

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events September-October

- ◆ Curriculum Night
- Sept. 27
- ◆ Terry Fox Run/Walk
- Sept. 28
(Rain date: Oct. 1)
- ◆ Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 28
- ◆ X-Country Meets
- Oct. 4, 16, 25
- ◆ P.A. Day - Oct. 5
- ◆ Thanksgiving - Oct. 8

Curriculum Night ~ Thursday September 27th

This is a great opportunity to find out about class and school routines, student expectations and ways to support your child. Since it is early in the school year, teacher presentations will be about curriculum and classes as a whole. It is not possible to discuss individual students on this evening. As always, if you have concerns you would like to discuss, feel free to contact your child's teacher via email. We strongly advise that students remain at home as presentations are aimed specifically at parents. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

6:30 – Welcome and opening remarks in the Gym.

6:45 – Presentation 1 (Locations to be announced.)

7:15 – Presentation 2

7:45 – Announcement to end the evening.

Orange Shirt Day ~ Friday September 28th

On Friday September 28, Bessborough EMS students will recognize **Orange Shirt Day** alongside the **Terry Fox Run/Walk**.

Orange Shirt Day is an annual event that started in 2013 to recognize the legacy of the Residential school system for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. It is a show of support and understanding of the history of the school system that impacts many First Nations, Métis and Inuit families today.

The phrase “**Every Child Matters**” reminds everyone that children are such an important and integral part of our communities and that they are our future generations of change makers. By wearing orange, we have an opportunity to bring awareness to the history of residential schools and to stand up against other injustices that may impact our children/students.

Sincerely,

Bianca Angheloni
TDSB Guidance Counsellor

Home & School Social Series Events

Street Crawl! This Saturday September 22!

Don't despair, tickets are still available. This annual event is a good ole' neighbourhood bar hop and a great time to make some new school friends.

Tickets are \$65 each.

Proceeds from this event go to Bessborough Home and School. You are invited to arrive at the first address at **7:30pm**. Please contact Cabrina at cabrina.skillen@gmail.com to purchase tickets.

Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night

Got a kid in grade 7? You are invited to come mingle and meet Patricia Broderick, Principal, and Frances Themeliopoulos, Vice Principal, as well as the teachers, and other grade 7 parents at The Leaside Pub on Laird Drive, on September 25th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. **See you there!**



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.

Purchase Includes: Axe throwing instruction, tournament, delicious BBQ dinner, and Silent - Live Auction. Approximately \$30k in auction items and prizes and all proceeds support Bessborough School.

No throwing experience preferred

For more information please contact the hosts:

Tyler Lang
Shane Skillen
Chad Iwata

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chad.iwata@hsbc.ca

To purchase tickets go to: menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca

Bessborough Movie-Making Club

Have you heard about the **Bessborough Movie-Making Club**? The first meeting of the year will take place on Thursday September 27th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and is open to all students in Grades 4 to 8.

Come prepared to turn your ideas into this year's new batch of films!

Teacher contacts: Tina Reid (tina.reid@tdsb.on.ca) & Mark King (mark.king@tdsb.on.ca)

Terry Fox Run - September 28th (Rain Date: October 1st)



A quick reminder for all that Terry Fox Pledge Sheets are posted on our school website in the same section as our school newsletter. Parents are welcome to join us and we look forward to another great turnout!

Cross-Country Update



We expect to have **135 students** participating on October 4th at Earl Bales Park. Thank you to our wonderful team of teachers for coaching and organizing! We could not possibly offer this opportunity to such a large group of students without you.

We ask that parents please review the following information:

- All runners who have an EPI pen or inhaler **MUST** run the races with it. Please make sure your child has an appropriate pouch.
- Please make sure you send back the permission form. Runners from Grades 3-8 will begin training off school grounds and your child will not be able to participate without a signed form.

Teacher contacts for Cross Country & Meet Dates

Susan Thurow (susan.thurow@tdsb.on.ca)

Stephanie Manikas (stephanie.manikas@tdsb.on.ca)

Neil Casey (neil.casey@tdsb.on.ca)

Primary Grades

Junior Grades

Intermediate Grades

October 4 (All participants in Grades 1-8) – at Earl Bales Park

October 16 (Grades 3-8 qualifying runners) – at Earl Bales Park

October 25 (Grades 3-8 qualifying runners) – at Centennial Park

Updates from Trustee Gerri Gershon

We will continue to share communication from Trustee Gerri Gershon both via email and on our school website. Thank you to the parents/community members who shared information presented at Trustee Gershon's September 17th meeting at Marc Garneau CI.

Trustee Gershon's Update Signup: <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1787554/1752438/?v=a>

School Website & Calendar

Our school website is updated regularly with important dates. For example, Photo Day is on Wednesday October 24th and Photo Retake Day is on Thursday November 22nd.

Home & School meeting dates are also posted. <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bessborough/>

Kilcoo Camp ~ Grade 7 Excursion September 19-21

Our Grade 7 students truly enjoyed their camp experience at Kilcoo Camp, on Gull Lake. This Bessborough tradition brings together returning Bessborough students with our newest students who enter in their Grade 7 year. Students bonded over three active and fun-filled days, and returned home with lots of special memories!

They demonstrated teamwork, cooperation and perseverance – all while encouraging each other through new challenges and learning experiences. **Congratulations Grade 7 students!**

Many, many thanks to the staff involved for the long hours spent organizing and supervising!!! This includes Ms. Broderick, Ms. Backus, Mr. Couper, Mr. Day, Mr. Mercieca (previous Vice Principal), Mr. Pantopoulos, Ms. Reid, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Surdivall and Ms. Themeliopoulos.



The Lunch Lady ❤️ **s to make your child's lunch...so let her make your life a little easier! Here's how:** 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).

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.

Volunteer Police Checks

Any parent who will be volunteering on a regular basis **MUST** have a Vulnerable Sectors Check done. If you have completed this in the past, it should already be on file at school but must be renewed each year. If you have not had the check done previously, please refer to the attached document outlining the process and fill out the attached form. Thanks!

MERCI!

*** Heather Zimcik & Andrea Jeffrey - for organizing the Kindie Coffee ***

*** Starbucks Bayview/Millwood for providing caffeination to Kindie parents ***

***Special thanks to Robyn Israel, Cabrina Skillen, Shawna Hogan & Janet Embir - for tirelessly sorting through all of the Home and School forms.
Your behind-the-scenes effort is the glue that keeps us together. ***



Instagram

Stay in the know? Your “To Do” list made easy.

Follow @BessboroughHS and get messages about events, reminders, and pictures of the fun goings-on at Bessborough and more!

Also, head over to the H&S website: www.homeandschool.com weekly for what’s happening now and more.



September 22nd - Social Series: Street Crawl

September 25th - Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night

October 9th - First General Meeting

October 27th - Social Series: Leaside Men with Axes