

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

- February 28-2nd term IEPs go home
- March 2-Grade 5/6 Boys' Basketball at Bessborough
- March 2-Parent Council at 6:30 PM & Janine Lawford
- March 3-7A & 7B to AGO
- March 3-Grade 7/8 Girls' Volleyball Playoffs at Pleasant View
- March 3-African and Chinese Heritage Assembly
- March 7-Afro-Cuban Brazilian Drumming Performs



Reminder-This Thursday March 2nd Parent Council

Mark Thursday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm on your calendar for a combined Parent Council Meeting and presentation by TDSB Social Worker, Janine Lawford. Janine will speak to what parents need to know about helping kids with self-confidence, identity, and resilience. Janine will be presenting at Bessborough Drive E&MS in the school library. Health and wellness is critically important and resources are available on the TDSB website [HERE](#)

Reminder-Course Selection Deadline on MyBlueprint February

- Students must finalize their destination for secondary school (designated school by address, Central Program, Alternative School, Out-of-Area Admission) by completing and submitting the corresponding course selection for the accepted school in myBlueprint (February 27, 2023)
- **Course selection deadline (February 27, 2023)**
- Complete Individual Pathways Plan task(s)

IEPs Updated for the 2nd Term

Students with IEPs have had them updated for the 2nd term by their teachers. The IEPs will go home on Tuesday, February 28th.

Bessborough Wellness Club

From Mr. Chang and Ms. Buksner

The first week of the Wellness Clubs has just been completed and they are off to a great start! Clubs will be continuing at lunch times on **March 1, and March 8**. A reminder the clubs are: Bracelet Making (Grade 2/3); Volleyball Clinic (Grade 4/5) and Perler Beads (Grade 1).

100th Anniversary-Looking for Committee Members

Did you know that Bessborough is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year? Bessborough was the first school to be opened in Leaside and originally opened in December 1923. The original school building consisted of 4 classrooms and, also, housed municipal offices in the basement. We are looking for members of our school community who would like to join the 100th Anniversary Committee to help commemorate this special anniversary. Please contact Parent Council Chair, Andrea Bee bee.andreaellen@gmail.com or Principal, Janet Bambrick janet.bambrick@tdsb.on.ca.

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.



MAYFAIR 2023!

We've got a FABULOUS team assembled and planning is underway...stay tuned.
May 27th - mark your calendar.

School Council Meeting

Save the date for the next school council meeting. It will be held Thursday, March 2nd in the Bessborough Library.

100 Years of Bessborough!

This year marks Bessborough school's 100th year. We are looking for members to join the 100-year celebration committee. This group will oversee ways that we can highlight this milestone this year. Please email , Andrea Bee bee.andreaellen@gmail.com or Janet Bambrick janet.bambrick@tdsb.on.ca .if you are interested in joining.

Save the Date - Grade 8 Graduation - June 26th 2023

Bessborough's spirit of community holds a longstanding tradition where grade 7 families organize graduation, allowing families of graduates to relax and enjoy the day. While the school runs the ceremony, a team of volunteers organizes celebrations including a casual family reception and a fun after-party for the kids, supported by the School Council and grade 7 families.

We were grateful last year for the efforts of our grad committee Celine Smith Legousse, Heather Zimcik, Jennifer Avveduto, Christine Davis, Janet Embir & Amenah Ibrahim and their team of supporters who led a wonderful day to celebrate our new graduates and commemorate their time at Bessborough.

We are looking for people to carry the tradition forward. There are various roles, all well-documented from past volunteers with last year's committee members here to share information and guide. Please contact bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com for more info and to lend a hand.

Thank you for your support!



Thursday, March 2 - School Council Meeting



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Bessborough School Council is on Insta! @bessboroughschoolcouncil