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Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

May 23-Primary Wellness Day

May 25-Pediculosis Screening
Primary Classes in the PM

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

May 27-MAYFAIR

May 29-June 9-EQAO for
Grade 3 & 6; 6:30 PM Janine
Lawford virtual presentation

May 31-Pizza Lunch

June 1-Blue Jays Game
Grade 3-6

June 2-PA Day-NO SCHOOL



EQAO: Grade 3 and Grade 6

From Monday June 29th until Friday, June 9th, our grade 3 and 6 students will participate in the Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary/Junior Division: 2023. Teachers will be preparing students for the writing of the assessments this coming week. The results of the assessments will be returned to parents in the Fall of 2023. Tests will be scheduled in the mornings. If possible, please postpone any doctor/dentist appointments you may be scheduling on the testing dates. In this way, your child will not miss any part of the assessment, will not have to make up the missed assessment, and will feel encouraged to do their best. More details about EQAO are available from your child's homeroom teacher.

Class Organization for the 2023-2024 School Year

Class organization for September is based on enrolment numbers and staff allocation. There will be some changes in staffing and teaching responsibilities for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Final assignments for teachers remain tentative. Teachers at each grade level and the principal will meet to develop equitable and balanced instructional groupings based on several factors including a balanced ratio of boys and girls, a balance of academic levels and needs, and group dynamics. There are many variables that are considered for each child when they are placed into a class. Parents may wish to have input into the decision by sharing additional information about their child's learning needs. Should you wish to offer further insights, please submit them in writing to Ms. Bambrick no later than **Friday, May 26**. In the email outline the learning needs and special concerns about your child for your request. Requesting specific teachers or requesting the names of specific groups of students in a class cannot be honoured. Please be aware that while your request will be considered, we cannot guarantee a specific placement and staff must make the final decisions in the best interests of all students.

Hold the Date: Grade 8 Graduation Thursday, June 22

This is a reminder that the Grade 8 Grad has been moved to Thursday, June 22nd due to the municipal by-election on June 26th. The Grad will be held at Leaside in the auditorium. More details will be sent soon from Grade 8 homeroom teachers.

Pediculosis Screening at Bessborough: May 25 in the PM

We have had an increase in head lice in the school. We will have the TDSB Pediculosis Nurse in the school on Wednesday, May 25th in the afternoon to check students in Kindergarten to Grade 3/4 (Ms. Standing's Class). 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.

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

Author Visit: Karen Levine

On May 16th the students in Grades 5 and 6 had a chance to meet with the author of Hana's Suitcase, Karen Levine. We were honoured to have Ms. Levine visit our school and our students asked many thoughtful questions during her presentation.



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

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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Mayfair Silent Auction is Now Open Online!

Please visit our online Silent Auction to check out all our amazing items: <https://www.32auctions.com/Mayfair2023SilentAuction> Thanks to the generous donations from local area businesses and Bessborough parents, we have a truly fantastic selection of gift baskets, sports tickets, toys, gift certificates and more!

This year the Mayfair Silent Auction will begin as an online silent auction (open until noon on Friday May 26th) and transition to an in person silent auction the day of Mayfair on Saturday May 27th. You can start the bidding online through the website and then it moves to tables at the entrance to the south yard on Bessborough Drive. The in person silent auction will run from 11 am until 2:30 pm at Mayfair, with payment and pick-up accepted thereafter until 4 pm.

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

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 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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