

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events October

- ◆ X-Country Meets
- Oct. 16, 25
- ◆ P.A. Day - Oct. 5
- ◆ Thanksgiving - Oct. 8
- ◆ Home & School Meeting - Oct. 9
- ◆ Sr. Girls Touch Football Tournament
- Oct. 12
- ◆ Gr. 7/8 Parent Information Evening
- October 23
- ◆ Photo Day - Oct. 24

BAC Announcement ~ Terry Fox Foundation

The Bessborough Athletic Council (BAC) is pleased to announce that as of Friday morning, Bessborough has raised \$8232.50 for the Terry Fox Foundation. This includes cash, cheques and online donations. Congratulations to our students and thank you for the pledges! As a result we will proceed with a school dance in addition to Pajama Day and Pie-a-BAC-member-in-the-Face events.

Details about the school dance and other proceedings will be communicated shortly.

Birthday Celebrations at School

Bessborough staff recently discussed discontinuing birthday treats or loot bags during the school year. Not all students celebrate their birthday from September 4th to June 27 which creates an equity issue. We also discussed concerns for student safety and are mindful of various allergies and food sensitivities.

Various alternate ways to mark students' birthdays will occur in our classrooms. This includes possibly assigning the child celebrating a birthday as the special helper that day, having the child wear a birthday crown or having the class sing to the child. Teachers might also have classmates write compliments to the birthday child. Your child is also welcome to bring in and share their favourite storybook as a read aloud with the class. A book donation (gently used or new) to the classroom in your child's name is another option.

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team

Congratulations, you made Bessborough very proud at Earl Bales Park on October 4th and we hope that you are all proud of yourselves! Your hard work at practises really paid off! Over 140 runners participated in the meet! If your child (grades 3-8) placed in the top 40 runners they will be moving on to the next race on **Tuesday October 16 at Earl Bales Park**. Some runners may also qualify if they are one of the top 5 runners of a top four school team. We will confirm with all participants as soon as the official results come in. Thanks also to teachers and parent-drivers!

ECO Club ~ Great Turnout!

Thank you to the 40-plus students who turned out for the first Eco Club meeting of the year on October 2nd. Please meet Ms. Jain in the Library on Tuesday after you eat your lunch for the next meeting.

Note: Students have been asked to complete a small project (use recycled paper to create a poster highlighting a recycling tip). Regular attendance is expected.

Teacher Contact: meera.jain@tdsb.on.ca

Wellness Club ~ Attention Intermediate Students

Attention Grade 7 and Grade 8 students who are looking for a leadership opportunity. Ms. Buksner and Mr. Chang are looking to start up our Wellness Club next week. We will be trying something different this year, so if you are looking for an opportunity to support our community please come to the library at lunch on Tuesday October 9th! See you there!

Teacher Contacts: sarah.buksner@tdsb.on.ca and william.chang@tdsb.on.ca

Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team Tryouts

Any male students in Grades 7 or 8 interested in playing on the intermediate volleyball team are invited to our first tryout on Wednesday October 10th at 7:45 in the large gym.

Teacher Contact: mark.king@tdsb.on.ca

Senior Girls Touch Football Tournament

Our Bessborough Senior Girls Touch Football team will participate in a tournament on Friday October 12th. Thank you to Mr. Irvine for your coaching support and expertise. We would also like to thank Ms. Craig, Mr. Tzanetakis and Mr. Irvine, our parent-volunteer drivers.

Location: Highland Middle School (201 Cliffwood Road)
<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/highland/>

Game 1: 10:25 a.m.

Game 2: 12:10 p.m.

Teacher Contact: trifon.pantopoulos@tdsb.on.ca

1st Home & School Meeting - Tuesday October 9th at 7:30 in the Library

Please join us for our first Home & School meeting of the year. Find out what the Home & School is about and this year's team, as they will provide the opening remarks. Meet the Principal, Pat Broderick, as she will present the school's 2018/2019 Improvement Plan. ***Babysitting will be provided in the mini gym.***

Lunch Programs - Activities Galore

Bessborough will be offering amazing lunchtime programs again this fall! Your children can explore with art, blast off with Lego Space, Hop with a Bunny, Go Mad with Science or Check-your-mate in Chess! For more information, go to the "Lunch Activities Programs" page on the Home & School website under the "Activities and Events" tab. Sign up today to avoid disappointment!

If you have questions, please contact: Kozue Schmidt
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Lost & Found

Has your child lost their favourite hoodie? While you are attending the Home and School meeting, check out the Lost & Found clothing rack located just outside the office. All clothing that is not claimed will be donated to those in need. If you have any questions please contact Leila Baghdadi at baghdadi.leila@gmail.com.

Get Involved and Bring Your Ideas! STEM, Arts, Sports?

How would YOU like to see funds raised by your H&S allocated in the school? As an H&S Member, you can have a say in where the funds will be spent. You are among our community of families that decide how to invest our fundraising dollars in the school. This vote will be held at the **November 13** General Meeting, but first...we need your ideas.

If you would like to submit a proposal for spending, please see the request form on the H&S website: <http://www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com/> and send to Robyn Israel robyneisrael@gmail.com by October 19th. In the past, funds have gone toward improvement of the kindergarten playground, provision of learning tools like technology for next gen learning accommodating all learners, books and reading programs, new musical instruments, and specialty programming in arts, sciences, and special performances.

Leaside Men with Axes 3rd Annual Fundraiser

Don't miss out! Axe Throwing Tournaments are the hottest new sport and now you can try it too! The tournament is run by the original BATL Axe Throwing Company.

Saturday, October 27th, 5:30 pm at the Amsterdam Brewery - \$85 per ticket.

Includes: Axe throwing instruction, tournament, delicious BBQ dinner and Silent - Live Auction. Approximately \$30k in auction items and prizes. Not only do the proceeds from this event support Bessborough School but they also support the H&S community charity outreach initiatives such as bringing the Empower Reading Program to another TDSB school in need.

To purchase tickets go to: menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca

**** If you are interested in helping we could always use help in sponsorship and operations (prizes between \$250-\$500 retail values). Silent Auction Items Needed! ****

The silent and live auction is a huge part of the night and we need you!! Can you leverage some of your abilities, contacts and workplaces for ideas such as:

- Box Seats for events
- Products like running shoes, jerseys, sports memorabilia
- Professional services like Lawyers (Help creating a will), Personal Trainers (family boot camp), Home organizing (make things easier to find!)

For more info email please contact the hosts: Tyler Lang tyler@wdcaptital.ca
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Chad Iwata chad.iwata@hsbc.ca

Catered lunch service - ready when you are!

Check out the **Lunch Lady's** menu for nutritious and delicious options! The service runs on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** (except Pizza Lunch days). Registration is easy. Just follow these steps:

1. Go to www.lunchlady.ca and click ORDER NOW and continue to click through to the login screen.
2. Select "Register Now" and fill in the required Account Holder information and submit. You will receive a Welcome email indicating your set up was successful.
3. Then proceed to "My Students" and select "Add a Student" function and continue to set up account for your child(ren).
4. You are now ready to select "Schedule my meals" and order. Pay by Mastercard or Visa via a secure 3rd party partner. No credit information is stored on the website.



Kindie Wine & Cheese - November 1st 7:30 - 10:30 pm

Calling all Kindie parents! If you missed the Kindie Coffee because you and/or your child are not a morning person? Or you had such a great time at the Kindie coffee that you want take it up a notch...your event is here! Enjoy cocktails and conversation outside of the yard! The Kindergarten Wine & Cheese Welcome has been confirmed for November 1st from 7:30-10:30pm. This is a wonderful chance to chat with other parents and Bessborough staff over a few drinks and great food in a relaxing environment. This year, this event will be hosted by Heather and Peter Bolt.

Appreciation Corner

A belated thank you to Lauren Morgan who made herself available at the very last moment to help out with the Lice Check two weeks ago. Sorry you were missed in last week's shoutouts.

Home & School would also like to thank Julie Waspe, Kozue Schmidt and Lisa Weekes for stepping up to the take on the role as Lunch Program (Activities) leads. These incredible Moms have put together a wide range of lunch time programming options for our kids at lightning speed, all just in time for the colder days that approach.

Sub Lunch Feedback

**Parents please check with your children that they had no order discrepancies with their sub lunch order on Monday, October 1st. It was our first day and we are still working out the kinks with our new local provider, *Subway*. ** Please contact cabrina.skillen@gmail.com if needed.



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October 9th – First Home & School Meeting in the Library

October 25th – First Pizza Lunch

October 27th – Social Series: Leaside Men with Axes
menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca

November 1st – Kindie Parent Wine and Cheese