



# The ROAR

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WEAR PINK



STOP BULLYING

## International Day of Pink

**April 11th**

This day celebrates diversity and promotes standing up to bullying. It is a day of action that started in Nova Scotia when two straight high school students saw that a gay student wearing a pink shirt was bullied. The two students intervened, but wanted to do more. They purchased pink shirts and within a few days got everyone at school wearing pink, standing in solidarity for diversity and standing up against discrimination, gender-based bullying and homophobia. Our school will be recognizing by wearing anything pink on that day.

### Information sessions about special education

**April 16** Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

Parents and Guardians come and learn more about special education.

**6pm - 7pm**

**SCDSB Education Centre 1170 Hwy 26, Midhurst**

This Spring, the SCDSB is offering After School Social Skills Development Programs to support students with ASD at locations in Ramara (Orillia), Collingwood, and Barrie. The programs will focus on using recreation and music themes to support social skills development.

#### Recreation

In partnership with Shawn Delaire and Playball, the SCDSB will host two (2) 10-week sessions at the following locations from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm:

- Uptergrove Elementary School, Ramara on Wednesdays - April 4<sup>th</sup> - June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (no session June 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Oakley Park Elementary School, Barrie on Thursdays - April 5<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (no session June 7<sup>th</sup>)

#### Music

In partnership with Heidi Flynn, Accredited Music Therapist, the SCDSB will host two (2) 10-week sessions at the following locations from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm:

- Admiral Elementary School, Collingwood on Thursday - April 5<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (no session June 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Terry Fox Elementary School, Barrie on Thursday - April 5<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (no session June 7<sup>th</sup>)

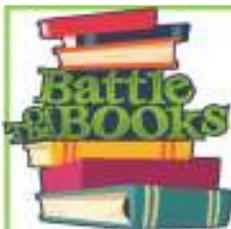




**Ardagh Families' generous donations** of new and gently used books are welcomed with open arms. These books and magazines are added to our library, classroom libraries and given to students who need to own their own books. You have given us hundreds of dollars in books -- the value is priceless once they reach the hands and minds of our students. Thank you very much.



**Heritage Fair** is just about complete for our Grade 4 – 8 students. Over 220 students presented projects on Canadian Heritage topics of their own choosing. The focus was on students creating their own inquiry questions and answering them. This helps our students continue in making good progress with developing critical thinking and research abilities. With great difficulty, staff and administration selected 15 students to represent our school at the Simcoe County Regional Heritage Fair on April 24 and 25.



**Battle of the Books (BOB)** has many dedicated grade 4 – 8 students reading a lot to get ready for the Battle of the Books competition coming up soon. Hosted by the Barrie Public Library, students read MANY selected books and at BOB they are given clues to determine the book title and its author. Thank you to Mrs. O'Connell for running this program.

## BENGAL TEAMS



Mme Counter and Mr Reynolds coached a dedicated group of Grade 7 and 8 Intermediate boys who gave it their all on the basketball court and represented Ardagh with dedication. They practiced several days a week and played many games in preparation for the Division 1 Regional Tournament on March 1st. Giving it everything they had practiced, they played a tough game in the consolidation finals which ended a fantastic season. Mme Counter and Mr Reynolds are extremely proud of all the boys and believed every member of the team demonstrated excellent skill development and teamwork. All of the players made very good contributions to the team: Aidan, Marcus, Yule, Russ, Gavin, Lucas, Alex, Koehen, Mikey, Adam, Dayton, Gianluca, Carson and Ben. Bengals on three, one two three BENGALS!

A big congratulations to Ardagh Bluffs Intermediate Girls Volleyball team for coming in second at both regionals on Thursday February 22nd, and then at County's on Thursday March 1st. The girls all played so incredibly well and demonstrated such amazing team spirit and determination to win. Mrs. Quinn and Mrs. Doner-Janes couldn't be more proud of our team and want to thank all of our players for such an amazing season together. Way to go Bengals!





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Commit to  
**Character**  
April — Optimism

**Grade 8 Yearbook**

Buy a Grade Eight Commemorative Yearbook! The best thing about memories is making them... the second best thing is remembering them! Some Ardagh students have been working hard to put these moments together. All graduates are included in the yearbook, displaying their grad picture along with a personal quote. Highlights of the yearbook also include sport teams, clubs, committees, friends, projects and much more! All wrapped up into a 28 page professionally printed book. Yearbooks will be available for purchase until May 10, 2018 and will be directly delivered to classes prior to the end of the school year.

**Cost \$16**



**Kindergarten Yearbook**

The Kindergarten staff, in conjunction with Edge Imaging, have developed a Commemorative 2017-2018 Kindergarten Yearbook. This 28 page professionally printed book contains memories from the year from all classes, and each Kindergarten student will have their own individual picture in it along with various candid, class and field-trip pictures. Yearbooks will be available for purchase until May 10, 2018 and will be directly delivered to students/families later in June.

**Cost: \$16**



**Graduation Picture Re-take Day**  
April 24th



(Wear a white collared shirt)

**Popcorn**  
On sale Tuesday and Thursday  
first break **\$2.00/bag.**



**Wendy's Night**  
April 11th  
450 Bryne Drive  
4:30pm - 7:30pm



**Kindergarten Celebration Photos**  
April 24th  
(Don't wear green)



**Spring into Clean" on Earth Day**  
**April 20th**

We will work together to clean up our yard and surrounding area of garbage. We are encouraging students to wear green on this day to help raise environmental awareness and social responsibility.



### Applications open for 2018-19 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants

Parents/guardians play a vital role in public education, and Ontario's Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants are designed to encourage parents'/guardians' involvement in their children's education to support student achievement and well-being. The 2018-19 PRO grant process has been announced and an online application is now available. PRO grants are provided to select applicants who develop projects, events or training in support of parent/guardian engagement. Applications are due by June 5. Find out more: [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/).



### YMCA Healthy Kids Day taking place on April 29

YMCAs across Canada are celebrating Healthy Kids Day on Sun. April 29. It's a national day dedicated to improving the health and well-being of kids. The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka is happy to host this FREE event for everyone in the community, offering fun and healthy activities for the entire family to enjoy. Across Canada, most children do not meet the recommended 60 minutes of daily physical activity. Rising rates of obesity and related chronic disease tell us that getting kids active should be a top priority for parents, schools, and all Canadians. With summer just around the corner, here are some practical tips on how to keep your kids active and healthy:

- Rather than heading out on a walk or jog solo, invite your kids to hop on their bicycles, skateboards and scooters and head out with you. You will come back energized and connected knowing that you've set a great example and spent quality time together. Everyone wins!
- Many communities have free or low-cost youth activities or programs at facilities such as pools, playgrounds, parks, sporting fields, community centres and the YMCA! Ask your child's teacher, contact your local municipality, search online or contact your local YMCA for upcoming events.

Depending on the distance and safety factor, consider letting your children walk to school, the library, their friend's house or any other place you would normally drive them to. Some kids may be inspired by tracking their steps with a pedometer. Pedometers are relatively inexpensive and many libraries have them available on loan!

Join the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka on Healthy Kids Day and learn about healthy habits, connect with other parents and get the whole family active together under one roof. For schedules of activities and more information, please contact the YMCA in your community: [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca).

### Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being on April 14 in Barrie

Parents and/or community members are invited to attend *Trauma & Loss: Creating School Communities of Well-being* on Sat. April 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Bear Creek Secondary School, located at 110 Red Oak Dr. in Barrie. This conference is being funded through a Regional PRO grant from the Ontario Ministry of Education and is being presented by the Adoption Council of Ontario. This event is free to attend and lunch is provided. Limited child care is available for children aged three to 12 years. Register at [www.adoption.on.ca/events](http://www.adoption.on.ca/events). Questions? Contact [pact@adoptontario.ca](mailto:pact@adoptontario.ca).

### Register now for summer child care

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County. Twenty schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten age to 12 years of age. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information can be found on our website at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – click on 'Schools' then 'Before & After School Care.'

### Transition Support—Grade 8

As students progress from elementary school to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases each student's transition to secondary school. Sharing this information also improves our ability to program effectively to benefit all students. Select student information will be shared at different times as appropriate. The collection and use of personal student information for such purposes is authorized under Sections 170, 171, 190 Part X and Part XIII, of the Education Act. Please note that all information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact Dawn Stephens, Superintendent of Education for this area.



# April

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1	2 Easter Monday 	3 World Autism Awareness Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11  Wendy's Night  International Day of Pink 	12	13	14
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22 Earth Day 	23	24 Kindergarten Celebration Photos  Grade 8 Grad Re-takes	25	26	27 PA Day	28
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