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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

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Principal: Sarah Kurita

Vice Principal: Katalin Roughton-Paré

Office Administrator: Renee Cronier

Secretary: Vasiliki Gioris

WELCOME BACK BESSBOROUGH



WELCOME TO THE 2025–26 SCHOOL YEAR!

Ms. Kurita and Mme Paré welcome all our students, staff, and families to a new school year. We are thoroughly enjoying getting to know our new families and reconnecting with those who were here last year. Bessborough also welcomes new staff. Please see the next page for more information.



IMPORTANT DATES

MOVE NIGHT

- SEPTEMBER 5

TERRY FOX ASSEMBLY

- SEPTEMBER 9

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 Run 2025



We are ready to go!

Hello Bessborough Community, Our annual Terry Fox Run Campaign will soon be up and going. On

Tuesday at 10:50 am, we are lucky to have Terry's brother, Fred Fox, coming to visit our school community to kick-start our fundraising campaign. We were lucky to get picked as one of his school visits due to our outstanding ability to contribute to this great cause year after year.

We have sent home packages today to let families know how and where they can contribute this year. 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 a student. These donations can be dropped off in the bin in the main 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>



MEET OUR NEW STAFF



My name is **Ms. Burke**, and I'm so excited to be joining the Bessborough community! I've been teaching for 11 years, with experience from Kindergarten to Grade 8. I've discovered that my true passion lies in the primary grades—especially in teaching early literacy. Kindergarten is a magical place, and I feel so lucky to be part of a stage where students are full of curiosity, wonder, and excitement. I love helping children make connections between their interests, what we're learning, and the world around them. I'm looking forward to a joyful, engaging, and inspiring year ahead with our youngest learners!



We are delighted to introduce **Ms. Hesmer** who is joining our staff as our Grade 1 /2 teacher, partnering with Ms. Dombrower. Ms. Hesmer tells us that she grew up on a farm and moved to the city so that she could become a teacher!
Ms Hesmer absolutely loves sports and plays volleyball in the summer. She enjoys Formula One Racing and truly enjoys spending time with friends and family. Welcome Ms. Hesmer!



A hearty welcome to **Ms. Bogomolova** who is teaching our ISP students. Ms. Bogomolova has many years of experience with special education and a passion for visual and dramatic arts. She loves to travel, especially to South America and is fan of the tango!



Mr. Fournaris is with us for a time to teach Mr. Ivan's Physical Education and Health classes, and to provide Resource support. Mr. Fournaris is a Bessborough alumnus and is very excited to return to his alma mater! We are so glad to have you here Mr. Fournaris!

Welcome
**TO OUR
BESSBOROUGH
FAMILY**

OUR 2025–26 STAFF

Kindergarten

- Ms Vatsraj
- Ms Burke

Grade 1 / 2

- Ms Hesmer
- Ms Dombrower

Grade 2 / 3

- Ms Gamm

Grade 3 / 4

- Ms Shnaider

Grade 4

- Mr Chong

Grade 5 / 6

- Ms Chow
- Mr Day
- Mr King

Grade 7

- Mr Chang
- Ms Buksner
- Ms Hum

Grade 8

- Ms Balshin
- Ms McNamara
- Ms Ciobanu

ISP

- Ms Bogomolova

Specialist teachers

- Ms Thurow
- Mr McMillan
- Ms Malouin
- Ms Rambarran
- Mr Ivan

Support Staff

- Ms Guerrero
- Ms Sparks
- Ms Gooding
- Ms Backus
- Ms Bailey
- Ms Chambers
- Ms Wong
- Ms Nicoukalam

A MESSAGE FROM MS. KURITA

Thank you Bessborough community, staff and students for the warm welcome this week! I look forward to learning and growing together this year!



PARKING AND DROP OFF

Please **do not park on Bessborough Drive in front of the school**. There is ongoing construction in this area which is also a bus loading zone. We encourage our families to walk to school whenever possible. If you are driving your child to school, **please park on Field Avenue or Hanna Road**. Student safety is our utmost priority and we thank you for helping!



school council corner

SEPTEMBER 5TH NEWSLETTER

HI & WELCOME FROM ANDREA BEE

On behalf of School Council, we're excited to welcome all of our new and returning families to Bessborough. The fun kicks off tonight at Movie Night, and with so much planned for the year ahead, we can't wait to get started! If you aren't already be sure to follow us for all the buzz on instagram.

Want to get more involved? Join our School Council Executive

Look out for an email next week on all the details. Whether you're new to the school or have been here for years, your voice and energy are welcome.

Andrea

School Council President

WELCOME MS. KURITA

On behalf of School Council, we want to welcome Sarah Kurita to our Bessborough family - we encourage all of you to say hello and introduce yourself to her at Movie Night!

UPCOMING EVENTS

02
SEPT

MONDAY

First Day of School

05
SEPT

FRIDAY - 5:30PM

Movie Night

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.**