



The ROAR

March 2017

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Upcoming events:

- Mar 3 - PA DAY
- Mar 10 - Spirit Assembly / Crazy Hair Day
- Mar 13-17 - March Break
- Mar 24 - School Earth Hour
- Mar 25 - Earth Hour
8:30-9:30PM Lights Out!
- Mar 27 - Immunizations
Grade 7 Hep B Dose #2
Grade 7 HPV Dose #2
Grade 8 (girls only) - HPV Dose #2
- Apr 3 - Spring Photos
- May 16- S SAVE THE DATE for Parent Event::
Sara Westbrook, Motivational speaker on Resiliency

Spirit Assembly
 March 10
 Grade K-8 9:30am





COMPOST PROGRAM

We have started to compost our food waste here at Ardagh Bluffs. Red wiggler worms have been purchased through an environmental grant from the school board. The worms are being housed in various classes throughout our school and they are in the process of breaking down our food waste and turning into nutrient rich fertilizer. Most food scraps are included in the worm diet, with the exception of dairy, meat and oil products. We are so excited to be diverting food waste from our garbage and the staff and students have been very eager to witness the worm wonders! Thank you for your support and understanding as we save our planet one food scrap at a time.



Check for Head Lice Daily ...

If you notice your child/ren scratching their head frequently and regularly or hear them say that their head is itchy, that is a sign for you to check their head for lice and/or nits. We encourage you to be checking daily. This will ensure we get this nuisance under control!

March Break

MARCH 13 - 17

Active play does more than help kids to achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity they need every day, it supports their development in many ways – especially when the play is outdoors, self-directed and fun. This allows kids to test boundaries and problem-solve, develop social skills and resolve conflict, and learn to control their emotions and behaviour. Active play outdoors in the fresh air and nature also helps to improve mood and lower stress. Support your child to play outside with friends in the neighbourhood and at your local park as much as possible.



Kindergarten

Was your child born in 2013?

Kindergarten Registration is in full swing!

Kindergarten classes are structured in a multi-age organization -blended Year 1 (formerly called JK) and Year 2(formerly called SK) . This structure for each class enhances the effective support of students socially as well as academically. It also allows for the enrolment of Year 1 students or Year 2 students throughout the school year without necessitating the creation of new classes.

In addition, this organization provides the opportunity for Year 2/Grade 1 classes to be formed when necessary. As with other grades, changes to class organization or changes in teachers may be required from Year 1 to Year 2 .

2017-2018 Kindergarten start dates!

Year 2 (Senior Kindergarten) students are to begin school on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**. They are to attend continuously from this time.

All Year 1 (Junior Kindergarten) students are to begin school on **Thursday, September 7, 2017**. They are to attend continuously from this time.



Kiss and Ride

Please remember that a lot of parents are trying to get through this line in the morning and at the end of the day. If you, or any passengers with you, are getting out of the car to put back packs on children or to walk the child/children to the fence then please park in the parking lot. Even parking at the end of the kiss and ride lane creates confusion for those trying to leave the line. Make sure the students exit on the curb side of the kiss and ride at all times. Parents should not be parking in the kiss and ride lane at the end of the day...Arrive after our buses leave to make pick-up quicker! Do not exit your vehicle and ensure your child knows to meet you directly after school. Students **SHOULD NEVER** walk across the Kiss and Ride lane to meet parents in the main parking lot. They should cross at the designated walkway by the stop sign. **Please monitor the speed at which you are travelling through this area as cars have been hit and there have been some close calls for our students.** Thank you for your support with this, it makes drop offs and pick-ups for the school so much safer to manage.

SEEDS Parking Lot

SEEDS Parking Lot is NOT for Ardagh parents... 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. Respect the NO PARKING signs please! The school parking lot is located on Summerset Drive. Thank you for your co-operation!

**Events at Eastview Secondary School in April open to all parents**

On April 10 at 7 p.m., Eastview Secondary School will host a screening of the film *Screenagers*, a study of growing up in the digital age. Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston created *Screenagers* to probe into the vulnerable corners of family life to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. This presentation will help parents learn how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.

Feel like your teen is always on?

Ever consider how all those minutes your teen spends sitting using electronic devices, watching TV or even playing video games add up every day? By replacing some of their screen time with physical activity, you will be helping them to become healthier, reduce stress and be more likely to feel happier and more confident. Here are some ideas to suggest to your teen:

- organize a pick-up game of baseball, ball hockey or basketball
 - check out a local nature trail with friends
- try something new like disc golf!

Set a goal to limit screen time to less than two hours each day.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

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. 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 this area, if you would like more information about the transition process at *Bear Creek Secondary School*.