

September 17, 2023

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Vesna Bozic (Acting)

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 18-X-Country Practices
begin

Sept. 20-Grade 7 Camp Cedar
Glen Info. - Zoom 6:30 PM

Sept. 21-Kindie Coffee
Morning at 8:30 am

Sept. 25-Yom Kippur

Sept. 26-Parent Council
Meeting

Sept. 29-Orange Shirt Day
Assembly

October 5-Curriculum Night

October 6-PA Day-NO SCHOOL



Movie Night 2023!!

A BIG THANK-YOU to the Bessborough Parent Council and parent lead organizers Heather Zimcik and Katerina Podolak for an amazing Bessborough BBQ and Movie Night on Friday, September 8. We had a beautiful evening for this first Bessborough Parent Council event of the school year.



Welcome New and Returning Staff

Mr. Andrew Gryffe
Ms. Jennifer Hick
Ms. Ruby Balshin
Ms. Jennifer Gershman
Ms. Vesna Bozic

Itinerant ESL Teacher
Grades 6, 7, 8 Teacher (LTO)
Grades 5/6 Teacher (LTO)
JK/SK Room 7 (LTO)
Afternoon Secretary (Acting)

Cross-Country Starting Monday, September 18!



Attention Bessborough! Cross Country season is beginning! All students in grades 1-8 are encouraged to join the **Bessborough Cross Country team**.

Practice dates & times: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the south yard from 8:00 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. Primary and Junior students will stay on the field and/or run around the sidewalk. Intermediate students will warm up at school and then run off site. **First**

practise: Monday, September 18, 2023

Equipment: running shoes and a water bottle

Parent Volunteers we need your help: grades 1-6 parents we will need parent volunteers. If you are interested send a quick email to Ms. Thurow: susan.thurow@tdsb.on.ca or laura.malouin@tdsb.on.ca. You must have a cleared police check with the TDSB to volunteer. Thanks so much we cannot run this program without you!

Meets: the first meet will be held the third week of October. More details (and permission forms) to follow.

Permission Forms: Tryout (participation) forms are being sent electronically to all Bessborough families. Please ignore if your student is not participating.

Orange Shirt Day

Our Bessborough community recognizes Orange Shirt Day every year and all students are invited to wear orange on **Friday, September 29th**. Additional information about our learning during Truth and Reconciliation Week will be shared in future newsletters. As Canadians, we are called upon to take action to learn, share and celebrate, to build a better country together! We encourage everyone to review the following resources: [Urban Indigenous Education Centre National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

Safety at Drop-off and Pick-Up

We ask for your ongoing partnership in ensuring the safety of all students at Bessborough by:

- Parking on the west side of Bessborough Drive when you drop off your children
- Walking students across the street if you park on the west side of Bessborough so children will not walk or run between moving vehicles.
- Not dropping children off in the school parking lot

As well, please screen your child for illness and keep them home if they are not feeling well.



Hello, Bessborough friends and family! Today we are kicking off our 18th annual Terry Fox School Run campaign. The run will take place on **Tuesday, October 10th**. Over the years, our school has helped raise \$89,000 for cancer research. We are very lucky to live in a community that shows up year after year and supports these important causes with enthusiasm and positive energy. This year we are hoping to surpass the \$13,000 we raised last year and have set our goal at \$14,000. We realize this is a lofty goal to set but do honestly believe it is achievable for us. Students are encouraged to click on our [school site](#) and set up a personal or classroom fundraising page. They can customize their page by uploading pictures, videos, and messages. You can also order a [Terry Fox t-shirt](#) online and the total sales will be added to our school fundraising goal.

Click on this link to access our school site <https://schools.terryfox.ca/37435> Click on this link to order a Terry Fox T-shirt <https://shop.terryfox.org/>

Sincerely, The Terry Fox Team at Bessborough

--"Seek opportunities to show you care. The smallest gestures often make the biggest difference." - John Wooden

Grade 7 Overnight Trip-Camp Cedar Glen

To help students build new relationships with their peers we will be having our annual 'community building trip' to YMCA Cedar Glen from October 16-18. We will be hosting a parent info night through Zoom on Wednesday September 20 at 6:30PM

Zoom Link: <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/97230896027?pwd=TENYZ1I3WIJERHA2dzBKZDEzMUUuZz09>

Parents are encouraged to attend the meeting to ask questions that they might have about the trip.

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.



BESSBOROUGH E&MS SCHOOL COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

HELLO + WELCOME

To all those whom I've yet to have the pleasure of meeting, greetings! I am **Andrea**, your School Council President. Our school is more than just a place of education; it's a community where we can inspire, support, and empower one another. Together with all of you, I look forward to making this year a memorable chapter in our school's story.

UPCOMING EVENTS

21
SEPT

Thursday 8:30am
Kindie Coffee + Welcome

26
SEPT

Tuesday 7pm
School Council Meeting

27
SEPT

Wednesday All Day
Picture Day

29
SEPT

Friday All Day
Orange Shirt Day

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Bessborough School Council, we wanted to say **thank you** to our amazing parent volunteers, **Heather Zimcik**, **Katerina Podalak** for a successful Movie Night and to **Kristine & Jason Locklin**, who put on an unforgettable Lawn Bowling Social! **We appreciate you!**



SPIRIT WEAR

Don't miss out! Get your spirit wear orders in by **Friday, September 22nd** for the ultimate school pride! **Order today!**

GET INVOLVED

We need you! Get involved and help us make a difference in our school and community. **Sign up here!**

FOLLOW US!

Stay up to date and informed by following us on **Instagram.**

