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Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

April 3-Raising Anti-Racist Children Presentation by Michelle Munroe

April 3-Gr.7 Badminton at Bessborough

April 4-7/8 Volleyball at CH Best

April 5-Grade 1-4 to the Science Centre

April 5-Passover begins at sundown

April 7-Good Friday-No School

April 10-Easter Monday-No School



Raising Anti-Racist Children: Virtual Presentation with Michelle Munroe –Monday!

Join us on **Monday, April 3rd @6:30 pm** for a presentation and discussion with Michelle Munroe, an award-winning Central coordinator for parent and community engagement with TDSB. She has been in the work of Caregiver Engagement, Anti-Oppression, and Anti-Black Racism training with school boards, school councils and parent/caregivers for over 15 years. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, guardians, and caregivers to come together to learn about how to talk with your children about race and racism. This mirrors the ongoing work we are doing at Bessborough, and we are thrilled for this opportunity to continue to connect our home and school learning together. A zoom link will be sent to families on Monday.

TDSB Elementary Summer School

The focus of the 2023 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through the month of July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the local summer school Principal to reflect the local school focus. **Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 28, 2023, in various locations around the city. This year, one remote program will also be available.**

Registration Information: Program Dates: July 4 to July 28, 2023 ****Registration is online****Most classes run for three (3) hours from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., except for four (4) full day sites that run 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. which include: Oakridge PS, Greenholme JMS, Rose Avenue JPS, and Yorkwoods PS.

Registration is now open! Programs do fill up quickly, so register soon!

For more information, including a list of schools and online registration forms, visit our summer school program page: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/about-us/innovation/elementary-summer-school>

Save the Date-April 27th Arts Evening Café

Families save the date for an Arts evening at Bessborough! The night will include performances by the school choirs and band, a poetry café and much more. Performances will be in different spaces throughout the school. More details about the schedule for the evening will be sent soon.

Spring Lunchtime Programs

The following lunch programs are starting this week:

Monday, April 3: Chess for grades 1-6 (library)

Tuesday, April 4: Pawsitively Pets for kindies (room 7)

Thursdays, April 6, Pawsitively Pets for grades 1-5 (room 17)

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

Grades 5/6: Film Club: March 29, April 5, and April 12

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

Congratulations Bessborough 7/8 Hockey Team!

Congratulations to the students on the grade 7/8 hockey team who played in the Leaside Cup hockey tournament on Monday, March 28th. Many thanks to Mr. Ivan and Mr. Brown for coaching the team and to parents Lindsay Blakely and Lauren Morgan for their support and organization of both the grade 5/6 and grade 7/8 tournament.

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.



SPRING SOCIALS ARE COMING.....

Trivia Night - 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 one drink ticket.

April 19 at 7:00PM / Leaside Pub / Tickets via Cash-online

Bessborough Spring Street Crawl - Save the Date - Saturday June 3rd

Bessborough Spirit Wear is back!



We are pleased to share that Bessborough Spirit Wear is now available for purchase through April 14th.

Please visit the [Bessborough Online Store](#) 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 any questions - please contact Allie Lort at allison.lort@gmail.com.



Tis the season to start planning for spring plantings!

Bessborough has partnered with **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
2. Pick Your Plants and use the **code: BESSBOROUGH**
3. Choose your delivery week
4. Plants are delivered to your door!

Contact: any questions, please reach out to Rachel at rkingston00@gmail.com

<https://plantables.ca/for/bessborough>

Appreciation

Thank you, Lindsay Blakely, and Lauren Morgan, for organizing the Grade 7 and 8 Leaside Cup hockey tournament! Back-to-Back tournaments - thanks ladies!

Also, thank you to Mr. Brown and Mr. Ivan. The Leaside Cup could not have run without them. Thank you for continuing to show up for our kids. Big shout out to Renee who works so hard behind the scenes to make the day run so smoothly.

Thank you to the timekeepers: Will Steinman, Benjamin Wickett & Jackson Wickett



April 19 – Trivia Night

April 26 - Pizza lunch



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