

Sunday, June 11, 2023

# Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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### Upcoming Events:

June 12- Habourfront for JK-Grade 4 and G. 7/ 8 Girls' Slo Pitch

June 13-6 PM Parent Information for Rolph Road and Bennington Families ( 7:15 PM-Parent Council Meeting

June 13-Track & Field Esther Shiner Stadium

June 14-16-Grade 8 Trip to Ottawa

June 15-Rescheduled G. 5/6 Boys' Softball Tournament

June 16-G.5/6 Girls' Slo Pitch



## School Council Meeting-June 13 at 7:15 PM

The next school council meeting will be at 7:15 pm in the school library and virtual. A zoomlink will be sent before the meeting.

## Volunteer Appreciation Tea-June 27



### *Volunteer Appreciation Tea*

Have you volunteered in your child's class, School Council events, class trips or anywhere in our school this year?

Join us as we celebrate your greatness, energy, generosity, kindness and support for our students, school and community.

**June 27**  
**8:00 am - 9:00 am**  
**In our Library**

## Reminder Track & Field Finals-June 13<sup>th</sup>

Our rescheduled conference finals at **Esther Shiner Stadium (5720 Bathurst St, North York, ON M2R 3W2)** will now be on **TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH**. The location has not changed, and the same **schedule and timing of events will be used**. Please make sure to look at the track team tab and schedule tab of the attached Google Sheet to make sure that your child arrives on time for their event. Please note that events can be marshalled up to 30 minutes early from the posted start time. All students will need to have arrangements in place for getting to and from the stadium. Bessborough staff will meet all competitors on the bleachers inside the stadium.

### **Students need to bring the following items with them to the track meet:**

- Bessborough shirt (if owned)
- running shoes
- water bottle
- snacks/lunch
- shorts/comfortable pants for running
- sunscreen

**A new EMA participation form MUST be filled out for your child for the new meet date.** Students will also have the opportunity to get a paper copy of the form today during our track meeting. Thanks, and we are looking forward to a great day of track and field for Bessborough athletes!

## The Kilometre Club is Back!

Kilometer Club is back! It's been a few years and we're excited to reintroduce Kilometer Club to Bessborough Students Grades 1-8.

**When:** June 19th - June 23rd (M-F) 8:00am -8:3am on Bessborough South Yard

**Who:** Bessborough Students Grades 1-8 (Parents and Lil' Sibs you're welcome too - this isn't a drop of event so run with the students or even better cheer them on as they complete each lap)

**The Deats:** Lace up your sneakers and let's race to the end of school year and the start of summer! As a school we'll run laps of the perimeter of Bessborough School, and every runner will collect a popsicle stick for each lap completed and at the end of that day - you can trade your popsicle sticks in for a charm. Even better - come every day to collect all 5! Bling Bling!

At the end of the week - we'll tally all the popsicle sticks for the whole week and figure out just how far we ran collectively as a school!

Can't wait to see you out there!

Thanks to our parent volunteers, Alison Lort, Adrienne Zarem, Heather Wright, and Leila Baghdadi for running this club!

## June is Pride Month

June is Pride Month at the TDSB! It's an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness among all staff and students about the rich culture and history of our 2SLGBTQ+ community. TDSB school communities are encouraged to hold intentional sessions with their students about issues related to 2SLGBTQ+ communities as well as the impact of homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia on TDSB students, staff, and community members. At Bessborough, our GSA club raised the Pride Flag on June 1<sup>st</sup> and we will be having a school Pride Parade. As part of our commitment to creating an inclusive environment for all students, staff at Bessborough have been engaged in professional learning with central staff from the Gender Based Violence Prevention team. This professional learning will continue to be a focus in the 2023/2024 school year.

## June is National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21<sup>st</sup> is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a time to celebrate and learn from First Nations, Métis and Inuit people about the diverse cultures, histories, experiences, creations, perspectives, and achievements. At Bessborough we will be learning about outstanding Indigenous Canadians on the morning announcements. Learning about Indigenous culture and history has been part of classroom learning as well. As an example, the students in Mr. King's grade 5 classroom have written their own Land Acknowledgements, demonstrating their understanding of Indigenous Treaty Issues. Two of the students in this class read their Land Acknowledgements at a recent meeting of the school principals and vice-principals in our learning network.

## 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.



### **Get involved with School Council for the 2023/2024 School Year**

We are actively looking for Volunteers to help with School Council events and initiatives for the 2023/2024 school year. There are many different ways that you can get involved in Bessborough School Council and many different commitment levels. If you are interested in becoming a part of our growing team please let us know using our [Getting Involved](#) form or email Andrea Bee at [bee.andreaellen@gmail.com](mailto:bee.andreaellen@gmail.com)

**Team Lead positions (School Council Leadership Team Member)** - These roles require a year long commitment with regular involvement in school initiatives, attendance at Monthly team meetings and Quarterly School Council meetings. The Team Leads will organize and manage activities that fall within their managed silo (I.e., 'Communications Lead' would manage web, social etc.) including responsibility to collaborate with the Student Council Leadership team to plan/execute larger scale initiatives & events. These individuals will also organize volunteers for more specific roles and provide guidance to the other team members as needed.

**Core Team positions** - These roles have a once/twice a month commitment level, working regularly with Team Leads on specific initiatives or activities. Core Team members are encouraged to attend Quarterly School Council meetings.

**Initiative or Class Parent positions** - This is a perfect role if you would like to help with a specific initiative/event (I.e., Mayfair, Specific Social events or Graduation etc.) or if you want to work as the liaison between your children's teacher and the parent group as the

'Class Parent' Representative. The Team Leads and Core Team members will provide guidance and connection to the wider initiatives.

### **RECYCLING CENTRE**

Nowhere to put your markers or old batteries. Look no further than near the front doors inside Bessborough. We have a new recycling centre! The School Council will ensure that these items are recycled responsibly.

### **SOCIAL EVENT SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE**

Some of our school social series events for kids still have space!

#### **Kindy Freezie Party - Thursday, June 15th, 2023**

*So much fun - freezies and dancing and Ms. Bondy, Mrs. Guerrero, Ms. Miller, and Ms Willoughby*

Cost: \$10/person, includes dance party and freezies 12:15 - 12:45 pm

Kindy's only!

#### **Ice Cream Sandwich and Games Party- Wednesday June 14th, 2023**

*What's more fun than ice cream and games? Come and enjoy some delicious treats while playing games with Ms Thurow, Ms Balshin and Ms. Leishman.*

Cost: \$10/person, includes games and ice cream sandwiches 3:30-4:30 pm,

Number: Maximum 30, grades 1-2 only!

To purchase tickets, please contact Andrea Bee at [bee.andreaellen@gmail.com](mailto:bee.andreaellen@gmail.com).

## **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](mailto:bee.andreaellen@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.



**June 22 - Grade 8 Graduation (please note date has been changed to June 22)**



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