



# The ROAR

February 2018

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## ARDAGH BLUFFS MOVIE NIGHT



**Friday, February 9th**

Doors open at 5:30pm

Movie starts at 6:00pm

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, 2018

Bring extra money for treats!!



## Kindergarten Registration



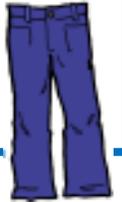
**Do you (or someone you know) have a child who was born in 2014?**

If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten in the Simcoe County District School Board! Registration started on January 22, 2018. 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).



Do you have old clothes that you need to get rid of? Are you tired of seeing them in your house? Donate them to the Ardagh Bluffs Kidney Clothes Drive! The grade 8 students would like Ardagh Families to donate gently used clothing, footwear, cloths, sleeping bags, belts, jewelry, purses, and bags. These items will be picked up by the Kidney Clothes and used to the fight against kidney disease. Bring donations to the office please.

**January 29th—February 28th**



After a lot of hard work and determination, this year's intermediate debate team went onto the Simcoe County Simcoe School Board to represent Ardagh Bluffs at the county's debate competition. This team, which consisted of Paige S., Shannon M., Megan M., and Darrah H., won all their debates and went on to win the gold medallion. Great job!!!!

**DEBATE TEAM**  
**ARGUABLY THE BEST**

Our Junior Debate Team will be competing in the SCDSB Junior Debate Forum at the Education Centre on February 9th. Two of the topics we will be debating are 1) Caffeinated Drinks for Children Under 18 and 2) Social Media for Children Under 14. What are your thoughts on these topics? Wish our team luck as they test out their debate skills this month!

## GRADE 8

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

As students progress from elementary to secondary school, important personal student information is shared which eases the 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 Dawn Stephens, 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 2nd

Wear/Bring a white collared shirt !

# FROM THE LIBRARY

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all of our Ardagh Families who continue to donate gently used and new books. They go on our book shelves in the library and classrooms and other homes AND then they go into the hands and minds of our students.

Heritage Fair is an extremely challenging and rewarding learning event where students become experts on Canadian events, people and/or places. Students then create their own inquiry questions and use facts and quotes to justify their opinions. This critical thinking is essential for all and it challenges students and adults in our school.

**Link for Parents:** <http://ardaghbluffslibrary.edublogs.org/2017/01/10/parent-information-regarding-heritage-fair/>

**Topic Links for Students:** <http://ardaghbluffslibrary.edublogs.org/h-fair-student-topics/>

Collaboration amongst our students and staff helps us learn and grow as we share and consider ideas and suggestions from others. Many Grade 4 - 6 classes are moving towards presentations. And some of our Grade 7 & 8 students are continuing to participate for a 4th or 5th year. Each year, Ardagh sends about 20 students to share their passions at the Simcoe County Regional Heritage Fair in April.

*Heritage*



Science Fair is in its second year at Ardagh. Some of our Grade 6 - 8 students are nearing completion for our in-school judging in mid-February. This link details what was shared with students:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SZ49CmRXBwak4UyxY65XhmWwB-BfHxnKlAs1B153nxc/edit?usp=sharing>



## Information sessions about special education

**Feb. 26** - Transition Planning Grade 8 to 9

**March 19** - Accessing Supports in the Community

**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



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February—Inclusiveness

Commit to  
Character



We have had a lot of interest in the before and after school program, because of this interest we are opening some additional spaces, if you require before or after school care please call Sheena at 705-792-1560.



### Custodian Appreciation Day

February 7th

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 Mrs. Canning, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Brun for all they do every day!! Please take a moment to thank these very important staff members on Feb. 7th.

Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday  
February!! 28th



Report Cards come home

February 16th



### Popcorn

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





### **Walking to school is great for students**

Walking to school is a great way for your child to get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity that's needed for good mental and physical health. It also builds responsibility and independence, and helps them feel more connected to the community. More walkers means less traffic around our school, which helps keep students safe and improve outdoor air quality. Even one day a week of walking to school can make a big difference! To find out more about how to support active and safe routes to school through School Travel Planning, visit [www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning).

*Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit*

### **Update your child's immunization record**

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is required to keep up-to-date immunization records for all students who attend elementary or secondary school in the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka. Parents are responsible for reporting immunizations to the health unit each time their child receives a vaccine from their health care provider. The immunizations that the health unit requires records for include: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, pertussis and varicella (chickenpox) for those born in 2010 or later.

It's easy to update your child's immunization status. Go to [www.smdhu.org/immsonline](http://www.smdhu.org/immsonline) to update your child's record or call Health Connection at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 (toll free).

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### **The benefits of youth leadership development**

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 and youth often learn lessons through life experiences that significantly impact them later in life. Here are some ways you can help your child develop leadership skills at a young age:

- encourage outdoor adventures and education
  - enrol in camps
- find volunteer and community service opportunities

For more information about the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Youth Leadership Development Programs and Outdoor Education, visit [www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca](http://www.ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca).

*Information provided by the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka*

### **National Engineering Month competition takes place March 3**

Students in Grades 5 to 8 are invited to submit a model bridge, catapult or grabber for the National Engineering Month (NEM) event. Models will be tested for design, strength, quality of construction and functionality. Students of any age are invited to attend to check out 3D printers and robots, Raspberry Pi computer coding demos, crystal radio construction and CNC machine coding. The event takes place on March 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Eastview Secondary School (421 Grove St. E. in Barrie). Lunch will be provided. This event is jointly organized by the Georgian Bay Chapter of OACETT and Simcoe-Muskoka Chapter of PEO, under the banner of NEM Ontario. For more information and to register for this



# February

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