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Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

March 20-Grade 5/6 Hockey
Tournament

March 27-Grade 7/8 Hockey
Tournament

March 28-Scientists in the
School for Kindies

March 29-Pizza Lunch

March 29-31-Grade 6s to
Sheldon

March 31-Lunch Activities
Begin

April 3-Raising Anti-Racist
Children Presentation by
Michelle Munroe



Raising Anti-Racist Children: Virtual Presentation with Michelle Munroe

Join us on **Monday, April 3rd @6:30 pm** for a presentation and discussion with Michelle Munroe, an award-winning Central coordinator for parent and community engagement with TDSB. She has been in the work of Caregiver Engagement, Anti-Oppression, and Anti-Black Racism training with school boards, school councils and parent/caregivers for over 15 years. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, guardians, and caregivers to come together to learn about how to talk with your children about race and racism. This mirrors the ongoing work we are doing at Bessborough, and we are thrilled for this opportunity to continue to connect our home and school learning together. Hope to see you there---a Zoomlink will be sent out to families closer to the date.

Lunch Mom: Spring Hot Lunch Sign-Up

From Tricia Tait

Dear Bessborough PS Community, Spring is right around the corner! And Spring's hot lunch sign up is now available on the website! The menu is found right above the ordering section of the page.

Spring term runs from April 4 - June 29.

Order deadline is Monday, March 27th at noon.

The sign-up link is: [BESSBOROUGH SPRING HOT LUNCH SIGN UP LINK](#)

Happy almost Spring everyone!!

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Bessborough Lunch Activity Programs

Please note: Programs run for 7- or 8-week sessions from 12:00-12:40 pm. Programs start/end on different weeks due holidays and availability. If you have questions, either email the programs directly or contact parent coordinator Cara Ooi at caraooi2008@gmail.com.

MONDAY

Hip Hop (JK/SK)

Exploring the music, movement, art, and tradition of hip hop in an energetic and wholesome way.

Each day starts with warm-ups games and exercises to get heart rates up and muscles stretched, then the hip-hop starts. Steps are broken down and repeated to develop body memory, and then choreographed and paired with music. There is always room for free-styling, and budding rhythm-and-prose artists are welcome to rap along!

Dates: April 3, April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 29 (7 wks, skip April 10 & May 22)

Cost: \$154.00 +HST***

Registration: www.extraed.ca/login

Contact: info@extraed.ca

Chess (Grade 1-6)

Your child has the exciting opportunity to improve their mental skill with professional chess instructors from our local Chess 'N Math Association. This fun chess course for both beginners and advanced players, teaches kids to think ahead and calculate, invaluable skills for the classroom. Each fun lesson is followed by a game session. Awards and certificates are given at the end of the term. All equipment is provided.

Dates: March 27, April 3, April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 29 (8 wks, skip April 10 and May 22)

Cost: \$140+HST

Registration: <https://chess-math.org/bessborough-spring2023>

Contact: toronto@chess-math.org

TUESDAY

Animal Hands On with Pawsitively Pets (JK/SK)

Each week the group will meet a variety of animals and have the opportunity to learn all about them, touch, hold and pet them.

Dates: April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23 (8 weeks)

Cost: \$145+HST

Registration: <http://schoollunchandafter4programs.campbrainregistration.com>

Contact: 416-901-4776

NASA: Academy of Future Space Explorers (Grades 1-6)

We've teamed up with NASA to take children on a voyage of discovery! With unique hands-on activities, amazing demonstrations, and fun experiments, this experience is truly out of this world. Children will build fun and educational take home projects to fuel their future explorations!

Weekly Topics Include: Atmosphere & Beyond, Sun & Stars, Space Phenomena, Space Technology, Living in Space, Space Travel, Rocket Science I & II

Dates: April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23 (7 weeks)

Cost: \$140+HST

Registration: After-School Program Registration (madscience.org)

Contact: contactus@madsciencetoronto.ca

WEDNESDAY

Art Club (JK/SK)

Students are introduced to different art media, are taught different art-making techniques and are exposed to different art styles, but most importantly, they are invited to explore what they have learned by combining media, interjecting their own interests, and using their own creativity to produce great art.

Number of weeks: 8

Dates: April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24 (8 weeks)

Cost: \$171.50 +HST***

Registration: www.extraed.ca/login

Contact: info@extraed.ca

Hip Hop (Grades 1-6)

Exploring the music, movement, art, and tradition of hip hop in an energetic and wholesome way

- participants learn how to turn lyrics into rap by adding rhythm, learn dance moves such as top rocks, fast footwork, back rocks, freezes, and power moves, and may engage in some friendly battle-dances. There is always room for free-styling, and budding rhythm-and-prose artists are welcome to rap along!

Dates: April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24 (8 weeks)

Cost: \$171.50 +HST***

Registration: www.extraed.ca/

THURSDAY

Junior Adventurers (JK/SK)

Children will become Jr. Adventurers as they travel into the scientific world! Investigating light and shadows will bring students to brilliant results. Children will learn about the properties of our oceans and freshwater lakes through exciting experiments with liquids. An analysis of birds and worms will bring students to learn about their responsibilities to the natural world. Weekly Topics Include: Fluttering Birds, Sea-Sand-Surf, Lights On! Shapes & Structures, Science of Music, Water Works, Healthy Choices, World of Worms

Dates: April 13, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25 (7 weeks)

Cost: \$140+HST

Registration: After-School Program Registration ([mad science.org](http://madscience.org))

Contact: contactus@madsciencetoronto.ca

Animal Hands On with Pawsitively Pets (Grade 1-5)

Each week the group will meet a variety of animals and have the opportunity to learn all about them, touch, hold and pet them.

Dates: April 6, April 13, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25 (8 weeks)

Cost: \$145+HST

Registration: <http://schoollunchandafter4programs.campbrainregistration.com>

Contact: 416-901-4776

FRIDAY

Magic (JK/SK)

Learn magic tricks you can do anywhere! Students develop their own magical persona as they create and practice a new trick each week. Along with the fun of astounding friends and family, students will develop performance skills, concentration, and hand-eye coordination. No capes required!

Dates: March 31, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26 (8wks, skip April 7)

Cost: \$171.50 +HST***

Registration: www.extraed.ca/login **Contact:** info@extraed.ca

Drawing & Sketching (Grades 1-6)

From linework to shading to sophisticated facial expressions, students will be guided through how to translate what they see to paper, each being encouraged to express their unique view and illustration style. Depending on level, students will also study object and background drawing as well as illustrations from different perspectives.

Dates: March 31, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, May

****From ExtraEd: Our clubs are for everyone. If cost is a barrier to your child participating, you may pay less or even nothing - no questions asked. On the checkout page, click on the option to change the price.*

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>

March is Greek Heritage Month

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Greek Heritage Month (GHM) during the month of March. During the month of March, Bessborough's daily announcements will focus on Greek heritage and quotes from Greek philosophers and will relate to the TDSB's theme of Joy, Engagement and Belonging.

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.



Tis the season to start planning for spring plantings!

Bessborough has partnered with **Plantables.ca** 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
2. Pick Your Plants and use the **code: BESSBOROUGH**
3. Choose your delivery week
4. Plants are delivered to your door!

Contact: any questions, please reach out to Rachel at rkingston00@gmail.com

<https://plantables.ca/for/bessborough>

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 bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

Appreciation

Thank you to the Bessborough staff for all their hard work coaching the winter sports teams!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the most recent School Council meeting. It was great to have a full room again and to see everyone's faces.



March 29 - Pizza lunch



Bessborough School Council is on Insta! @bessboroughschoolcouncil