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Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

April 17-TDSB Student Census
Begins

April 18-G. 7/8 Coed Volleyball

April 19-G.8 Badminton
G.5/6 Volleyball Finals

April 21-Eid-al-Fitr

April 24-Grade 5/6 Badminton
at Bedford Park

April 26-Pizza Lunch
Virtual Screen Time
Presentation at 6:30 PM

April 27-Bessborough Arts
Café-6:30 PM to 7:45 PM



Screen Time Presentation for Parents-April 26th

Janine Lawford, school social worker, will present an evening session for parents on how to develop healthy screen time habits with children. The session will begin at 6:30 PM on Zoom: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/91520776481>

Save the Date-April 27th Arts Evening Café

From Mr. McMillan

At the Bessborough Arts Café, guests will have a chance to explore a variety of student showcases and displays throughout the school. Check out student art, hear the band and choirs sing, watch a student science presentation, and so much more! Coffee will be available (bring your own reusable mug). Don't miss this fantastic evening!

Author Dana Geall to Visit April 28th

We are delighted that author Dana Geall will be coming to Bessborough on the afternoon of Friday, April 28th. Dana will meet with our Grade 1-4 students who have read her book "See Me for Me". This book supports our continued work at Bessborough to have conversations with students about empathy and inclusion.

Terry Fox Fundraising Update

The Terry Fox foundation has informed our school that the Bessborough Terry Fox Run placed our school twentieth for fund raising out of the top fifty schools in Ontario. Thank-you to families for their generosity in supporting the Terry Fox run and this important charity.

Summer Music & Art Camps 2023

TDSB is excited to announce that registration for our summer music camp in Toronto 2023 is now open! The TDSB Summer Music and Art Camps are open to young artists and musicians of all skill levels and offers a variety of programs including band, orchestra, strings, and individual instruction. Campers will have the opportunity to improve their skills, make new friends, and perform in a final concert at the end of the camp. Don't miss this chance to spend your summer making music and having fun! For more information go to: [Summer Music & Art Camps 2023](#)

Elementary Special Education Summer School 2023

Registration Now Open!

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will be offering a summer program for students who receive support from the **Developmental Disability Special Education Program, Physical Disability Program, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program**, and who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). These half-day programs will be held at various locations throughout the TDSB. They will support students to develop their independence through programming in the areas of functional literacy and numeracy skills, activities of daily living, and communication and social skills through a creative curriculum that can include technology, physical fitness, art, music, and drama. The information below provides a brief outline of the programs. **DATES:**

Tuesday, July 4, to Friday, July 28, 2023

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

LOCATIONS: Various locations

The online application links are below. Please note that students admitted will be contingent on overall registration numbers and staffing resources, as limited spaces are available. Bus transportation for accepted students is provided and the transportation guidelines, including code of conduct, will still apply. Please complete the application as accurately as possible to ensure timely processing.

Note: Summer school acceptance letters will be sent by the summer school before June 30th.

- Special Education [Elementary Developmental Disability](#) Summer School – various locations
- Special Education [Elementary Physical Disability](#) Summer School - Drewry School
- Special Education [Elementary Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#) - Drewry School

Wellness Club

The Wellness Committee is hosting the second round of activities for our Grades 1-6 students.

Our grade 7 and 8 student leaders are hosting three different activities:

Grades 1/2: Sustainable Fashion Show: April 4, April 11, and April 18

Grades 3/4: Clothespin Art: March 29, and April 12 and April 19

Thank you again to Ms. Chow, Ms. Thurow, Ms. Buksner, and Mr. Chang for helping to bring some extra wellness to our school community!

Kindergarten Registration Continues

Registration for English Kindergarten programs begins in February (**see below for information about the Early French Immersion program*). We look forward to welcoming you and your child! You may choose to register using the online registration system or by booking a face-to-face meeting directly with your school.

- Only parents or legal guardians can register a child.
- There is a separate process to apply for [out-of-area admissions](#). Please contact [alternative schools](#) or [elementary academies](#) directly for more information about requirements and the registration process.

For more information go to: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonthp>

Trustee Chernos Lin's Ward 11 Webpage

All families can visit Trustee Chernos Lin's Ward 11 [webpage](#) and sign up to receive her Newsletter.

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Silent Auction Donations Needed

We are getting ready for Mayfair on Saturday May 27, 2023, and need your help!

The Mayfair Silent Auction raises close to \$5,000 each year. Do you, or your friends and family, have any items that you could donate to our silent auction? Gift cards, baskets, experiences, or sports tickets are all welcome.

All the funds raised from the Silent Auction go directly towards enhancing the learning experience at Bessborough.

This includes the purchase of items such as classroom technology, enhanced art programs, science equipment, book programs, as well as outdoor learning initiatives. Please email alison.steinman@gmail.com and/or jefferyandrea@hotmail.com with your ideas and donations. Thank you!

MAYFAIR - May 27

Just a reminder to Save the date for our annual fun fair, May 27 from 11AM - 4PM.

PLANTABLES

Spring is finally in the air and it's time to start planning for spring plantings! Bessborough has partnered with [Plantables.ca](https://plantables.ca) this year to help our community *get growing* and to raise money for the school. For every purchase made with the code "BESSBOROUGH" 10% of sales will go directly to our school council which funds a myriad of great things each year to improve the school life of our kids.

How it works

1. Visit [Plantables.ca](https://plantables.ca)
2. Pick Your Plants and use the code: **BESSBOROUGH**
3. Choose your delivery week
4. Plants are delivered to your door!

Please contact Rachel Gordon at rkingston00@gmail.com with any questions.

TRIVIA NIGHT - April 19

Join us on April 19th for our first ever Bessborough Trivia Night at the Leaside Pub! The Leaside Pub has been a consistent sponsor of many of our school events and we are so happy to be able to support a local community hub after a tough couple of years. Come out and meet other parents and caregivers at Bessborough! Tickets are available now via [cash-online](#) and are \$30 each. Each ticket will earn you a spot on a team and a drink ticket. Please contact Andrea Bee at bee.andreaellen@gmail.com with any questions or team requests.

Information

April 19 at 7:00PM at Leaside Pub

Tickets via [Cash-online](#)

SPIRIT WEAR

We are pleased to share that Bessborough Spirit Wear is now available for purchase. Please visit https://www.spiritwearcanada.ca/bessborough_elementary_middle_s/shop/home to order! Please keep in mind - THERE ARE NO RETURNS or EXCHANGES. NO EXCEPTIONS. We're making this for you - so please be thoughtful about sizing and color choices. Please also refer to our sizing charts on the website. If you have questions - you can direct them to Allie Lort at allison.lort@gmail.com.

SPRING STREET CRAWL - June 3

We are so pleased to bring back the Bessborough Street crawl! This is a parent/caregiver event that will take place in the evening of June 3. Save the date! More information including how to buy tickets will come shortly.

DON'T MESS WITH THE DON - April 22

Don't Mess with the Don is an all-volunteer Canadian-registered charity committed to protecting and enhancing the natural heritage of the Don Valley and Toronto ravines.

On Saturday April 22nd, Don't Mess with the Don is holding an earth day clean up and our Bessborough community is invited to come out and participate. It's a great opportunity to get out with your children and teach them about volunteering. Kids of all ages are welcome to participate - parents with young kids will be directed to suitable terrain for easy garbage pick up.

Information

April 22 10am - 1pm

If you are interested in participating, please email Heather McKelvey at hmckelvey1@gmail.com by Sunday April 16th as she will be coordinating advanced registration. Otherwise, if you're available, just show up with gloves, water, and sturdy shoes.

100 YEAR COMMITTEE

As you know we are celebrating 100 years at Bessborough in 2023. We have formed a committee to plan a Fall event for the community and need volunteers! Please contact Andrea Bee at bee.andreaellen@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.



April 19 - Trivia Night

April 26 - Pizza lunch

May 27 - Mayfair

June 3 - Street Crawl

June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation



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