

Sunday, May 14, 2023

# Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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### Upcoming Events:

May 14-Grade 8 Grad pictures  
for students absent

May 16-Hanna's Suitcase  
Author Presentation

May 17-Track & Field Meet at  
Esther Shiner Stadium

May 19-Grade 7s to Fort York

May 22-Victoria Day-NO  
SCHOOL

May 23-Primary Wellness Day

May 26-TOPS sports 5:30-7:30  
PM

May 27-MAYFAIR



## Track & Field Wednesday, May 17

Over one hundred Bessborough students will be participating in the Track & Field Meet on **Wednesday May 17th @ Esther Shiner Stadium (5720 Bathurst St, North York, ON M2R 3W2** - The Track is West of Bathurst, North of Finch (behind Northview Heights S.S.). Families are asked to refer to the Junior and Intermediate Track and Field Teams, Schedule of Events and map of Esther Shiner Stadium sent out by your child's teacher and attached on the EMA system. **Permission forms for all participating athletes must be completed on the EMA system before the day of the meet.**

## Wellness Club

The grades 1-4 students had an opportunity to stretch their artistic creativity these past few weeks and make different arts and crafts for their loved ones! This week was supposed to be the last week for the grade 5/6 soccer club, however since track and field is scheduled for this Wednesday, we will be moving the last session to Wednesday May 24. Thank you to Ms. Chow, Ms. Thurow, Ms. Peach, Ms. Buksner, and Mr. Chang who have been helping to supervise our weekly meetings. A special thank you to all our grade 7 and 8 student leaders who have been helping to lead engaging activities for our younger students at Bessborough! We will announce our last round of wellness activities soon!



## Head Lice

We are asking families to check their children for nits and lice. 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.

## Presentation for Families by Janine Lawford-May 29

Janine will be doing a repeat presentation of "Help Kids Find Their True Selves and Be Resilient: Help Prevent Depression and Anxiety". The presentation will be on [Zoom](#) from 6:30 -7:30 pm

## Care, Belonging and Responsibility Event: May 17<sup>th</sup> ,7-8:30 PM

### Message from Leaside High School Council

On behalf of Leaside High School Council, we would like to invite the Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers in your school community to an upcoming event: **Calling In: Care, Belonging & Responsibility' an Online Arts Based Parent Event.** This is a FREE online session taking place on **May 17th from 7-8:30 pm.** You can find a poster for the event here: [POSTER Calling In Care Belonging and Responsibility May 17 2023 \(1\).pdf](#)

**What is it?** An online arts-based experiential exploration of how our parenting and caregiving can help to nurture anti-racist, anti-oppressive ways of being in our school community through compassionate and inclusive practices.

**Who is it for?** Parents, guardians, and caregivers of students attending schools near to or adjacent to the Leaside community.

**Why are we doing it?** Every student and family in our school community and beyond shares the right to feel a sense of belonging. As a community, we are working toward this being the case, but we are not there yet. Racism and oppression remain present in our community.

**What will we be doing together?** Together, we will explore the importance of understanding our identity markers and social location(s) - our power, privilege, and implicit bias and boldly name how dominant cultures impact a sense of inclusion and exclusion in our community - along with the importance of language and the value of creative process using imagery and poetry to express care and facilitate connection. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers in the Leaside High School community to expand awareness and connection, celebrate diversity, and nourish a sense of collective responsibility for deepening care and strengthening a sense of belonging for everyone.

**Suggested art supplies to have on hand to participate:** A few papers and something to write or draw with, such as pens, pencils, markers, or any other mark-making items. Scissors, magazine (willing to cut out of), and glue -- think of collage.

This is not necessarily about the final product, although you may be surprised. It's more about the process which includes self-reflection, play, creativity, and discovery.

**What participants will walk away with?** Participants will walk away with an increased understanding and awareness about their own power and privilege within the dominant culture in our community and have some ideas of how to use language, self-awareness, and care in parenting and caregiving practices to help interrupt patterns of harm and nurture relationships and belonging in our community while supporting students to do the same.

If you are interested in attending **please register here:** <https://forms.gle/n1ULLj2mVrgmzgGL7>

Thank you, Craig & Sarah=Leaside High School Council Co-Chairs

## **Bessborough Yearbook Sales Coming Soon!**

The yearbook will soon be available and will be available to purchase on Cash Online for \$30.00. There are some families who have not signed media releases. If you would like your child to appear in the yearbook these media releases must be signed.

We could still use more photos! Please submit any photos to the links below. **Deadline May.18th**

Yearbook pictures needed for the following events:

Orange Shirt Day: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/F7VY5X>

Pizza Lunches: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/XHHP8A>

Pink Shirt Day: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/VGR6U6>

Girls 7/8 Soccer: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/XDLKPX>

Grade 6 trip to Sheldon: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/19FE8Q>

Art Work: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/UGRN4W>

JK/SK photos: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/48NAV4>

Track & Field <https://plicbooks.ca/go/VX17Z6>

Bessborough School Spirit & fun photos <https://plicbooks.ca/go/LQDA92>

Upcoming May Fair: May 27th: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/N3JHL2> (**accepting photos on May 28th**)

## Elementary Summer School 2023

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. This year, one remote program will also be available.

More information can be found on the TDSB website [here](#).

## Bessborough 100 Years

The 100-year committee is looking for your help as we prepare for a 100-year celebration in the fall. Here are a few class pictures from our Alumni.



Grade 1 Class, Bessborough Drive Public School. Miss Christlaw. 1945-6.



## Trustee Chernos Lin's Ward 11 Webpage

Trustee Chernos Lin will be hosting a virtual coffee morning this Wednesday, May 10 from 9:30 to 11:00 am. To register to attend, go to this [link](#).

All families can visit Trustee Chernos Lin's Ward 11 [webpage](#) and sign up to receive her Newsletter.



📣 **Mayfair is almost here!** 📣

**When: Saturday May 27 @ 11am - 4pm**

**What:** Mayfair is a day full of fun with a ton of exciting things to do including many inflatables (obstacle courses, giant slides, interactive challenge, a gladiator joust, bouncers etc.), photo booth, glitter tattoos, wacky hair station, a guessing jar table, candy land, BBQ, amazing silent auction items, sponsor booths and much, much more. Some activities and sweet treats are ticket-based, with tickets available for purchase the day of at the event. Wristbands which give access to most activities can be purchased in advance through School Cash Online starting on May 10. We have two wristband options this year:

1. \$30 (7+ inflatables, Kindy Yard, Photo Booth, Tattoos and more!)
2. \$35 includes the basic wristband above, plus lunch (burger/hotdog/veggie burg, drink, and chips/popcorn)

**The wristbands are the best value for unlimited fun.** On the day of, only basic wristbands are available at \$35 and food is available by purchase.

Also, to kick off Mayfair, there will be a multi-sport event on Friday, May 26 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm (more info and link to sign-up is below!)

### **Bessborough Soccer and Lacrosse Evening - Pre-Mayfair Fun!**

We are excited to be hosting a fun-filled sports event the Friday evening before Mayfair! Coaches from TOP Sports will be leading students in Grades 1-8 in soccer games and a lacrosse clinic – prior experience isn't needed, and students can participate in one or both sports (the fee covers both, as well as pizza!).

The registration link follows, along with additional details about the evening's schedule. Note that all funds collected will be passed on to Bessborough E&MS to enhance the learning experience at the school!

**Registration:** : <https://frontofficehockey.com/program/1682089174649x196391482332282880>

**Date:** Friday, May 26, 2023

**Time:** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Location:** 211 Bessborough Drive (South Yard Field)

**Cost:** \$20 per participant. Price includes 2 slices of pizza (please bring your own water bottle)

### **Guessing Jars!**

One of the most popular stops at Mayfair is the Guessing jar station.

Fill a jar with highly coveted candy or other small items such as Lego stickers, hair accessories, hockey cards, markers, anything fun that fits in a jar!

Mayfair participants will try to guess the correct number of items in the jar and the one who nails it wins! Starting May 12th, please drop your jar off at the school office or to Katie Robinson at 164 McRae Dr. There will be a basket at the front of the house for you to drop your jar(s) in. **Please include a taped note on the bottom of your jar with the number of items inside.** Your support is much appreciated - thank you!

### **Mayfair Sponsors**

A special shout out and thank you to our growing list of Mayfair sponsors. This event wouldn't be possible without your support!

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### **KILOMETRE CLUB- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to run the much-loved Kilometre Club. This annual event takes place in June for one week, running daily between 8:00-8:30am. Students run laps around the school field and collect a popsicle stick for every lap completed. Once the students have completed the run, they exchange their popsicle sticks for a charm for their shoelace, eventually collecting all 5 if they attend every day. We would love to see as many parents as possible to help run the event, but at this time, we are just looking for 1 or 2 people to coordinate it.

If you are interested, please email [bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

### **PLANTABLES**

Spring is finally in the air and it's time to start planning for spring plantings! Bessborough has partnered with [Plantables.ca](http://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](http://Plantables.ca)
2. Pick Your Plants and use the code: **BESSBOROUGH**
3. Choose your delivery week
4. Plants are delivered to your door!

Please contact Rachel Gordon at [rkingston00@gmail.com](mailto:rkingston00@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **SPRING STREET CRAWL - June 3**

We are so pleased to bring back the Bessborough Street crawl! This is a parent/caregiver event that will take place in the evening of June 3. Save the date! More information including how to buy tickets will come shortly.

### **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.



May 27 - Mayfair

June 3 - Street Crawl

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



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