternative Schools](#) and [Local Programs](#) in the TDSB
 - Review the [Beyond 8 - Grade 8 to 9 Transitions Resources](#)
 - Students with [special education](#) needs for whom a change in setting or program is being considered for grade 9 should be discussed at the School Support Team (SST) meeting (this meeting will occur with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the SST)
- Parent/Teacher interviews
Complete Individual Pathways Plan task(s)

Note that Bessborough Grade 8 students will also have an opportunity to visit Lakeside High School on November 1. Grade 8 teachers will be sending more information when it is available.



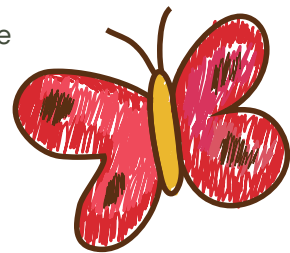
BESSBOROUGH 100TH COMMITTEE

The 100th committee is made up of Bessborough staff, students, and families. Our next meeting will be on November 20th at 11:40 AM. We are looking for more families and Alumni who are interested in celebrating this important event. We are working towards having an Open House, displaying our archives and student learning in April. Please email janet.bambrick@tdsb.on.ca if you are able to attend the meeting.

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION–JK ENTRY

The entry point to Early French Immersion is Junior Kindergarten. It is an entirely online process. All communication will be sent via the email address you provide. Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders. Also, please note that Bessborough Drive **does not** offer French Immersion programs. Families who choose this program will be offered a spot in another school.

To apply, please visit the application site www.tdsb.on.ca/pars. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2023.





BESSBOROUGH E&M SCHOOL COUNCIL

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CALLING ALL GRADE 7 PARENTS

Join us on **October 25 from 7-9pm at Leaside Pub for our annual Grade 7 Welcome Social**, hosted by Sabahat Khuram. It's the perfect time to connect with fellow parents and extend a warm welcome to our new Bessborough families. We look forward to seeing you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

23
OCT

Monday 8-8:40am
Cross Country Practice

25
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Wednesday AM
Centennial Park Meet

25
OCT

Wednesday
Pizza Lunch

25
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Wednesday 7-9pm
Gr. 7 Welcome Social at Leaside Pub

30
OCT

Monday
Picture Day

MR. IVAN NEEDS OUR HELP!

Join us in creating endless fun on the playground! Mr. Ivan is on a mission to assemble the ultimate recess cart, but he needs your support. We're looking for affordable volleyballs, footballs, and four square balls to keep our kids active and entertained during recess.

Your contribution makes a big difference! Drop off your donated balls at the Office, and let's make recess the highlight of their day. Thank you for your generosity



PICTURE DAY

Picture day is **Oct 30th** looking forward to seeing all of Bessborough smile!

GET INVOLVED

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

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