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YOUR BESSBOROUGH E&MS NEWSLETTER

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MORNING BELL 8:40AM | LUNCH 11:40 - 12:40 | DISMISSAL BELL 3:25PM

MOVIE NIGHT

**THANK YOU PARENTS FOR THIS AMAZING
COMMUNITY EVENT!**



SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

Superintendent: Nadira Persaud
Principal: Sarah Kurita
Vice Principal: Katalin Roughton-Paré
Office Administrator: Renee Cronier
Secretary: Vasiliki Gioris



IMPORTANT DATES

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

- SEPTEMBER 30

TERRY FOX RUN

- OCTOBER 7

CURRICULUM NIGHT

- OCTOBER 9

FALL TERM PA DAYS

- SEPTEMBER 26
- OCTOBER 10
- NOVEMBER 14

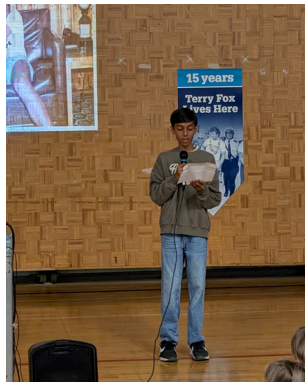
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

- OCTOBER 13

WINTER BREAK

- DEC 22 - JAN 2

Bessborough's Terry Fox Campaign 2025



We are ready to go!

This Tuesday, Bessborough welcomed Fred Fox, Terry Fox's brother, to our school. He gave a truly motivating, informative and exciting kick-off assembly for our 2025 fundraising campaign. As usual, we have our online school page for donations and updates on the total amount raised. Families and friends can also contribute with cash/cheques through students. These donations can be dropped off in the Terry Fox bin in the office.

We are also offering t-shirt sales again through cash online , or cash/cheque, with the form attached. The deadline for ALL t-shirt orders will be TUESDAY, SEPT 30 AT 3:00 PM. Once our school order is made, any purchases thereafter must be made on your own. Shirts will be delivered to the students before the run date.

HERE IS THE LINK TO OUR SCHOOL PAGE: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/108178>





The Bobcat

Call out for Community Donations

We are excited to announce that Bessborough staff are creating a new room, the Bobcat, for our students. This space is being designed to provide students with a supervised and supportive environment where they can engage in activities that promote wellbeing.

We are looking for community donations of the following items, which must please be in excellent condition:

- Board games and puzzles (no missing pieces please)
- Lego and other construction/science-related kits
- Sensory toys, e.g., fidgets, squishy balls, weighted toys, and blankets
- Starry Night light projector
- Beanbags
- Rugs



welcome to kindergarten



What a lovely start to a Friday morning it was! Our Kindergarten students and families gathered outside for read aloud time with Ms. Burke and Ms. Vatsraj, helped along with student participation and much applause.

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The Guardian newspaper reported today that First Nations musicians at the Innu Nikamu festival in Mani-Utenam are reviving powwow music, traditional dance, and endangered languages. It explores how performance is being used for healing, preserving culture, and bringing generations together.





Early Fall Sports

We will be offering the following sports during the early fall season:

- **Cross Country (Grades 1-8)**
- **Grade 5/6 Girls Soccer**
- **Grade 5/6 Boys Soccer**
- **Grade 7/8 Girls Soccer**
- **Grade 7/8 Boys Soccer**

Cross Country practices will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in the south yard at 8am - starting on Monday September 15th.

For all Soccer tryouts, students should make sure to listen to the morning announcements to find out when tryouts are and when they will begin!

Community Coaches

We are looking to compile a list of community coaches who would be willing to help coach various sports at Bessborough. Community coaches will be contacted based on the sports being offered and coach's need.

Please complete the following [Google Form](#) if you are interested in volunteering! In addition, community coaches must have their **vulnerable sector police check** and have **completed a community coaches meeting through the TDSB**.

Here is a community coaches meetings offered during the early fall season :

- 1. Thursday September 18th @ 12:00PM**

Presenter: Asher Wittenberg – Centrally Assigned HPE Lead Teachers
[Microsoft Teams Meeting Link](#)



EMA - Permission/Tryout Forms

Permission/Tryout forms for athletics are to be completed using the EMA system prior to the first tryout.

EMA website: <https://parent.ema.tdsb.on.ca/>

This following video should help with how to complete a permission form for tryouts. The permission form for tryouts will be visible on the "Athletics" tab (under the student name). Note that the sport to try out for will only be visible once the team has been approved by the principal.

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10n83Y8ZXwtGfKCPEboLszzAGeFlrNG2d/view?usp=drivesdk>



In the news

Did you see Bessborough on the front cover of the Toronto Star on the first day of school?

[Here's the link!](#)





school council corner

SEPTEMBER 5TH NEWSLETTER

CALLING ALL KINDIE PARENTS

Join us for **Kindie Coffee on Thursday, September 18th from 8:30–9:30am in the Kindie Yard.**

Whether you're new to the school or finally enjoying the one-drop-off stage, come grab a coffee, enjoy some pastries, and connect with fellow kindie parents.

This event is generously sponsored by **Heaps Estrin** and the **Bessborough Student Council.**

GET YOUR SPIRIT WEAR TODAY

It's time to show your **Bessborough Pride!** The newest collection of **Spirit Wear is on sale now,** and it's the perfect way to stay comfy while cheering on our community.

Be sure to order yours today!

[ORDER HERE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

02
SEPT

MONDAY

First Day of School

18
SEPT

THURSDAY - 8:30AM

Kindie Coffee

19
SEPT

FRIDAY

Spirit Wear Orders **Due**

25
SEPT

FRIDAY

PA Day - No School



ON SALE NOW

SPIRIT WEAR

Our latest Spirit Wear in on sale now! **Pick up yours today.**

GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER OPPS

Help us make a difference in our school and community. **Sign up here.**

STAY INFORMED

FOLLOW US

Stay up to date by following us on **Instagram.**