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Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

June 5-9-Dental Screening and EQAO

June 5-Grade 7/8 Girls' Slo-Pitch Tournament

June 6-Pediculosis Nurse in the PM for Junior Grades

June 6-Grade 7/8 Boys' Slo-Pitch Tournament@ Trace Manes

June 7-City Track & Field Meet

June 8-8A/8B Christie Pitts & Kindie Orientation

June 9-8C/8D Christie Pitts



Vaccine Clinic at Bessborough-June 20

Spring Clinic: Toronto Public Health (TPH) staff will be returning to **Bessborough Junior and Senior Public School** on **Tuesday June 20, 2023** to give Grade 7 and 8 students their first or next dose of the vaccines in the School Immunization Program: [Hepatitis B](#), [Human Papillomavirus](#) and [Meningococcal ACYW-135](#). To be protected from Hepatitis B and HPV, most students need two doses of these vaccines, given 6 months apart.

Missed Vaccines: If your child misses the spring clinic, these vaccines are also available for eligible students, free of cost, at [City-run clinics](#). If your child received a first dose of hepatitis B or HPV vaccines from a health care provider or at a City Immunization Clinic, TPH can administer any missing doses at the school clinic if a signed consent form is received.

Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA): Under ISPA, all Ontario students are required to be up-to-date with Meningococcal vaccine or have a valid exemption. To request an exemption, email SchoolVaccines@toronto.ca. Parents/guardians of students who have not yet received the vaccines being offered at this clinic may receive a letter or phone call from TPH to remind them of options to get their child vaccinated.

Consent forms: Complete, sign and return the [School Immunization Consent Form](#) only if you have not already completed one for your child. Paper copies of the form may be available from the school office.

Already Vaccinated?: If your child has received one or more of these vaccines from their healthcare provider, [report your child's vaccination\(s\)](#) using the Immunization Connect Ontario ([ICON](#)) online tool. Visit [Toronto.ca/StudentVaccines](https://toronto.ca/StudentVaccines) for more information.

For information about the [School Immunization Program](#), please also review our [School Immunization Program Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) and the [School Immunization Program Student & Parent Checklist](#). You can also speak to your health care provider or call Toronto

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 1st. 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 21st 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.

Yearbook Sales Are On!

Order your 2022/23 Yearbook today from TDSB Cash Online. Cost: \$30.

Deadline June 11th—Yearbooks to be distributed the week of June 26th.

Any questions, please contact Jen Avveduto at Jennifer.avveduto@gmail.com

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.

The Kilometre Club is Back!

A Bessborough favourite is returning June 19th- 23rd! Students from Grades 1-8 are encouraged to come out and see how many laps of the south field they can run. Each runner will get a popsicle stick per lap which can be traded on for shoelace charms. 8:00 am - 8:30 rain or shine! More details to follow.

Next Pediculosis Screening at Bessborough: June 6 in the PM

The Pediculosis nurse was at Bessborough this past week and checked the classes in the primary division as well as the Grade ¾ class. She did not find any cases of head lice. Thanks very much to families who have been checking their child's head at home and cases of head lice treated when found. It is clearly helping.

On June 6th students in the Junior division will be checked in the afternoon (Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 5/6, and Grade 6). For families who do not wish to have their child checked at school please let the office or your child's teacher know and we ask that you check your child's head at home. This will help to stop the spread.

Here are helpful tips to stop the spread of head lice from Toronto Public Health:

- Teach your child(ren) how head lice are spread.
- Discourage head-to-head contact and sharing of hats, scarves, hairbrushes, and combs.
- Tie long hair back in braids.
- Check the head of young school age children weekly for head lice; more often if there is an outbreak.
- Routinely check the heads of all people living in the household for head lice.
- Treat all people with head lice in the household at the same time.
- If someone in your household has head lice, tell all people who have close contact with the person with head lice to check their heads, including the child's teacher and/or daycare worker.

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 was a HUGE success, thanks to many in our community.

The planning for this year's Mayfair started in January and could not have come together without the dedication of our amazing and wonderful committee - Lia McLeod, Laura Wright, Alison Steinman, Andrea Jeffries, Alison Toh, Celine Smith Legousse and Andrea Bee. This was a fantastic team to work with! Thank you to Jonathan and Kelly Botrie who helped with the sponsorship team as well.

Thank you to Renee Cronier in the front office who sorted, organized, paid bills and was a huge help to us all, always with a smile on her face - we so appreciate you! Janet, Lynette and all the teachers who supported Mayfair in a variety of roles - thank you very much!

Our fabulous caretakers who helped in the lead up and the day of, starting early and working late, so our school was ready to go - thank you to Avneet, Ken, Shawn, and Sharandeep for your support.

Thank you to Katie Robinson, who organized the guessing jars and Katerina Podalak who ran the musical cakes - these are two fan-favourite activities, and they definitely delivered this year! Our behind-the-scenes team in finance; Geoff Lamb and Lisa Suutari - you guys were hopping all day and your support was much appreciated. To the many people who did some heavy lifting - Brian Morgan and Michael Misurka who delivered the tents and Brent Davis with lots of last-minute running around, thank you.

Karen Gagnon has run the BBQ with her crew for the past 10 years; she is moving on after this year, but we would like to thank her for her years of support and taking on this huge task at Mayfair - it did not disappoint this year! As well to Leaside Pub who has been donating all of the food for our BBQ for 20 years - thank you!

To the many parents and high school students who volunteered for a shift, or to bake a cake or bring in a guessing jar - this could not have happened without you!! This is a huge community event and thank you for being part of it. We are especially appreciative of our setup and take down crews - lots of hands still made heavy work the day of, but well worth it!

And to our many sponsors that provided activities, donations, and fun to our fair - we thank you! Please support these businesses in our community - they support us. The list is included below.

Looking forward to next year's festivities already - thank you everyone!

Christine Davis and Charlotte Fleming, 2023 Mayfair Co-Chairs

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

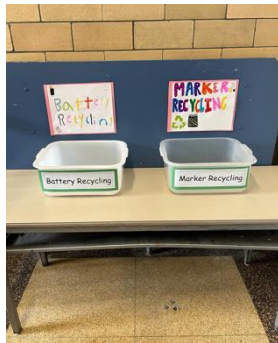
The Parent Council Appreciation Team is doing a little something special each week for the teachers and staff at Bessborough.

We would love for all of our wonderful teachers to receive notes of appreciation from all of you, which is where we're asking for your input. Please [click here](#) to access an appreciation form where you can share your appreciation with your child's teacher(s) and other staff members. School Council will print off all the notes submitted, along with a general note for every staff member on behalf of our parent

community and will present them to each staff member. **You are welcome to [submit this form](#) multiple times in order to submit notes to multiple teachers. Thank you!**

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! 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!

Sundae and Karaoke Party- Tuesday, June 6th, 2023

What's more fun than sundaes and singing? Come and enjoy some delicious treats while singing your karaoke hearts out with Mr. Chang, Mr. McMillan, and Ms. Chow.

Cost: \$10/person, includes dance party and freezies 11:30 - 12:15 pm, room 14

Number: Maximum 20, grades 3-8 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.

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.

Parent Street Crawl

On behalf of the School Council I would like to apologize for the miscommunication around the Street Crawl. We know that there are some disappointed parents around the lack of communication and we collectively agree that this was a big miss on our part. Parent events are integral to the feeling of community and belonging that we, the Bessborough School Council work so hard to encourage. This miss has forced us to re-evaluate the way we communicate with the Bessborough parent community and sell tickets for community building events, like Street Crawl.

Going forward, we have a plan to ensure that both Communication and opportunity to participate is consistent across the school. If you are interested in being a part of the team that organizes Bessborough parent community events we would love to have you! Please email Andrea Bee at bee.andreaellen@gmail.com.

APPRECIATION

Thank you to Vanessa Kent and her team, Rachel Kingston, Andrea Bee, and Sarah Pooley, for organizing all our pizza lunches for 2022/2023. Always a treat for our students (and no lunch to pack for parents!)



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



Bessborough School Council is on Insta! @bessboroughschoolcouncil