

Sunday, April 23, 2023

**Bessborough E & MS Newsletter**



**Screen Time Presentation for Parents-April 26th**

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

**April 27th Arts Evening Café/Coffee House**

**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). The evening will go from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Don’t miss this fantastic evening!

**Wellness Club-from Mr. Chang**

The Wellness Club has just finished their second round of activities! The students in Grades 1 and 2 showcased their fashion talents with some clothes that they created, the Grades 3 and 4 students created some amazing clothespin art, and the Grade 5 and 6 students directed some short films to share with their peers.

Thank you again to all the Grade 7 and 8 leaders that organized and led these amazing events and to the teacher supervisors!

The third round of activities will be starting this week!

**Grades 1 and 2 will have Painting Club: Monday April 24, May 1, and May 8**

**Grades 3 and 4 will have Clay Pot Painting: Wednesday April 26, May 3, and May 10**

**Grades 5 and 6 will have Soccer: Wednesday May 3, May 10, and May 17**

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**Upcoming Events:**

April 25-G. 7/8 Coed Volleyball @ Bess

April 26-Pizza Lunch

-G. 7/8 Badminton @PleasantView

-Virtual Screen Time Presentation at 6:30 PM

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

April 28-G.1-4 @ YPT AM

-Dana Geall Author Visit PM

May 1-Grade 8 Grad Pictures

May 4-Choirs Sing at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church @6:30 PM

**Sock Recycling-from Ms Thurow**

Tired of those single socks sitting on the dryer waiting for a mate? Well, good news! Bessborough is taking part in our first annual sock recycling mission. From now until Monday, May 1

we are collecting clean socks to be recycled through [www.smartwool.ca](http://www.smartwool.ca).

Please send in any unwanted socks with your child and we will take care of dropping them off.

★ **Clean socks only (please, please, please)**

★ **All brands, colours, sizes, and materials welcome (we’re not picky)**

★ **No rolled or paired socks, bags, rubber bands, paper clips (just single socks)**

**Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2023**

**Bessborough Yearbook Committee**

Yearbook sales will be coming soon but we need more photos! Please submit any photos to the links below. **Deadline May.18th**

Yearbook pictures needed for the following events:

Orange Shirt Day: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/F7VY5X>

Pizza Lunches: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/XHHP8A>

Pink Shirt Day: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/VGR6U6>

Girls 7/8 Soccer: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/XDLKPX>

Grade 6 trip to Sheldon: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/19FE8Q>

Art Work: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/UGRN4W>

JK/SK photos: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/48NAV4>

Track & Field <https://plicbooks.ca/go/VX17Z6>

Bessborough School Spirit & fun photos <https://plicbooks.ca/go/LQDA92>

Upcoming May Fair: May 27th: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/N3JHL2> **(accepting photos on May 28th**)

Thank you, from yearbook committee!

**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.

**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](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Summer-Programs/TDSB-Music-Camps)

# **Elementary Summer School 2023**

# 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. This year, one remote program will also be available.

More information can be found on the TDSB website [here.](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/about-us/innovation/elementary-summer-school)

**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**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fead3kKyE6zNn5LN6ANZOY_uihFWFd_-/view?usp=share_link)**Summer School – various locations**
* **Special Education**[**Elementary Physical Disability**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/11KHcIXeg8Of7oKYuTZY_0EaOLbePk9r_/view?usp=share_link)**Summer School - Drewry School**
* **Special Education** [**Elementary Deaf or Hard of Hearing**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PEZp5Mvx1QZ3eDg8TBX1LGuFI-wS-qmc/view)**- Drewry School**

## 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](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Out-of-Area-Admissions). Please contact [alternative schools](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/Elementary-Alternatives) or [elementary academies](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/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](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward11) 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**](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/NyPQu_YrFlr3gHfrkLcp9Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRmCD2LP0QlaHR0cHM6Ly9wbGFudGFibGVzLmNhL2Zvci9iZXNzYm9yb3VnaFcHc2Nob29sbUIKZCELCidksvJv8FIPZXN2ZWNAeWFob28uY29tWAQAAAAC) 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](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/NyPQu_YrFlr3gHfrkLcp9Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRmCD2LP0QlaHR0cHM6Ly9wbGFudGFibGVzLmNhL2Zvci9iZXNzYm9yb3VnaFcHc2Nob29sbUIKZCELCidksvJv8FIPZXN2ZWNAeWFob28uY29tWAQAAAAC)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.

**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](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/bu_xg4aXpwwF5-LkAS-7Hw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRmCD2LP0RJaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc3Bpcml0d2VhcmNhbmFkYS5jYS9iZXNzYm9yb3VnaF9lbGVtZW50YXJ5X21pZGRsZV9zL3Nob3AvaG9tZVcHc2Nob29sbUIKZCELCidksvJv8FIPZXN2ZWNAeWFob28uY29tWAQAAAAC) 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.

**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.

**Appreciation Corner**

A big thank you to Andrea Bee for organizing Bessborough’s first-ever Trivia Night!



April 26 - Pizza lunch

May 27 - Mayfair

June 3 - Street Crawl

June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation



**Bessborough School Council is on Insta!  @bessboroughschoolcouncil**