



# The ROAR

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## Upcoming events:

Mar 12-16 - March Break  
 Mar 21 - World Down Syndrome Day  
 Mar 23 - School Earth Hour  
 Mar 24 - Earth Hour  
 8:30-9:30PM Lights Out!  
 Mar 30 - Good Friday

Apr 19 - Immunizations Grade 7  
 Hep B Dose #2  
 HPV Dose #2  
 Apr 24 - Kindergarten Photos and Grad  
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### March 19-23rd is World Water week!

Stay tuned for water conservation tips, ban the bottle (single use plastics) challenge and more.



### Information sessions about special education

**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**



### Lost and Found items will be on display in the Front Hallway!

All items not claimed by the morning of March 9th will be donated. There will be a daily announcement made reminding students to take a look for any lost items.

## Kindergarten

### Was your child born in 2014?

Kindergarten Registration is in full swing!

Do you or someone you know have a child who was born in 2014? If so, it's time to register them for Kindergarten! Elementary schools are now registering children for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Required registration documents include birthdate documentation, proof of address and immunization records. Visit [www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) for more information.

## March Break

### MARCH 12 - 16

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.

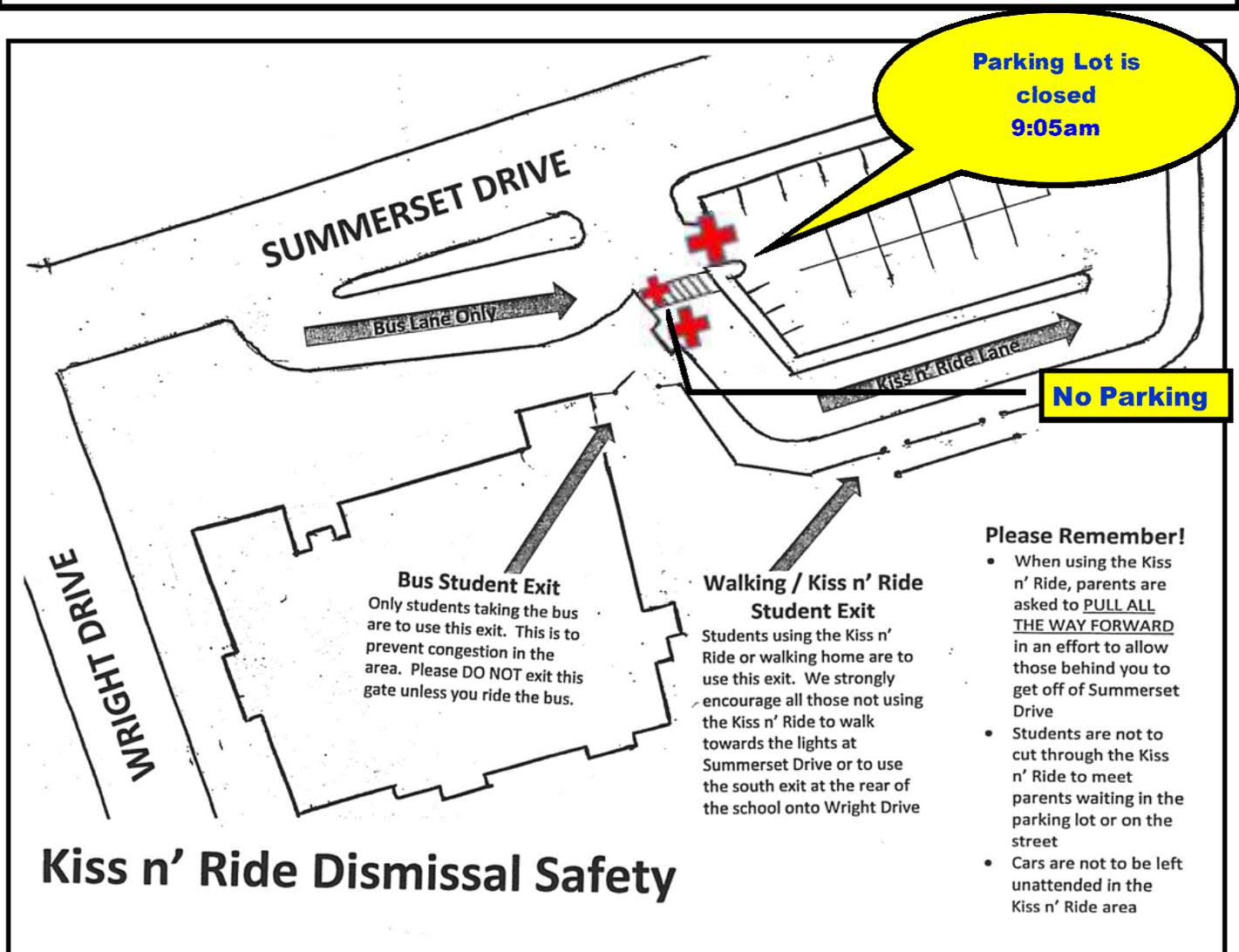




Lately we have seen an increase in traffic in our Kiss n' Ride area. We have witnessed and received calls from parents regarding concerns with very unsafe behaviour from both students and parents. We would like to reiterate the importance of using the Kiss n' Ride system appropriately.

- Students **MUST** exit the vehicle on the passenger side
- Drivers **MUST not** get out of the vehicle
- If you need to get out of your vehicle and walk your child to the yard, please park in the staff parking lot
- Parents **MUST** drive slowly
- When turning into the Kiss n' Ride area PLEASE keep an eye out for pedestrians

Our priority is to keep everyone safe. If you must drive your child to school, we would greatly appreciate all to follow the routine to ensure that we continue to keep Ardagh Bluffs safe.





### **Child care programming available for March Break**

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) supports your child care needs by offering full-day child care programs in select schools across Simcoe County on PA Days and school holidays. Over 30 of our schools offer child care programs for children from Junior Kindergarten to 12 years of age, including care over March Break (March 12 to 16). The daily fee is \$34.20 and a fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. More information and contact numbers can be found at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) – click on ‘Schools’ and then ‘Before & After School Care.’

### **School’s in for summer at the SCDSB**

Are you and your child planning their courses for next school year? Looking for a way to create flexibility in their timetable and earn a credit? Consider summer school! Each year, the SCDSB offers a variety of summer programs to over 2,000 students. Summer school options include open, college and university level courses from Grades 9 to 12. Courses are offered in-person or online. Interested students can also travel and earn credits with the summer EduTravel program. Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at [www.thelearningcentres.com](http://www.thelearningcentres.com). Current SCDSB students should speak to their guidance counsellor for information and to register. Register now so that your summer school choices align with course selection for next year!

### **New Path offering child and youth mental health walk-in clinics**

New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Collingwood and Orillia. The Walk-In Clinic provides a single session to children, youth and families who require support for emotional, relationship or behavioural challenges. The Walk-In Clinic can be accessed by children, youth and families as often as they require support. Children, youth and families can self-refer by attending one of the walk-in clinic locations across the county. Dates and times of the clinics are posted on the New Path website ([www.newpath.ca](http://www.newpath.ca)). For more information, contact New Path’s Central Intake Department at 705-725-7656 or from the 905 area code in Simcoe County by calling 1-866-566-7656.

### **Gilbert Centre programs for LGBTQ2S youth and families**

The Gilbert Centre is a community-based, not-for-profit, charitable organization that provides programs and services to serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender individuals and families in Simcoe-Muskoka. Visit the Centre’s website at [www.gilbertcentre.ca](http://www.gilbertcentre.ca) for more information about these programs:

- **LGBTQ2S Youth Connection drop-in groups** LGBTQ2S Youth Connection is a drop-in and social space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, 2spirit, trans, asexual etc. and questioning youth. Groups are a place for youth to connect with each other and to community. Groups take place in Barrie, Midland and Orillia.

**Parenting LGBTQ Youth sessions** These free sessions, ‘Parenting LGBTQ Youth,’ are offered in April, May and June in Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia. Dinner is provided. To reserve your spot, contact Jake at [jakef@gilbertcentre.ca](mailto:jakef@gilbertcentre.ca) or 705-722-6778 ext. 107.