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Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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Upcoming Events:

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



TDSB Elementary Summer School

The focus of the 2023 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through the month of July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the local summer school Principal to reflect the local school focus. **Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 28, 2023, in various locations around the city. This year, one remote program will also be available.**

Registration Information: Program Dates: July 4 to July 28, 2023 **Registration is online**Most classes run for three (3) hours from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., except for four (4) full day sites that run 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. which include: Oakridge PS, Greenholme JMS, Rose Avenue JPS, and Yorkwoods PS.

Registration is now open! Programs do fill up quickly, so register soon!

For more information, including a list of schools and online registration forms, visit our summer school program page: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/about-us/innovation/elementary-summer-school>

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.

Save the Date-April 27th Arts Evening Café

Families save the date for an Arts evening at Bessborough! The night will include performances by the school choirs and band, a poetry café and much more. Performances will be in different spaces throughout the school. More details about the schedule for the evening will be sent soon.

Spring Lunchtime Programs

Please see the separate flyer for Lunchtime Programs that will be available at Bessborough. There is a corrected link for "Mad Science". **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.

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](#)

Congratulations Bessborough 5/6 Hockey Team!

Congratulations to the students on the grade 5/6 hockey team who played in the Leaside Cup hockey tournament on Monday, March 20th. What a great event to come back to after the March Break! Many thanks to Mr. Ivan and Mr. Brown for coaching the team and to parents Lindsay Blakely and Lauren Morgan for their support and organization of the tournament.

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.





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>

Appreciation

Thank you, Lindsay Blakely and Lauren Morgan, for organizing the Grade 5 and 6 Leaside Cup hockey tournament!



March 29 - Pizza lunch



Bessborough School Council is on Insta! @bessboroughschoolcouncil