



The ROAR

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER



We are participating again in Christmas Cheer this year. The Leadership team has come up with some incentives to make it our best year ever! Items that are good for donating are: unwrapped toys (ages 8-10 and babies especially), hats, mitts, gloves, scarves, new books, diapers (any size), packaged foods (no glass containers), canned foods (check expiry dates), toiletries, and Canadian Tire money.

The classes are being challenged to collect as much as they can as a "Bengal Family".

December 1st to December 14th.

Let's help those less fortunate have a great holiday!



Ardagh Bluffs is hosting dinner with Santa!!!

**Wednesday December 6th
4:30pm - 6:30pm**



We are excited to announce our first annual pancake dinner! we will be serving pancakes with maple syrup for only \$5.00 per person, to a maximum of \$20.00 per family!

- * Glee Club Singing
- * Book Fair
- * Big Box Cards
- * Photos with Santa
- * Bake Sale
- * Snow Valley Coupons
- * Door Decorating Contest





Ardagh Bluffs Book Fair

December 6 open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 pm - Pancake Dinner with Santa Event
December 7 open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
December 8 open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parents are welcome to come and shop! Books make great presents. Students are also encouraged to select books they would like to see in our library. Our library receives about 60% of sales in books for our library.



During the last week before holiday break the Leadership Team will be hosting festive caroling assemblies at 9:40 a.m. daily. The assembly on Friday will be a whole school spirit assembly presented by the grade 1 classes. We hope to spread some holiday cheer with the following spirit days:



- Monday December 18th - **Holiday Hats**
- Tuesday December 19th - **Who-ville Hair day**
- Wednesday December 20th - **Celebration Socks and Slippers**
- Thursday December 21st - **Super Holiday Sweaters**
- Friday December 22nd - **Holiday P.J. day**



We would like to say a big thank you on behalf of all the grade 8 students to all the Parents here at Ardagh Bluffs. All the proceeds from the poinsettias sold help greatly towards our grade 8 end of year trip to Ottawa. Thank you!



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



STAY TUNED

Barrie Colts Tickets Go On Sale Soon!!!

Game Day is Thursday Jan 18th



Snow Valley coupons



Coupons include:

- * **Free night skiing lift ticket**
- * **Free 5 pack tubing**
- * **buy one get one free lift tickets,**
- * **Coupons to Bradford Greenhouse (buy one get one free hanging baskets)**

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



French Immersion information night, Registration opens in January

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) at select schools throughout Simcoe County beginning in Grade 1. The goal of the FI program is to enable students to communicate in French with a high level of proficiency, enabling them to function with ease in both French and English. Upon graduation from the program, students will communicate in French with confidence in a wide variety of real-life situations.

Information sessions take place in January 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 Mon. Jan. 22, until 9 p.m. on Wed. Jan. 24, 2018 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. 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 **2014**? If so, it's almost time to register them for Kindergarten in the SCDSB! Beginning Jan. 22, 2018, Simcoe County's public schools will register children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and record of immunization. Visit www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten for more information.

High School information night

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter! Information nights give an overview of what's new and what to expect, and are a chance to ask questions.

Students from our school attend:

Bear Creek Secondary School
Thursday, January 11 at 6:30pm—8:00pm

**Information
Night**

Dr. Eva Olsson Presentation

Dr. Eva Olsson, a Holocaust survivor presented to our Grades 5 - 8 students, staff, parents and guests on Nov. 22. Dr. Olsson's spoke about her life experiences through the Holocaust years and in the years after, Her key messages were about Respect, Acceptance, Love and Hope. She is a resilient amazing individual and a true inspiration. We were very fortunate to have her come to our school.

Dr. Olsson challenged us to:

- Never use the words hate or idiot
- Celebrate differences
- Be different and to not accept discrimination and bullying toward others



Thank You

Remembrance Day Museum

Quite a few of our Ardagh students, staff and former staff shared their important family stories and artefacts with our school. Our guests spoke highly of you. Thank you to: Mlle Quinto, Ms. Cloutier, Mr. Norris, Mr. Hingley, Mr. Harris, Kelsey W, Nicholas A, Lauren H, McKynzie C, Lindsay M, Darrian A, Faith H, Stefan S, Hunter S, and Nick J.

Thank you to our student museum attendants who answered questions and ensured our artefacts were treated with respect: Shannon M, Abby W, Maria W, Liam C, Kyla M, Rachel P, Haley W, Karandeep K, Akshyai D, Colton P, Ailsa M, Noah R, Thomas W, Emily M, Erin Y, Lauren H, Jacob M, Taisen R, and Kelsey M.

Bus Cancellation Information in Case of Inclement Weather

Although fall has recently arrived, winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County. With it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and, as a result, possible bus and school event cancellations.

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **CENTRAL** zone. When buses are cancelled, please remember that schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning.



The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and as such, will make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Parents should also note that inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day.

You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications, go to <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions> and you can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus.



Land/territory acknowledgement introduced for SCDSB meetings, events and schools

Over the past few months, the SCDSB has worked with Indigenous partners, local elders and the First Nations Education Advisory Committee to develop a land/territory acknowledgement. A land/territory acknowledgement is an act of respect and reconciliation, based on the First Nations' tradition of acknowledging the land of others when they were guests in that territory. The statements will be used at SCDSB meetings and significant events, and daily in all schools to respectfully acknowledge the Indigenous people of this territory, their sharing of the territory and the benefits we have received, as settlers, from that sharing.

For school daily use:

"Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect."

For more information, visit www.scdsb.on.ca – 'About Us'.

Parents invited to information sessions about special education

The SCDSB is hosting a series of information sessions for parents and guardians to learn about special education in the SCDSB, and how to support students with special education needs.

Dec. 18

Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Information for Families

Jan. 22

Assessments in Special Education: Psych Ed and Other Assessments

Feb. 19

Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

March 19

Accessing Supports in the Community

April 16

Understanding Alternative/Non-Academic IEP Goals

All sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. No registration required.

RVH Film Festival welcomes student submissions

Barrie's Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) has partnered with the Simcoe County District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board and Unity Christian High School to offer students, classes and schools the opportunity to participate in RVH's annual Film Festival in two external categories:

Kindergarten to Grade 6

Grade 7 and up

This year's theme is "Making mental health matter - how are you making a difference?" Students and classes are invited to make a two-minute video showing how they promote mental health. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 5, 2018. Voting will take place from Feb. 16 to 26 and those with the winning entries will be invited to an awards ceremony on March 8. Find out more and submit your video at: www.rvh.on.ca/SitePages/rvhfilmfestival.aspx.



December

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Christmas Cheer Begins 	2
3	4 School Council Meeting 6pm	5 	6 Pancake Dinner 	7	8	9
BOOK FAIR						
10	11	12	13	14 Christmas Cheer Ends 	15	16
17	18 	19	20	21	22	23
HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK						
24/31	25 	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Break						