

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events October

- ◆ X-Country Meets
- Oct. 4, 16, 25
- ◆ P.A. Day - Oct. 5
- ◆ Thanksgiving - Oct. 8
- ◆ Jr. Girls Soccer
Tournament Oct. 19
- ◆ Gr. 7/8 Parent
Information Evening
- October 23
- ◆ Photo Day - Oct. 24

Curriculum Night Thank You

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Curriculum Night on Thursday September 27th.

We are looking forward to an amazing year, working as partners with parents, guardians and the Bessborough community to provide the very best learning opportunities to our students.

Thanks also to our Bessborough staff for preparing detailed, informative presentations for Curriculum Night.

Letter from Trustee Gershon

Please read the Back-to-School letter from our local Trustee, Gerri Gershon. The letter contains key information and resources for parents, with a goal of increasing awareness among students, parents/guardians and community members about the role of school board trustees.

Best wishes to Trustee Gershon who has shared that she has decided not to seek re-election.

Guidance at Bessborough EMS

Bianca Angheloni will be at Bessborough EMS every **Monday morning, Wednesday afternoon and all day on Thursday** throughout the school year. She can be reached by phone at Bessborough, or at the email address below.

Email: bianca.angheloni@tdsb.on.ca

The Terry Fox Run has been a huge success again this year. We had a fantastic day to run/walk with the Bessborough students. To date, our online Terry Fox Run fundraising total has reached \$4166.00! Our goal for this year is \$7500.00

Please bring in any outstanding Pledge Sheets by Monday October 1st. The online fundraising will remain open for those who would like to donate.

Thank you!
The Terry Fox Team

Junior Girls 5/6 Soccer

Thank you to all students who tried out for the Junior Girls 5/6 Soccer Team. The team has been selected and practises begin on Monday October 1st. Thank you, Mr. Quigg for your coaching support.

Practises will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. Please meet Ms. Ho at the Gym at 8:00 a.m. to walk over to Trace Manes Park, located at 110 Rumsey Road.

Note: Our first tournament will take place on Friday October 19th at Bessborough EMS.
Teacher Contact: Karen Ho [karen.ho@tdsb.on.ca]

ECO Club

The ECO Club, a full year initiative will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday October 2nd in the Library. Students will eat their lunch first and meet Ms. Jain in the Library afterwards.

Note: Students will be asked to complete a small project and regular attendance is expected.

Teacher Contact: Meera Jain [meera.jain@tdsb.on.ca]

Guidance Update about Grade 8 to 9 Transitions ~ Bianca Angheloni

Grade 8 students will be working on “Choices for Nine”, their transition program to Grade 9 throughout the year. The introduction to the program begins in early October. I will be making regular visits to the Grade 8 classes to ensure that information goes out in a timely manner.

As an introduction to the “Choices for Nine” program, there will be a parent information evening at **Bessborough Drive EMS on Tuesday, October 23 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.**

It is highly recommended that all families of Grade 8 students attend this very important meeting. This session will provide information about key dates, timelines, Optional Attendance procedures, Secondary School programs and requirements, Secondary School Open House dates and times, Course Selection and much more. ***Grade 7 parents are encouraged to attend as well.***

Meet Your Home & School Team!

We're pleased to introduce you to your 2018/ 2019 Home & School Executive. We very much appreciate the time, thoughtfulness and energy our parents give to the school, they all deserve a pat on the back. Please give this team an extra smile of appreciation as they've signed up to lead the events, create communication, prepare volunteers, and manage the mounds of paperwork for what we'll accomplish this year.

Chair* - Vacant

Past Chair* - Robyn Israel

Secretary* - Laura Rumble

Treasurer - Lisa Suutari

Communication - Linna Chercover and Susan Jamieson

Fundraising - Cabrina Skillen and Lauren Morgan

Divisional Representative* - Alison Steinman

Kindergarten Rep - Heather Zimcik, Andrea Jeffrey

Primary Rep (1-3) - Jacqui Dickens

Junior Rep (4-6) - Jennifer Avveduto

Intermediate (7&8) - Jennifer Peel, Triina Forbell, Ashuna Khan, Alexandra Lane and Tara Marshall

Volunteer Coordinator - Christine Davis

Pizza Lunch Lead - Lisa Jones

Pizza lunch team - Janet Embir, Joanna Bancroft, Lilly Delic, Shawna Hogan, Andrea Jeffrey and Laura Rumble

Sub Lunch and Catered lunch lead - Cabrina Skillen

For simplicity and consistency, Bessborough H&S is a combination of two groups - School Council (provincially mandated) and Home & School.

****The positions with the asterisks are elected School Council positions.***

Due to the fact that Robyn has reached the end of her two-year term and no there were no Chair or Co-Chair nominations, Home & School will be operating at a reduced capacity. We look forward to welcoming one or two parents in the Chair roles at any point during the school year. We thank Robyn for all of her tireless efforts over the years and helping to ensure we have a fabulous group of parent volunteers with a wealth of knowledge and experience that keeps the H&S running like a well-oiled machine!

1st Home & School Meeting: Tuesday, October 9th at 7.30 in the Library

Please join us for our first Home and School meeting of the year. Find out what the Home & School is all about, as they will be providing the opening remarks. Meet the Principal, Pat Broderick as she will be presenting Bessborough's 2018/2019 School Improvement Plan. Babysitting will be provided.

Get Involved and Bring Your Ideas!

As a Home & School Member, you are among a community of families that decide how to invest our fundraising dollars in the school. This vote will be at the **November 13** General Meeting, but first...we need your ideas. The funds are to go towards one-off items (i.e. not operational expenses) and in the past have gone to enhance the kindergarten playground, provide learning tools like technology for next generation learning accommodating all learners, books and reading programs, new musical instruments, a fun science day, and arts education and performances.

If you would like to submit a proposal for spending, please see the Disbursement Guidelines and request form on the H&S website: bessboroughhomeandschool.com Please note, that to be included in this year's Enrichment Budget, forms must be received no later than **October 19th**. Submit forms to our Past Chair Robyn Israel (robyneisrael@gmail.com).

The proposed budget will be distributed in advance of the meeting via this Bulletin. Again - to vote, you must be a member of H&S. If you don't have your membership yet, you can get the form by clicking [here](#) or go to the H&S website under the tab, About Us>Membership.

Reminder! First Sub Lunch this Monday!



For those students who have signed up for Sub lunches, the first day for Sub Lunch is this Monday October 1st.

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 value). 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
Shane Skillen shane.skillen@hotspx.com
Chad Iwata chad.iwata@hsbc.ca

Tired of the complaints about what was packed for lunch yet?

Check out the **Lunch Lady's** menu for nutritious and delicious options!

The service will run on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** (except Pizza Lunch days) starting *now* - 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.

Lunch Program

Please stay tuned...we are thrilled to announce three fabulous parents have stepped up to take on this role. More details to come.

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

Remy Basu and Tyler Lang, Sherry Robertson and Paul Nazar, Ginny Clark Hicks and Scott Hicks - thank you all for opening up your homes and graciously hosting the annual Street Crawl. Apparently, it was a blast!

Home & School would also like to thank Julie Waspe, Kozue Kawasaki, and Lisa Weekes for stepping up to the take on the role as lunch program (activities) heads. We look forward to being able to offer the kids some unique lunchtime programming as we have in previous years.

A very successful Grade 7 meet and greet is in the books. Many thanks to Triina Forbell, Jennifer Peel, Pat Broderick, Fran Themeliopoulos, Mr. Casey, and Mr. Day for making it a great night.

Thank you to Jen Avveduto for stepping in at the very last minute, to help out at Lice Check.



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Tell me more..... Visit our website for *What's Happening Now* at www.homeandschool.com Also, follow us on Instagram and get messages about events, when forms are due, and pictures of the fun goings-on at Bessborough and more!



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

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

November 1st – Kindie Parent Wine and Cheese