



# The ROAR

February 2017

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## ARDAGH BLUFFS MOVIE NIGHT



Friday, February 10th      Doors open at 6:00pm

Movie starts at 6:30pm

Admission - \$2.00

There will be water, popcorn and treats sold!



**Wear your PJs, bring a pillow, blanket and your parent!**

This is a School Council sponsored fundraiser. Please, no outside food or drink. **Students should have an adult with them.**



## Dance-a-thon!

*Get your dancing shoes on and let's party **Bengals.***

A fun, physical activity! Thanks to our School Council for organizing this fundraiser!! Encourage your child to get LOTS of sponsors!! Parents can take the sponsor sheet to work!!

**February 14, 2017**

**Bring extra money for treats!!**

See the pledge forms that came home for more details. Grades will be assigned a specific time to dance. Student learning will continue throughout the other periods.



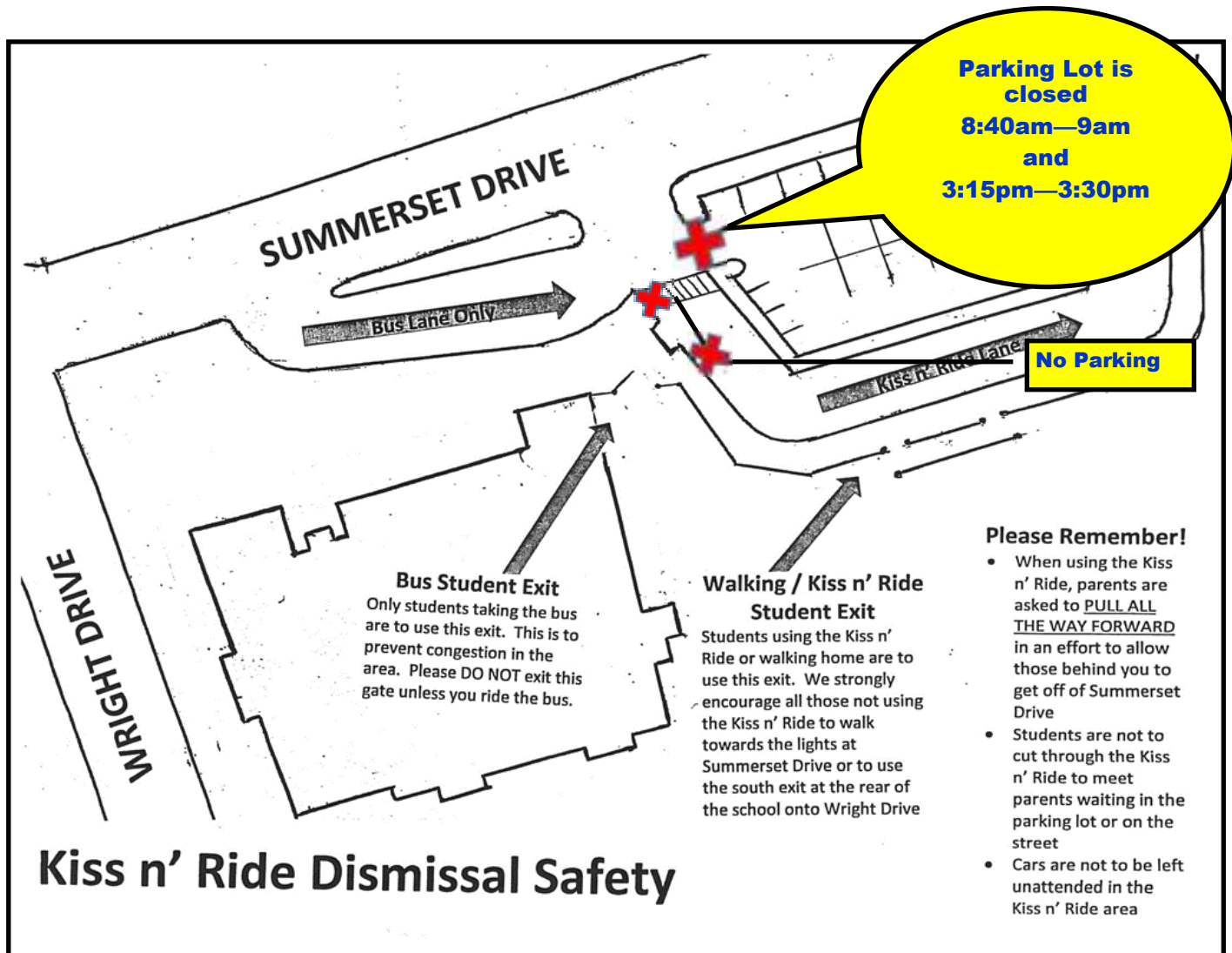
## Kindergarten Registration



**Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2013?**

If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten in the Simcoe County District School Board! Registration started on January 23, 2017. Please phone and book an appointment to register your Kindergarten aged child at Ardagh Bluffs 705-728-5698. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address (not a Driver's License) and record of immunization. For more information, visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten).

# Kiss n' Ride Dismissal Safety



## SEEDS Parking Lot

SEEDS Parking Lot... the back parking lot is for SEEDS staff and daycare drop offs. Kindergarten parents should not be parking in this lot nor should they be blocking the flow of movement. Also, please monitor the speed at which you are travelling through this area as there have been some close calls. The school parking lot is located on SummerSet Drive. Thank you for your co-operation!



### CELEBRATE MISTAKES...

You may hear that we celebrate mistakes here at Ardagh – that's because we often learn more from making errors or mistakes than getting an answer right

## We Love Math

### New Math Activities Coming...

The staff here at Ardagh Bluffs are preparing some math-related activities both in the classroom and around the school. Math gives us the opportunity to learn in fun ways through games, challenges, creating, building, the arts, using technology and much more. Students are to listen to announcements and follow tweets to get involved in the various upcoming activities.

### DID YOU KNOW...

Researchers have clearly determined that there is no such thing as having a 'math brain', or *not* having a 'math brain' – in fact we ALL have a brain that can learn math concepts. Our brain works even better when we have a positive mindset.



Congratulations to Corinn T. for coming up with our new math slogan.

## GRADE 8

### Student information notice for parents of Grade 8 students

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. All information used for the transition process is limited, secure and protected at all times. Please contact Chris Samis, Superintendent of Education for our area, if you would like more information about the transition process from Ardagh Bluffs to Bear Creek.



### Grade 8 Graduation Photos February 28th

Wear/Bring a white collared shirt !



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER  
@ArdaghBluffsPS

February—Inclusiveness

Commit to  
Character

THANK  
YOU

We raised \$1400 from our Colts ticket sales. Thank you to Mrs. Pesdirz for organizing this event to the Barrie Colts for supporting it!!

### Custodian Appreciation Day

February 8th



We celebrate and recognize our custodians and operations maintenance employees for the great work they do every day to keep our schools safe and clean.

Especially with all our inclement weather days, our custodial staff have worked extra hard to sand and salt all areas to keep our yard safe for walking.

We'd like to say thanks to Mr. Manuel, Mr. Brown, Mr. Hare for all they do every day!! Please take a moment to thank these very important staff members on Feb. 8. Share your support on social media using #props2ops.

### Wendy's Night

Come join us on  
February 22nd  
4:30pm-7:30pm  
(Fairview Location)



### Next Spirit Assembly

Grades K-8  
March 10 @ 9:30am  
Crazy Hair Day



Pink Shirt Day  
every Wednesday  
in February!!

February 8th,  
15th & 22nd



### Popcorn

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







### School bus safety tip from the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC)

Winter weather is here, so please be sure your child's clothing provides the appropriate protection against the weather while waiting for the bus. Students are requested to be at their bus stop at least five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time. School vehicle delays of 15 minutes or more may occur and are posted under 'View Bus Delays' at the SCSTC website: <http://simcoecountyschoolbus.ca>.

### The facts of lice: How to prevent and treat this nuisance

Like everywhere else, there are head lice in Simcoe County. Lice are a nuisance, but do not pose a public health hazard as they are not known to transmit any infectious diseases. Anyone can get head lice but kids tend to get them more often because they can have head-to-head contact with other children during school and play. The best way to keep head lice in check is to work together to prevent the spread.

Schools are required to inform parents when a case of head lice is confirmed, to provide parents with timely information to begin their own checks at home. Head lice management and treatment is a responsibility of parents/guardians.

Here are some tips to help prevent and treat lice:

- Teach your child not to share personal things like hair brushes, combs and hats
- Set a schedule to check your child's head regularly. Use an area with bright light and look carefully for nits (shells containing eggs) and live lice in the hair, behind the ears and around the neck and hairline. Nits looks like half the size of the head of a pin, shaped like a teardrop and stick to the hair so you can't blow, flick or easily side them off. Lice are about the size of a sesame seed and are very hard to see because they can crawl and hide but they cannot hop or fly. If you find nits or live head lice, you'll need to use a head lice treatment to kill them. Make sure to follow the directions, and then to do a second treatment 7 to 10 days later to help stop the lice from returning. Head lice are not likely to live in clothing, furniture or bed linen but it's a good idea to wash bed linen and hats in hot water and dry them in a hot dryer just in case.

For more information, visit the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's website [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org) or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### Developing leadership skills in your kids

There are many reasons why developing youth leadership skills at a young age is important – it builds confidence, perseverance, problem-solving and communication skills. While leadership skills can come naturally, children learn lessons along the way that significantly impact them later in life. The right words at the right time can make all the difference. Here are some ways you can teach your children how to develop leadership skills at a young age:

- Encourage team activities: Identify your children's interests and encourage their participation in group activities. Whether it's participating in afterschool sports or joining the school band, children learn valuable lessons about teamwork through these activities.
- Enrol in camp: Overnight and day camps are filled with opportunities to participate in team-building activities and build self-confidence. Once youth reach a certain age, they can also become counsellors, where they'll be tasked with leading groups of younger children – the ultimate leadership experience!

Find volunteer and community service opportunities: firsthand experience is one of the best ways to teach leadership skills to children. Look for local opportunities that will welcome youth helpers and volunteers in your community.

The YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka offers Youth Leadership Development programs for youth in grades 5 to 12. Participants in our leadership programs often adopt healthier lifestyles, become volunteers in their community, make new friends, earn volunteer hours for school, acquire training certifications, travel to other countries and gain an understanding of their potential impact on their community.

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and opportunities, visit <http://ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/ymca-youth-leadership-development/>.

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka*



# February

Sun

Mon








Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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