

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 9-G.7/8 Girls' Volleyball at Windfields MS
- Feb. 10-7C to the ROM
- Feb. 14-First Term Report Cards sent home
- Feb. 15-G.7/8 Boys' Basketball at Don Mills MS
- Feb. 16-Grades 4-8 Ski Trip to Lakeridge & Mt. St.Louis
- Feb. 16-Puppet show presentation for K-3
- Feb. 17-PA Day-NO SCHOOL



Willesden Reads: The Canadian Premier of The Willesden Project

On Wednesday, February 1st, students at Bessborough in Grades 6-8 watched a livestream presentation of Mona Golabek, presenting "The Children of Willesden Lane". This presentation, which was brought to the TDSB by Liberation75 in collaboration with the TDSB Jewish Heritage Committee, tells the true story of Mona Golabek's mother, Lisa Jura, a 14-year-old piano prodigy living in Vienna in 1938, "where it quickly became dangerous to be Jewish". Students were transfixed as Mona told her mother's story and performed on the piano. Here is what some of our students said about the impact of this performance:

"I felt that the story was very eye opening, pure honesty, which I really appreciated because it does not make light of the Holocaust." Bayla

"The assembly taught us that you never really know what someone is going through, or what their families have gone through throughout history. This taught us to respect diversity in our school community." Grade 6 student

"The assembly was very empowering because of all the injustices in the world - makes you realize that more people have to fight against these injustices so that something like the Holocaust never happens again." Sofia

"The music in the assembly was very fitting for the narrative - music can always tell a story and can help us remember important stories throughout history." Felicia

Student Engagement Committee: Valentine's Day Candy Gram Fundraiser

The students at Bessborough Drive Elementary and Middle School are helping transform lives, one wish at a time! We are pleased to announce that this Valentine's Day, we will be doing the **Valentine's Day Candy Gram fundraiser** in support of **Make-A-Wish® Canada**, and we need your help to achieve the goal we have set for ourselves. *Your support will help children whose health is seriously threatened, to have their dearest wish granted.* All donations are important, every gesture counts. A wish is an integral part of a child's treatment journey. Research shows children who have a wish granted can build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight their illness.

The Student Engagement Committee is organizing a **Valentine's Day Candy Gram fundraiser on February 13th**. Our School has a **FUNDRAISING PAGE**, where we also accept electronic donations:

<https://makeawishca.donordrive.com/campaign/Bessborough-Valentine-s-Day-Candy-Grams-Sale->

Or scan this QR code:



Our students in the primary division (Kindergarten to Grade 3) can pre-order their Candy Grams using the Google Form that will be shared by their homeroom teacher. Candy Grams will be delivered to the students' homerooms on February 14th. The deadline for completing this form is Friday, February 10. Thank you for helping us transform lives, one wish at a time!

February 16th Ski Trip (G.4-8) and Puppet Show (K-3)

We are delighted to offer grades 4-8 students once again, the opportunity to have a ski day. Students in grades 4-6 will be going to Lakeridge Ski Resort and students in grades 7&8 will be going to Mount St. Louis. The ski resorts set a capacity limit for school ski trips, due to the extra requirements they entail, which is the reason for the two different locations. While our students in K-3 will not be going skiing, they will also have a special day on Feb. 16th with Puppetmongers theatre company visiting and presenting "Foolish Tales for Foolish Times" in the morning. Classes will be engaged in puppet-making in the afternoon. A great day is planned for everyone!



Kindergarten Registration-Opened February 1

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/KindergartenMonth>

Resources for Grade 8 to 9: Preparing for High School

February

- Grade 8 Course Selection Opens for all students via [myBlueprint](#) (February 6, 2023)
- *Round 1*
 - Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the Out-of-Area Application (February 8, 2023)
 - Deadline for families to confirm acceptance of the Out-of-Area offer (February 14, 2023)
- *Round 2*
 - Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the Out-of-Area Application (February 15, 2023)
 - Deadline for families to confirm acceptance of the Out-of-Area offer (February 21, 2023)
- *Final round*
 - Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the Out-of-Area Application (February 22, 2023)
 - Deadline for families to confirm acceptance of the Out-of-Area offer (February 24, 2023)
- 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)
- Parent/Teacher interviews
- Complete Individual Pathways Plan task(s)

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

The highlight of the Bessborough school year is fast approaching and we are looking for individuals to make up our 2023 Mayfair planning committee!

This event is our school's largest fundraiser and cannot be done without many of you - at this time, we are looking for the following key positions;

★ **Guessing Jars Lead**

- Collecting and labeling the guessing jar area - this is a great job for someone one week before the fair or a new parent!

★ **Volunteer Lead**

- Get the volunteers and organize where they need to go on the day.

★ **BBQ Lead**

- Responsible for organizing all the food, drinks, equipment etc. - this would be a great job for a few dads to take on!

These jobs could be individual, or you could sign up with a friend to co-lead. Our team will consist of a small group of 6-10 awesome parents! Please email bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these positions or if you have any questions!

Save the Date - Grade 8 Graduation - June 2023

Grade 8 graduation is scheduled for June 27th. Our longstanding tradition is to have the grade 7 parents pay it forward by organizing the event. More details and requests for volunteers will be coming soon via email.



Wednesday, February 22- Pizza Lunch



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