



Bessborough Bulletin



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January:

- 25 - Day 2
- 26- - Delegates from Peru
- 29 visit Bessborough
- 27 - Bell "Let's Talk Day"
- 28 - Pizza Lunch

February:

- 1-3 - Gr 7 Muskoka Trip
- 2 - Home & School General Meeting
- 4 - School assembly
- 8 - School Dance-a-thon
- 9 - Scientist in the School PM (Gr 5-Leishman)
- 10 - Scientist in the School PM (Gr 5/6-Pantopoulos)
- 11 - Winter Activity Day
- Kindergarten Registration
- 12 - PA Day (no school)
- Kindergarten Registration
- 15 - Family Day (no school)
- 16- - Gr 6 Sheldon Trip
- 19

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Week of Jan 25, 2015 – DAY 2

A Message from the Administrative team:

"Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people."

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

This week we have special visitors from Peru. Our Peruvian delegates will have the opportunity to observe classes and see how our Bessborough community works. Feel free to say hello to welcome them to our school.

Messages about digital presence and safety were amongst the topics discussed at our TELUS WISE presentations for students and parents. The top 10 safety tips in the following link will help guide parents when discussing this with your child.

<http://blog.telus.com/community/back-to-school-online-safety-a-must-have-discussion-between-parents-and-their-kids/>

Ski forms are still coming in! Please submit these ASAP to your child's homeroom teacher. For any questions about skiing, please contact ritch.couper@tdsb.on.ca.

~ Ms. Broderick and Ms. Rosenbloom

Days of Significance (2015-2016)

January 2016

24-27 Mahayana New Year** (Buddhist)

27 International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (UN)

February 2016 African Heritage / Black Queering Month
3 Setsubun-sai** (Shinto)

6 International Day of Zero-Tolerance on Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation (WHO)

Peru Educators Visit Bessborough:

We are excited to have delegates from Peru visit Bessborough. International educators visit schools in TDSB to learn more about the education system in Canada.

Peruvian delegates will be around our school for 4 days this week to observe our classroom practices and learn about the school culture.

Please welcome them as you see them around the school. It's a great opportunity for students to ask questions about what students in Peru do.



Grade 8 Grad Trip Parent Survey:

Preparations for the grade 8 graduation trip will start very soon! If you have not already completed the survey, please do so by Wednesday January 27th 2016. Please talk with your child and look at the options for the grade 8 trip:

- Winter Quebec
- Spring Montreal/Quebec
- Spring New York

Complete the survey at

<https://docs.google.com/a/tdsb.on.ca/forms/d/1zM0fqwl2QZjzPsoNMp-L7PXhQy7283ny5ljH6zdkR0E/viewform>



Kindergarten Registration: Feb 11th & 12th 2016

Kindergarten Registration is on February 11th & 12th by appointment only. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. New registrants should bring the following items:

- o Proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
- o Proof of address (two pieces of identification that show your address)
- o Proof of immunization (the card that shows a list of needles your child has received)
- o Verification of date of arrival, if your child was not born in Canada
- o Please note – To register a child for kindergarten you must be the child's parent or legal guardian.



Walking Wednesday: January 27th

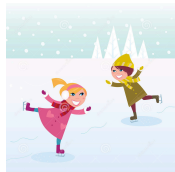
The Walking Wednesday Crew is ready to tally up all the Bessborough students walking to school this last Walking Wednesday of January 2016!

Recent studies state that car traffic at school drop off time creates dangerous situations for students going to school. If more students walk to school, this risk will be reduced and will create a safer environment for our community.

The Green Shoe Award will be handed out this week to the class with the most students walking for the month of January.

Safety Tip: Cross at stop signs and designated crosswalks around our school instead of between parked cars.

If it is below -15 our volunteers will not be outside as it is too cold to stand and tally students



Winter Activity Day – Feb 11th 2016

We have a very exciting Winter Activity planned for our Grades 1-8

Gr 1/2: Harbourfront – Make and Skate

Gr 3 : Snow Valley - Tubing

Gr 4-6: Snow Valley – Tubing/Ski/Snowboard

Gr 7/8: Mansfield – Ski/Snowboard

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL FORMS ARE IN TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER BY WED JAN 27TH 2016. Paperwork is required by the ski resorts ahead of time in order to get all the rentals organized and ready for when we arrive.

If you have questions about the ski trip please contact ritch.couper@tdsb.on.ca.

If you require financial support, please don't hesitate to contact patricia.broderick@tdsb.on.ca directly.

Do you have photos for the yearbook?

The yearbook committee is always looking for photos from current events happening at the school. Send in your photos right away to avoid the spring rush! We are looking for the following events...

- Field trips
- Holiday concert
- Dances
- Class parties



Uploading Yearbook Photos: **Please send "Actual Size" or largest file size possible**

1) From your cell phone or tablet, email photos to: bessboroughyearbook@gmail.com

2) From your computer, click on this link and upload your photos:

http://www.mediafire.com/filedrop/filedrop_hosted.php?drop=06c5b4ce1cabd3f1a4b99a81a97ce90f1f2551b6f5089bd8ab66d6a7e3809d7f



Day of the Week	Club / Activity	Time & Location
Mon	- Gr 2-4 Primary Girls Club (Ms Wong/Ms Thurow) - Gr 5/6 Junior Girls Club (Ms Angheloni/Ms Surdivall)	Rm 9 @ lunch Rm 9/Library @ lunch
Tues	- Primary STEM (Ms Wong/Mr Chong) - Junior STEM (Mr Baker) - BessJam! (Mr Miller/Mr McMillan) - Folk Fest Club (Ms Poulimenakos, Ms Cook, Ms Willoughby) - Lego Robotics (Mr Casey/Mr. Day/Ms Connor)	Rm 5/9 @ lunch Computer Lab @ lunch Rm 8 @ lunch Big Gym Rm 30 @ after school
Wed	- Int Girls' Breakfast Club (Ms Angheloni/Ms Surdivall /Ms Nia) - Intermediate STEM (Mr Baker)	Staffroom Computer Lab @ lunch
Thurs	- Library Ambassadors (Ms Surdivall) - Int. Concert Band (Mr McMillan) - Junior BessBro's Club (Mr Baker) - Lego Robotics (Mr Casey/Mr. Day/Ms Connor)	Library @ lunch Rm 8 @ 8:00 am Rm 10 @ lunch Rm 30 @ after school
Fri	- Me to We (Ms Pilgrim/Ms Ciobanu)	Rm 31 @ lunch
Days vary	- Tech Team (Ms Surdivall/Ms Rosenbloom)	Office/Library

** All Clubs running at lunch begin at 12:00 pm unless the teacher has indicated a different time

Home & School Happenings

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Jon Burnside at our H&S Meeting!

Our general meeting will take place on **Tuesday February 2nd** at **7pm** in the library. You won't want to miss this one. Our city councillor **Jon Burnside** will be in attendance to discuss traffic issues in the community and talk about what we can do to keep our kids safe. Babysitting will be available in the mini-gym.

Pizza Party!

A reminder that this **Thursday January 28th** is our next Pizza Lunch. So, no need to pack a lunch that day if you are signed up.

Dance-a-thon Is Around the Corner!

Monday, February 8th is the big day! There will be an assembly kick-off this week, so look out for fundraising envelopes the children will be bringing home. This year, H&S is raising money for things like library books, laptops, a new kindie sandbox and many other school improvements. Thanks to the parents who signed up to volunteer on the 'Get Involved' section of our site.

Still looking for Volunteers...

We still need 3 or 4 parents to help out with Wellness Day on **May 19th**! It was a huge hit last year - a full day of high energy, educational and positive wellness activities for students from K-8. Our guidance counsellor Bianca Angheloni is leading the charge but she needs help. 2 volunteers are just needed on the actual day - **May 19th**. The other 1 or 2 will be working with Ms. Angheloni to reach out to local businesses to gain support and/or participation in the day's activities. Please contact Bianca.Angheloni@tdsb.on.ca if you can help.

Visit www.bessboroughhomeandschool.com now for details on all of this and more!

Thank you and have an awesome week!