



# The ROAR

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**FROM ALL OF US AT ARDAGH!**

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY**

**SCHOLASTIC**

## BOOK FAIRS

### CALLING ALL READERS!

Ardagh Bluffs will be participating in Battle of the Books again this year. Anyone in Grades 4-8 who is passionate about reading is invited to join. We will meet twice weekly beginning in January. The Battle of the Books reading list is available on the Barrie Public Library site under the "Parents and Teachers" tab. Interested students are invited to print off the book list and dig into some great books!

<http://library.barrie.ca/parents-teachers/battle-of-the-books>



Scholastic Book Fair sales were \$4500. Students selected \$700 in books they wanted to read for our library. The rest of the profit \$700 will be used to purchase various technology and books from other sources.

On Friday December 16, six students (Macartney, Madison, Noelle, Marissa, Rachel and Hazel) went to Chapters with Mr. Harris and Madelle Thomas to purchase books their peers asked for. With our Chapters night event profits, they purchased more than \$1200 in books.

THANK YOU ARDAGH FAMILIES!!

# Thank you!

Once again, the Ardagh Bluffs community must be commended for their fabulous response to our Christmas Cheer campaign. The Christmas Cheer train in our front foyer was overflowing with the generous donations from families in our community. Those donations assisted just over 2000 families in the Barrie area to have a brighter holiday.

Thank you, Ardagh Bluffs!



### 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](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) for more information.

# PARENT INFORMATION

Winter is here! We would like to remind everyone of our Kiss and Ride procedures to ensure that our students are kept safe. Please advance slowly as the snow hills are accumulating. Particularly as you exit our parking lot or as you make turns around corners. We would also like to remind you that the smaller lot located on Wright Drive is **NOT** the Ardagh Bluffs P.S. parking lot. Please make sure you park in the Ardagh Bluffs parking lot located on Summerset Dr. when coming into the school. You are permitted to park on side streets, but please respect the bi-laws and park safely.



We hope to have some of the snow removed from our parking lot if the weather continues to remain cold. It is extremely important that students are not playing on the hills located in the parking lots before or after school as this is an incredibly dangerous situation. Even if parents are with students, we ask that you ensure you are not permitting your child to climb these hills or slide down them (parking lot side or sidewalk side). When others see students doing this, it can be perceived that is something that is allowed to take place. Our parking lot is very busy and with the snow and these hills it does make visibility a little more challenging as cars try to exit.

## Grade 8 Info Nights welcome students and parents to our secondary schools ...

BEAR CREEK INFORMATION NIGHT

January 12, 2016 @ 6:30PM



## Apply for French Immersion, find out more at information sessions in January

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 will be held on January 16th at 6:30pm at Ferndale Woods, for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten. A letter will be sent home to those parents with more details.

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](http://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.





## Inclement Weather



On bus cancellation days we would like to remind our Ardagh families that schools are open for learning. Although your child may indicate to you that “no one” is at school or “nothing is happening” this is not usually the case. It is always a family decision whether or not to send students to school on these days as you have to consider the safety

Risks. As well, if the weather worsens you must decide if you will be able to pick your child up from school? As a school, we are expecting all students who do not take the bus to attend school. If, as a family, you have decided to send your child to school on inclement weather days we would expect them to remain at the school for the day. Often we have students arrive, then text home and then are picked up shortly after our day begins.

# BENGAL SPORTS

## Intermediate Girls Basketball

Madame Bettencourt and Mrs. Davis would like to thank the following girls for their excellent display of good sportsmanship and positive character traits playing on the Intermediate Girls Basketball Team: Jaime B., Aya E., Branwen E., Rachel H., Elena I., Hannah K., Clara L., Sophie L., Rhiannon M., Shannon M., Noelle R., Kendall R., Olivia S., Grace T., Abby W., Kaitlin W.

It was a fun and exciting season. We were very fortunate to have Mr. Goodfellow volunteer to help coach at our games and early morning practices. Well done Bengals!



## Intermediate Boys Volleyball

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team on succeeding past all obstacles in the Division 1 Tournament and becoming our AREA CHAMPIONS in early December and moving on to the County Tournament in Alliston the following week!

After coming first in their pool at the Division 1 Tournament versus Emma King, Romeo Dallaire, and Trillium Woods, our boys took on Our Lady of Grace in the semi-finals and St. Cats in the final taking each game to three intense sets! While the boys placed third in their pool at the County Tournament against Monsignor Clair, Monsignor Lee, and Killarney Beach the following week, the level of play was outstanding and the rallies against the other teams were amazing!

Great character traits of sport were well displayed by all boys at both tournaments! Your effective sportsmanship and skill set, as well as your determination this season clearly illustrates your well-deserved champion status for this area of the county, boys!

Congratulations and thank you to Yule A., Kevin B., Jackson C., Brayden C., Carter G., Russ H., Tyson H., Ethan L., Boston M., Kaleb M., Alex M., Taylor P., Marcus S., Hayden W., and all of your parents for a fantastic season! Way to go, Bengals! I'm very proud of your accomplishments this season!

Miss Watts





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**Commit to Character**  
January—Honesty

**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](http://www.schoolcashionline.com).



**Popcorn**

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



**Jersey Day**

Wear your favourite Jersey on January 11th



**Movie Night**  
**January 20th**  
**Doors Open 6PM**



**Barrie Colts Night!!**  
**February 4th**  
Stay tuned for more details

**Simcoe Early Education and Development Services**

Welcome back S.E.E.D.S families!!



S.E.E.D.S has been actively striving towards adding loose parts and natural materials to our program as Children learn best when they are able to play freely. Children need to be able to use real resources in their play, not just toys. If you have any loose parts that you think the children would enjoy please bring them into the staff. Here are a few loose parts staff have on their wish list. Nuts, bolts, marbles, golf balls, gem stones, buttons, pine cones, and shells

Thanks in advance from the staff at S.E.E.D.S



### **Students and parents invited to complete the school climate survey**

From Jan. 9 to Jan. 27, 2017, all students in grades 4 to 8 will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey at school about how they feel about their school. Your child's teacher will supervise the class during the survey and can answer any questions or concerns your child may have. As well, parents/guardians of students in grades 4 to 8 will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey about how they feel about their child's school.

These surveys provide students and parent/guardians with the opportunity to say what is great about their school, as well as express their concerns. The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff and will help schools to develop their Safe Schools Plans. Respondents are not asked to provide their names and all responses will be combined to ensure confidentiality.

To complete the parent/guardian survey, visit the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) website at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) and click the link to the parent/guardian School Climate survey. The password for the survey is **ElementaryParent2017**. If you do not have access to the internet and/or you prefer to complete a paper version of the survey, you can request one at the school office. Questions about the parent/guardian survey can be directed to SCDSB's Research and Evaluation Services team via email at [research@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:research@scdsb.on.ca). Thank you for your support!

### **The Gilbert Centre offers support group for parenting LGBTQ kids and youth**

The Gilbert Centre facilitates the Parenting LGBTQ Support Group, which is a drop-in meeting group for parents, caregivers, family members and friends. Meetings take place every other Wed. in Barrie. The group offers a safe and confidential space for you to share your experience, hear the experiences of others and grow in your abilities to support your LGBTQ child. Meetings are held every other Wed. at 7 p.m. at The Gilbert Centre, located at 80 Bradford Street (Suite 345) in Barrie. For more information, call 705-722-6778, visit [gilbertcentre.ca](http://gilbertcentre.ca) or email [info@gilbertcentre.ca](mailto:info@gilbertcentre.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*



# January

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