



# Bessborough Bulletin



**December:**

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**This week: Hour of Code**

- 8 - Day 3
  - Gr 7/8 Hockey Tryouts (Leaside Arena)
  - Techie meeting @ lunch
- 9 - Kindergarten Holiday concert @ Bessborough at 6:15 pm
  - Library Ambassadors & Literacy Leaders – Library @ lunch
  - Gr 7/8 Hockey Tryouts
- 10 - Gr 5/6 Girls basketball – conference finals (Lawrence Heights)
- 11 - Winter Concert (Grade 1-8) @ Leaside
  - Cathy Clark visit (Ms. Gamm)
  - Me to We meeting
- 13 - Intermediate Lego Robotics Competition Day
- 15 - Scientist in the School
- 16 - Library Ambassadors & Literacy Leaders – Library @ lunch
- 19 - Pyjama Day (Spirit Day)
  - Duffle Bag theatre (am) K-4

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**Week of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Day 3**

## A Message from the Administrative team:

*"A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal."  
~ Steve Maraboli*

Staff and students are busy preparing for the Kindergarten concert on December 9<sup>th</sup> and for the Holiday Concert (Gr. 1-8) on December 11<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to celebrating with our Bessborough families.

During this festive season, we have an opportunity to help those in need. We will be running our **8 Days of Giving** over the next two weeks.

This week is Canada's Hour of Code. We hope to engage students in exploring technology in different ways.

We only have two weeks before the Winter Break. Please remind your child to check the lost and found. Our last day of class is on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and we are back in class on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. Happy Holidays!

~ Ms. Broderick and Ms. Rosenbloom

## Days of Significance (2014)

### December:

- 1 World AIDS Day (UN)
- 2 International Day of the Abolition of Slavery (UN)
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (UN)
- 8 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (UN)
- 10 Human Rights Day (UN)
- 17-24 Hanukkah\* (Judaism)
- 18 International Migrants Day (UN)
- 21 Solstice – Yule/Litha\* (Wicca/Pagan)
- 25 Christmas (Christianity) (Public Holiday)
- 26 Kwanzaa (African Canadian/African American)
- 26 Boxing Day (Public Holiday)

# 8 Days of Giving:



This festive season, our Bessborough community will be able to help support those within the community and beyond. We thought we could focus on 8 specific items for each day.

- 1) Dec 8 - Grocery store gift certificates
- 2) Dec 9 - Clothing store gift certificates (Winners, Gap etc.)
- 3) Dec 10 - Drug store gift certificates (Shoppers, Rexall etc.)
- 4) Dec 11 - Food bank most needed item: Fruit and Veggie group
- 5) Dec 12 - Food bank most needed item: Protein group
- 6) Dec 15 - Food bank most needed item: Grain group
- 7) Dec 16 - Food bank most needed item: Baby item (diapers, etc.)
- 8) Dec 17 - Food bank most needed item: Household supplies

Boxes will be available in front of the office for each day of giving.



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## Holiday Concerts:

### Kindergarten Concert

Tuesday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 2014  
@ 6:15 pm  
Bessborough Gym

### Grades 1-8 Concert

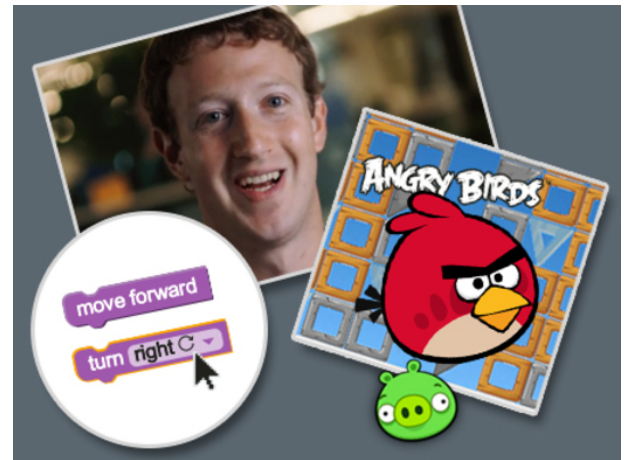
Thursday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 2014  
@ 6:45 pm  
Leaside Auditorium





## Hour of Code:

This week visit <http://code.org/learn> to try some online coding games at home with your child.



## Direct Drive Results:

Bessborough families have generously donated \$27,888.97.  
\$20,075 was from parent donation, \$7813.97 was via the Men with Brooms initiative.

We had 13 donors at platinum (\$500+)  
14 at Gold (\$300-\$499)  
66 at Silver (\$100 - \$299)  
24 at Bronze (\$1-99)

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the direct drive towards technology in the school. These tools engage students and provide different ways to access resources and show different ways to demonstrate their learning. THANK YOU!!



***Thank you and have a wonderful week!***