

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events October/November

- ◆ Gr. 7/8 Parent Information Evening - October 23
- ◆ Sr. Girls Soccer - October 23
- ◆ Photo Day - Oct. 24
- ◆ Jr. Boys Football - October 24
- ◆ X-Country Meet - October 25
- ◆ Pajama Day - Nov. 2nd
- ◆ H & S Enrichment Budget Vote - November 13

Scooter Racks have been Installed!

We are pleased to announce that the new scooter racks have been installed – one in the north yard and one in the south yard. Please remember to bring your own lock. As of Monday, scooters will not be allowed inside the school.

It is wonderful to see so many students scootering, biking and walking to school!

Good luck to our Senior Girls Soccer Team!

Our Senior Girls Soccer team will be competing at the Conference Semi-Finals (and possibly final) on Tuesday October 23rd.



Location: Pleasant Public School
(288 Pleasant Avenue, North York)

Good luck Bessborough!

Photo Day ~ Wednesday October 24th

Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark October 24th on your calendar, as Edge Imaging will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles.

Edge provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories.

For more information on photo day, please visit www.edgeimaging.ca for answers to frequently asked questions.

Two Parent Representatives Needed ~ Caring & Safe Schools Committee

Are you available to meet once every two months at lunch (11:40 to 12:40) to represent our parent community? If yes, please send an email to frances.themeliopoulos@tdsb.on.ca. This committee includes student, staff and parent representatives.

Great Effort by our Jr. Girls Soccer Team on Friday October 19th!

Our Junior Girls Soccer team competed at a tournament today, at Bessborough. It was a terrific overall team effort and our players demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship. Our team had a 0-0 tie versus Bennington and played hard versus John Fisher, ultimately losing 3-1. As a result of one tie and one loss, we do not advance to the next round. Thanks again to our players, coaches Justin Quigg and Karen Ho, and all staff who helped supervise Ms. Ho's students during the tournament.

Junior Boys Volleyball Team

Junior Boys (Grades 5, 6) interested in trying out for the Junior Boys Volleyball team? Informal tryouts will occur on both Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 7:45 am. Formal tryouts will commence after the Touch Football season is over. **Reminder: There will not be a tryout on Tuesday October 23rd.**

Teacher Contacts: **Mr. Pantopoulos** trifon.pantopoulos@tdsb.on.ca
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Parent Information Evening ~ October 23rd in the Library

Join Ms. Angheloni and Ms. Themeliopoulos in the Bessborough EMS Library on Tuesday October 23rd from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

It is highly recommended that all families of Grade 8 students attend this very important meeting. This session will provide information about key dates, timelines, Optional Attendance procedures, Secondary School programs and requirements, Secondary School Open House dates and times, Course Selection and much more. Grade 7 parents are also encouraged to attend.

BAC Announcement ~ Terry Fox Foundation

The Bessborough Athletic Council is proud to announce that we have raised \$8,259 towards the Terry Fox Foundation. We have decided to hold our **Terry Fox Dance/Pajama Day** as a reward for the students on Friday November 2nd. More details will follow!

Bessborough H & S - Enrichment Budget

1. Did you attend the Kindie Parent Coffee and meet other new parents to the school?
2. Has your child's reading improved thanks to Empower Reading, the specialty reading program?
3. Is your child teaching you new sources of discovery through technology?
4. Do you and your kids enjoy the pizza and sub days?
5. Are you thankful the Lice Check program was performed *at school*?
6. Are you amazed at how much can be done with a piece of Lego?
7. Has your child come home with a new curiosity for playing a musical instrument?
8. Through the extraordinary array of clubs, has your child been able to feel at home in the school and find a special place where they can shine?
9. Has your morning ritual been made a little easier with the Lunch Lady program?
10. Have you enjoyed a night out at the Grade 7 Parent Welcome Night or Ladies Night?
11. Is the Mayfair a must attend event in your household?
12. Does your child get a thrill out of exploring bugs under the microscope?
13. Do you do a little chair dance when the students are on stage singing their lungs out at the Holiday Concert?
14. Do you look forward to the annual Welcome Back Movie Night & BBQ to ring in a new school year?
15. Have you forgotten to plan Date Night and been saved with the Street Crawl?
16. Have you ever admired the students' garden in the kindie yard and Hanna Road?
17. Has your child found a book of interest and enjoyed it while sitting at a new piece of furniture in the school library?
18. Have you discovered your inner Lumberjack at Men With Axes?
19. Has the kindie sandbox inspired a world of construction or archeology in your child?
20. Are you grateful for the safe and caring environment your children are provided at our community's school?

Your Bessborough Home & School Association has contributed fully and/or partially to *all* of these events. If you said "Yes" to even one of the questions, consider that **your reason to join us at the Enrichment Budget vote on November 13th**. The parent membership is responsible for deciding where to allocate fundraising dollars, so it's important that we hear from as many of you as possible.

Proposal requests are due October 19th to Robyn Israel (robyneisrael@gmail.com).

Leaside Men with Axes 3rd Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, October 27th, 5:30 pm at the Amsterdam Brewery - \$85 per ticket.

To purchase tickets go to: menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca

**** If you are interested in helping we could always use help in sponsorship and operations (prizes between \$250-\$500 retail values). Silent Auction Items Needed! ****

The silent and live auction is a huge part of the night and we need you!! Can you leverage some of your abilities, contacts and workplaces for ideas such as:

- Box Seats for events
- Products like running shoes, jerseys, sports memorabilia
- Professional services like Lawyers (Help creating a will), Personal Trainers (family boot camp), Home organizing (make things easier to find!)

The event includes: Axe throwing instruction, tournament, delicious BBQ dinner and Silent - Live Auction. Approximately \$30k in auction items and prizes. Not only do the proceeds from this event support Bessborough School but they also support the H&S community charity outreach initiatives

For more info email please contact the hosts: **Tyler Lang** tyler@wdcapital.ca
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The Social Series Team Needs You!

Do you love attending our social events? Are you looking to get more involved and have some fun new ideas that you want to unleash on our Bessborough parent network?

Please contact Christine Davis (Bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com) if you'd like to be part of our Social Series team.

Kindie Wine & Cheese - November 1st from 7:30 - 10:30 pm

Enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow kindie parents and teachers outside of the yard! The Kindergarten Wine & Cheese Welcome has been confirmed for November 1st from 7:30-10:30 pm. This is a wonderful chance to chat with other parents and Bessborough staff over a few drinks and great food in a relaxing environment. This year, this event will be hosted by Heather and Peter Bolt at 61 Cameron Cres.

Thank You

A much deserved pat on the back goes to our team of volunteer parents working diligently behind the scenes to reconcile all the data from the submitted H&S forms. Many thanks, Laura Rumble, Shawna Hogan, Christine Davis, and Elise Lenser.

Special thank you to Justin Quigg for stepping up and coaching the girls' Grade 5/6 soccer team! In addition, thank you to Ms. Ho for coaching our girls!

Thank you to Mr. Gregory Ivan, for single-handedly coaching our Junior Boys Football team. We appreciate your enthusiasm!

Thank you to all of the Bessborough staff members who contributed in several different ways so that so many of our kids could participate in Cross Country running! Thanks also to all the parents that have volunteered their time during the Cross Country events. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time next year, we could use parents to help with the primary Cross Country runners.

Please contact Christine Davis(Bessboroughhomeandschool@gmail.com) to find out how you may help.



Instagram

Follow us on Instagram @BessboroughHS to get reminders of important dates and upcoming events.

Tell me more.....Find out what you missed and what's coming up on the Home & School website at www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com



October 25th – First Pizza Lunch

October 19 – Proposals for how to invest our fundraising dollars into the school are due.

Send to robynisrael@gmail.com

October 27th – Social Series: Leaside Men with Axes
menwithaxes.eventbrite.ca

November 1st – Kindie Parent Wine and Cheese

November 13th – Home & School Meeting and Vote