



The ROAR

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Once again the holiday season is upon us and the Ardagh Bluffs community is being called upon to display that generosity that we are known for. The Barrie and District Christmas Cheer Association will be collecting new unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items to assist families in our city who are experiencing a difficult time this season. Last year our contributions helped more than 1800 Barrie families to have a brighter holiday.



December 1st - December 13th

(Please check non-perishable food items for expiration dates)



Here at Ardagh Bluffs P.S. our Christmas Cheer train will once again be rolling through the front foyer in hopes of getting filled. In addition, we will be decorating our holiday tree with the donations of new scarves, hats and mittens of all sizes. While out doing your own holiday shopping, please consider giving generously to the Christmas Cheer Campaign.

This year Ardagh Bluffs students will be performing in a school wide talent show. Students from Grades 2 - 8 signed up to perform. We have a wide range of talent within our school, from singing to dancing to musicians. Our students have been rehearsing and practicing and will soon be ready to perform. We are so proud of all the students who want to share their talents with the community! Due to the overwhelming number of students who wanted to participate in "Ardagh's Got Talent" this year, we have had to create **3 separate shows**. On December 13th, there will be a **morning show from 9:05-10:35am**, an **afternoon show from 11:25 am to 12:55 pm**, and an **evening show from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**. A letter will be coming home with your child to indicate which show they will be performing in. Ticket order forms will be sent home with participants soon.



Please join us on:

Tuesday, December 13th from 6:30-8pm
For "Ardagh's Got Talent" Show

If you do not have a student in the show but would still like to attend, please contact Mrs. Hambrook at khambrook@scdsb.on.ca. There is no cost for tickets this year, but food donations for the Barrie Food Bank will gratefully be accepted at the door on the night of the show. Please keep in mind that tickets are for admittance only. There are no assigned seats. We can't wait to welcome you and celebrate our talented students!

Scholastic Book Fair returns to our library



Wed. Dec. 7 until Mon. Dec. 12

Students should have their classroom visit date in their agenda or take home /information slips.
We are open daily from 8:30 until 4:30. Exception: Mon. Dec. 12 we are closed at 12 noon.



Our library receives a percentage of sales - at \$3,300 we get back about a combination of Scholastic Books and cash worth as much as 60% of sales.

Grade 8 Info Nights welcome students, parents to secondary schools ...

BEAR CREEK INFORMATION NIGHT January 12, 2017 @ 6:30PM

French Immersion

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout the county beginning in Grade 1. This program gives students a bilingual education and the opportunity to become fluent in another language.

Information sessions Ardagh Bluffs students will be held at Ferndale Woods E.S. (where the programme runs) on January 16 at 6:30PM for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details. Information session dates will be posted at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

The FI online application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. While every effort is made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered in the program. **Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically.**

Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access at home or require assistance accessing the online application. Please note that the host sites for FI may change during your child's time in the program, and your child may need to move schools. This may also include splitting the program between two different sites.

Kindergarten registration opens in January

Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2013? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning on January 23, 2017, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

PARENT INFORMATION



Thank you to our School Council for organizing the Read and Feed fundraiser. Thank you to our Ardagh families for donating books and making purchases at this event. Teacher Librarian, Mr. Greg Harris received a gift card for \$543.60. He will be taking some students (including student volunteers at Chapters and McDonald's Rachel H, Hazel, Noelle and Marissa) to purchase books at the Barrie Chapters store soon. Mr. Harris and students will also get to spend \$600 that was raised through the McDonalds portion of this fundraiser. Thank you to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Hilton for organizing this yearly event!

Chapters



Library News



Fantastic on-line reading resources >>> [Click on this link >>>](http://tlc.scdsb.on.ca/scdsb/about.asp?slD=24)

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BENGAL SPORTS

Congratulations to our Junior Boys Volleyball Team on a successful season! The team played in the Division 1 tournament and won first place, earning a banner for our school. Team members encouraged one another, worked well together, played excellent volleyball and demonstrated amazing sportsmanship during every game. Fantastic work Bengals!

-Mme Dart Shaw & Mme Miskimmon




"The Junior Girls Volleyball Team had an excellent season this year! They developed their skills throughout the exhibition games and went to the Division 1 tournament. We didn't place, but the team members showed so much team spirit, and cheered on other schools even after we were finished our games. Thanks for a great season, Allison, Avery, Kyla, Makenna, Emily F., Emily H., Jordyn, Dakota, Sydney, Morgan, Ava, Kaitlyn, Madison, Nadia, and Alyssia!"





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Commit to Character
December—Empathy



The Holiday Bazaar Committee would like to thank you for your generous support of our fundraising effort. The Holiday Bazaar was a huge success! We saw close to 700 people come through the doors. While our numbers aren't quite all in, we expect we will have raised over \$3000! Your enthusiastic support by way of attendance, volunteering, food donations and silent auction donations were greatly appreciated. Our classroom baskets were very popular and quite impressive thanks to your amazing contributions. We have a wonderful school community. Thank you.

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




Snow Valley coupons

Coupons include:

- * **Free night skiing lift ticket**
- * **Free 10 pack tubing**
- * **buy one get one free lift tickets,**
- * **buy one get one free tubing**
- * **Plus more**

Cost of the coupon booklet is \$20, you can purchase online at www.schoolcashionline.com.





Simcoe Early Education and Development Services

Season's Greetings from all the staff here at S.E.E.D.S

Our program is outside daily and we all welcome the wonderful unpredictable Canadian winter weather. Please ensure that your child is prepare for the season. Extra hats, socks, and mitts are always a wonderful additions to your child's backpack, as they tend to get misplace or find new hiding spots.

Sincerely, Kila Walster
S.E.E.D.S Supervisor



Provide input on proposed 2017-18 school year calendar

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) invites public school communities to submit input regarding the proposed school year calendar for next school year (Sept. 2017 to June 2018). Input can be provided by visiting www.scdsb.on.ca, then clicking the link on the 'School Year Calendars' page under the 'Schools' menu. All stakeholders including staff, school council members, parents/guardians, students and members of the school community are invited to provide input. **The deadline to submit input is Jan. 13, 2017.**

All school playgrounds are closed for the winter

Every winter, school playground structures are closed. Students are made aware of this during school hours through announcements and staff reminders during breaks. This may not be well known throughout the community despite signs indicating that playground structures are a winter hazard and are closed. The Canadian Standards Association Regulations make recommendations for the depth of ground cover required to minimize injuries (eg. sand, pea gravel, or wood chips). These surfaces cannot be maintained when the ground freezes. Injuries from falling would be more significant on frozen ground. We strongly recommend that you do not allow your children to play on any structures while the ground is frozen.

Leading Women/Leading Girls Building Communities Recognition Program

MPP Ann Hoggarth invites nominations for outstanding women and girls for their community leadership contributions. To submit a nomination, please provide the completed nomination form, available from Ann Hoggarth's office (email ahoggarth.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org) and provide two letters of support from persons such as a community leader, mentor, employer, or another individual who has had experience volunteering with the nominee.

Support letters should address the following three areas:

- describe how the nominee's efforts improved the lives of women and/ or girls in her community
- explain how the nominee's achievements demonstrate her leadership

specify the number of volunteer hours the nominee contributes annually

Nominations for Barrie residents can be forwarded to MPP Ann Hoggarth's Barrie office by Dec. 19.

Message from the Health Unit: Is Bedtime Stressing You Out?

Kids need 10 to 12 hours of sleep every night but sometimes getting them to bed can be frustrating. You can help create a regular sleep schedule for your child by setting a clear bedtime and sticking to the same time every night. Start getting ready an hour before bed: turn off the TV, computers and phones. Spend quality time talking or reading stories to help them unwind. Agree on how many books you'll read before you start! Keep their room dark, cool and quiet - a nightlight is fine. Remember, making sure your child gets enough rest will help improve their mood, behaviour and ability to learn.

For more bedtime tips, contact Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 to speak with a public health nurse or visit the health unit website at www.simcoemuskokakealth.org.

Message from the Health Unit: Stay Healthy This School Year!

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.






The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds. If your hands are not visibly dirty, you can use alcohol-based hand sanitizer for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokakealth.org.



December

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Christmas Break						