



# Bessborough Bulletin



## December:

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### Week of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

#### A Message from the Administrative team:

*“Computers are magnificent tools for the realization of our dreams, but no machine can replace the human spark of spirit, compassion, love and understanding.”*

*~ Louis V. Gerstner, Jr.*

Crazy hair day was crazy all right! Check out Twitter to see what some staff and students did on Friday. That’s the Bessborough spirit!

We would like to thank the grade 7 staff and parents for a wonderful evening at the Leaside Pub last week. It was a great way to get to know some parents and for new Bessborough parents to get acquainted with experienced Bessborough parents. The support in the community is incredible!

The holiday season is quickly approaching and Mr. McMillan, staff and students are busy preparing for our holiday concerts. Don’t forget to put these dates on the calendar. It’s sure to be an incredible evening!

~ 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)

- 1 - Day 4  
- TUS Trip – Gr 5  
MacAulay
- 2 - Ripley’s Aquarium  
(Gr 6-8)  
- Library Ambassadors  
& Literacy Leaders –  
Library @ lunch  
- Home & School  
Meeting
- 3 - Science Centre Trip  
(K-1)
- 4 - Artist visit - (am) Gr  
2 Buksner / (pm) K  
Phillips  
- After Grade 8  
Information Night  
@Leaside
- 5 - PA Day (No School)
- 8 – Gr 7/8 Hockey  
Tryouts  
(Leaside Arena)
- 9 – Kindergarten  
Holiday concert @  
Bessborough  
- 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

## Indoor Shoes & Clothing:

Winter has arrived and with it comes wet shoes and boots. For the safety of all students we cannot allow wet shoes and boots into the gym. We also want to help keep our carpets and floors clean during this winter season.

Please ensure your child has a dry pair of indoor shoes they can keep at school. It is also recommended to bring an extra pair of socks for those really wet days.



## Me to We Fundraising

During the first 2 weeks of December, the **Me to We** club at Bessborough will be selling Rafiki bracelets to support *Free The Children* Communities around the World.

These one-of-a-kind Rafikis make beautiful hostess gifts or stocking stuffers and what makes them even more special is that they are gifts that make a difference. So, start your holiday shopping this week at Bessborough! Here is the link for the Me to We Rafiki sales. <http://youtu.be/b54v1whRRYg>

The Me to We club members will be coming around to the classrooms to showcase the rafikis to all the students and order forms can be downloaded from the email or sent home with your child if you would prefer. Please email Ms. Torres with your child's name, teacher's name and classroom number and an order form will be delivered to them to bring home.

Thank you for supporting the Me To We's initiative to make a difference in the lives of others this holiday.

Best Wishes.

Ms. Pilgrim and Ms. Torres



## After Grade 8 Information Night:

Leaside's Grade 8 parent night will be take place Thursday, December 4th at 6:30 pm. A student school visit will also be coordinated with the high school for the new year. Date to be announced. Please see attached



## Technology at School

As we are acquiring technology for our programs at school we are still encouraging students to BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). Students can use their own technology to help keep themselves organized, take notes in class or use it to explore certain websites used in class.



Please remind students of responsible use of technology in class. Students are only to use devices when it is incorporated in the class program. If it is not part of the program for the day, devices should be stored either in lockers, in their desks or a designated bin/area to store devices. This will prevent any distractions as well as keep devices safe during the school day. Inappropriate use of devices will mean a loss of privilege and removal of the device to the office during the day.

## Grade 8 Trip: Winter 2015

Grade 8 parents...please look for a letter that will be sent home this week! Students have chosen Quebec Carnival based on our survey. It will be an exciting experience!



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