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Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

May 8-Intermediate Track &
Field

May 10-Virtual Coffee
Morning 9:30-11:00am with
Trustee Chernos Lin
(registration link in the
newsletter)

May 12-Grade 7 & 8 to
Outside Looking In
Performance

May 15-Grade 8 Grad pictures
for students who were absent

May 16-Hanna's Suitcase
Author Presentation



Track & Field

We had a wonderful day on Friday for Bessborough's Junior Track & Field Day. For many of our students it was their first time participating in track & field with students eager and excited to participate in the various events.

Tomorrow (Monday, May 8) will be the Intermediate Track & Field Day. Students will be outside all day and reminded to wear layers, a sun hat, sunscreen, and running shoes. We are looking forward to a great day! Thank-you to Ms Buksner, Ms Malouin, Mr. Ivan, and Ms Bacchus for their organization of these track & field days for Bessborough students.

Congratulations Choirs!

The Bessborough Junior and Intermediate choirs performed this past Thursday evening at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church in a school choral festival. With over five hundred people in the audience, this was a joyous event where the Junior Choir delighted the crowd by singing "Best Day of My Life". The Intermediate Choir really "wowed" the audience and got them clapping along to "Stand by Me"—it was a magnificent event to highlight these very talented students. It was also a treat to hear the choirs from the other schools including Brown PS who organized the event. Well done choirs and thank-you to Mr. McMillan for his work and many hours of rehearsal with these students! Thank-you as well to chaperones Mr. Brown and Mr. Day for their support at the festival.

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.

Reminder Wellness Club-from Mr. Chang

Thank you again to all the Grade 7 and 8 leaders that organized and led these amazing events and to the teacher supervisors!

The third round of activities this week are:

Grades 1 and 2 will have Painting Club: May 8

Grades 3 and 4 will have Clay Pot Painting: May 10

Grades 5 and 6 will have Soccer: May 10, and May 17

Bessborough Yearbook Sales Coming Soon!

The yearbook will soon be available and will be available to purchase on Cash Online for \$30.00.

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](#).

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

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)

Silent Auction Donations Needed

The Mayfair Silent Auction raises close to \$5,000 each year. Do you, or your friends and family, have any items that you could donate to our silent auction? Gift cards, baskets, experiences, or sports tickets are all welcome.

All the funds raised from the Silent Auction go directly towards enhancing the learning experience at Bessborough. This includes the purchase of items such as classroom technology, enhanced art programs, science equipment, book programs, as well as outdoor learning initiatives. Please email alison.steinman@gmail.com and/or jefferyandrea@hotmail.com with your ideas and donations. Thank you!

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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Bessborough Child Care Centre

Mayfair Poster Design Contest

Calling all creative minds to create a poster to advertise Mayfair!

Submissions: due by **May 12, 2023**. Contest is open to all grades.

How to enter: Details and entry form can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QnEfilPXKMh9Z5-VM0hCkAcsntteJWYmxVV22aGpLAW/edit?usp=sharing>

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

PLANTABLES

Spring is finally in the air and it's time to start planning for spring plantings! Bessborough has partnered with [Plantables.ca](https://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](https://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 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 if you are interested in participating.



May 27 - Mayfair

June 3 - Street Crawl

June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation



Bessborough School Council is on Insta! @bessboroughschoolcouncil