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# Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



## Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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### Upcoming Events:

May 29-June 9-EQAO for  
Grade 3 & 6

May 31-Pizza Lunch  
Grade 5/6 Ultimate Frisbee  
Tournament at Beverly Glen

June 1-Blue Jays Game  
Grades 3-6

June 2-PA Day-NO SCHOOL

June 5-9-Dental Screening at  
Bessborough for JK/SK, Grade  
2, 4 and 7

June 6-Pediculosis Nurse in  
the PM for Junior Grades

June 7-City Track & Field Meet



## Bessborough Students Score High on the Gauss Math Competition

The Gauss contests introduce students in Grades 7 and 8 to a broader perspective of mathematics in a fun, accessible way. Intriguing problems and a multiple-choice format make the Gauss contests a wonderful opportunity for all participants to grow their interest in and get curious about the power of math. Each year we recognize the top 25% of students with a distinction award and we also recognize the overall achievement for each grade. This year we wanted to celebrate Brian Kang in 7B scoring a perfect 150! This feat is very commendable and in the past only the top 0.12% of people scored a perfect! We also wanted to celebrate Megan Orchard for scoring the overall achievement in grade 8! Thank you to Ms. Ciobanu for organizing the competition for our students and we hope that students will take advantage of other enrichment opportunities in math in the future.



Brian with his award for a perfect score on the Gauss Math Competition, with Ms Bambrick and Superintendent of Education, Andrew Howard.

## Mayfair 2023

Thank-you to the Mayfair Committee, and the parent and Bessborough staff volunteers, who helped with Mayfair yesterday. The weather was beautiful, and the event was a huge success! It was so nice to see families and our students enjoying the many fun activities from Hart Entertainment and all the fun activities put together by parents (the Guessing Jars were particularly popular!). While this is a big fund-raiser that supports many enrichment activities at Bessborough, it is also a great community building event that invites families in and shows what a wonderful place Bessborough is to be. A special thank-you to our Bessborough caretakers, Avneet Brar, Ken Lamb, Shawn Ward (who helped with the TOPS sporting event on Friday evening), and Sharandeep Kaur. This team is second to none and helped the event to run smoothly. Finally, thank-you to Kimberley Bailey (Miss Kim) on the beautiful balloon decorations that made the front of our school look so fun and inviting.

## 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.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.





To our amazing Mayfair committee members - truly a fabulous fun-filled community spirited day at our school that happened all because of your careful planning, generosity of time and hard work!!!

A HUGE THANKS to our fearless and amazing co-chairs:

**Christine Davis and Charlotte Fleming**

Committee Members:

**Andrea Jeffery, Laura Wright, Alison Toh, Alison Steinman, Lia MacLeod, Andrea Bee  
and Celine Smith Le Gousse**

## **NOTES OF APPRECIATION**

During the month of May 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 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!

## **PLANTABLES**

A huge thank you to everyone that participated in the Plantables.ca initiative this season. The best of growing luck to all new or returning herb and veggie gardeners in our community!"

Thank you to Rachel Gordon for facilitating this wonderful initiative.

## **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.



### **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.



June 3 - Street Crawl

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



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