



The ROAR

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Ardagh Bluffs Bell Times Change

for

2017-2018 school year.

Start at **9:20AM** and school will dismiss at **3:40PM**.

“THE TRUTH ABOUT FAIRY TALES”

Performed by Ardagh Bluffs Students

Wednesday May 3rd

Show times: 9:15am, 11:35am, 6:30pm

\$2.00 admission

(ticket order forms have been sent home)



Supporting Mental Health

Pro Grant Night for PARENTS

3 Habits of Resilient Families

May 16th

6:30pm - 7:45pm @ Ardagh Bluffs

Special Guest Speaker: Sara Westbrook





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Commit to Character

May – Respect

Popcorn
Tuesday and Thursday's
\$1.50/bag



Spirit Assembly

May 10th - 9:30am

Hawaiian Day

Bienvenue nos amis de Ferndale!



Arriving in June – Great titles for summer reading



Mother's Day is on its way!



Ardagh Bluffs has partnered with Bradford Greenhouses for a school fundraiser. For every purchase made at the Barrie or Bradford store, if you say you are from Ardagh Bluffs P.S the school will get 5% of your order.

Buy your May blooms and support our school!



We have a number of exciting events planned to focus on the health and well-being of our staff and students at our assembly on May 10th, and during recess breaks during the week of May 8th.



Parking Lot

The back parking lot is for SEEDS staff and daycare drop offs. Ardagh parents who do not use the daycare 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 our parking areas as there have been some close calls. The school parking lot is located on Summerset Drive. Thank you for your co-operation!

PLEASE NEVER PARK INFRONT OF OUR GARBAGE BINS OR SHED DOORS!

FROM THE LIBRARY



Kids from all around Simcoe County created projects on virtually any topic related to science and came together to compete. The event spanned over two days and was hosted at Bear Creek S.S. Volunteer judges were chosen and assigned students to mark. Day 1 was centred around Divisional Awards and Day 2 was centred around Special Awards and was open to the public. Special events like “Zoo to You” and a Mad Science Presentation took place.

Students were encouraged to visit other projects. At the end of Day 2 the award ceremony commenced and awards were presented. Some of our students earned Honorable Mentions.

We thought that this was a worthwhile experience and would love to do it again. The presentation kept things interesting and the judges were extremely nice and seemed interested about what we were doing. There were many interesting projects and not one project didn't deserve to be there. We hope to be back there next year. Overall the experience was amazing!

Representing Ardagh Bluffs very well were: Ben C, Erin C, Hareen D, Michael D, Amanda D, Olivia H, Dakota H, Peter M, Jacob M, Kirsten N, Joseph S, Catriona A, Ben W, Tabitha B, Sadie L, Kyla M, Kaylie M, Iraivi S, Rose V, Aidan W and Julia T.

By Ben W and Aidan W



On **May 16th, and 17th**, our library is having an “Interesting Sale” of books for our students. Students may pick out a book or two from a large collection of books that are tired of our shelves and want new homes. Some are new, some are like new and some are worn out, but they still work the same way. Students may donate 25 cents, a loonie or **NOTHING AT ALL!**

You can't argue about the price!



Congratulations to the following members of the Battle of the Books team who participated in their battle at the Downtown Library on April 24th. Rachel L (Grade 5), Macartney D (Grade 5), Avery T (Grade 5) Aven M (Grade 6), Aidan W (Grade 6), Valerie F (Grade 6), Kyomi B (Grade 7), Shannon M (Grade 7), Paige S (Grade 7), Summer C (Grade 7) Jessica S (Grade 8). The team has worked hard since after Christmas plowing through a very extensive book list. There is nothing more rewarding as a teacher than watching kids discover and want to talk about great books. It was a pleasure to be a part of this team.

Thanks for your efforts everyone! Mrs O'Connell

Raven Murphy, educator, performer, and advocate for First Nations is leading three presentations for all Ardagh Bluffs students. Raven's presentations bring Aboriginal people out of the history books and into a contemporary setting where stereotypes and misconceptions are replaced with Knowledge, Respect and Pride. Raven's presentations offer: Authentic Voice and Experiential Learning for students. There is no cost to students.





Heritage fair was a great experience, not only for learning, but for discovering the parts of Canadian history that aren't mentioned in all history books. Our journey began with a simple idea, that transformed into a presentation that has given us the opportunity to explore our heritage in greater detail. Through trial and error, we learned how to improve our presentation, deepen our writing, and received the right to talk about our topics. Through the help of our resources in our school and community, we gained a richer knowledge on our home, Canada.

We earned the privilege to talk alongside 106 other students and share our knowledge to teachers and judges from all over Simcoe County. Not only did we tell the stories of our topics, but also got to gather information from other students projects and be involved in interactive activities. Through this experience, we gained skills in writing, public speaking, and using information to our advantage. In addition, we learned more about our topic by talking to others than we would have found in books or on websites. Schools were able to participate in workshops led by employees interested in taking part in helping us discover our nation's history by showing us what it would be like to live many years ago. We competed against other students with brilliant knowledge of their assignment, several students from Ardagh won well deserved awards for their time and effort through this process. Each student who competed brought excellent ideas and hard work to the table.

The participants of Ardagh Bluffs are very honoured to have attended this event. It has taught us many skills that we can use later in life, and was a great experience. We have had the chance to develop a mindset that couldn't have been done in a classroom, and the customised learning helped everyone -no matter the style- to be comfortable with an audience. On behalf of all the students, we would like to thank our teachers for giving us the opportunity to be involved with this competition, and for being so supportive and helpful throughout our learning.

By: Emily M, Branwen E, and Marley S

Representing our school at the Regional Heritage Fair were: Aleena D, Rhys S., Jordyn C, Andre T, Aidan B, Rachel P, Morgan M, Nadia S, Edouard L, Olivia C, Jessica S, Aiden K, Branwen E, Marley S and Jacqueline O.

Corrin T -- **Archives Of Ontario Award** "In recognition of outstanding student achievement for the best use of original records related to Ontario history."

Caleah B & Emily M -- **County of Simcoe Canada 150 Award** "In recognition of excellence in a project that explores the unknown Canadian stories."

Annaka K -- **Ontario Library Association Award** "In recognition of outstanding student achievement that includes the use of Ontario's libraries in the research and preparation of the Heritage Fairs project."

Alia L -- **Ontario Women's History Network Award** "In recognition of excellent student achievement in research that exemplifies the diverse culture of Ontario and Canada."

Congratulations



Spring is in the air and we have been enjoying the beautiful weather and engaging in some outdoor sports including football and baseball. Indoors we have been exploring musical tones by using a variety of percussion and electronic instruments. Practicing with musical instruments has helped children to learn complex patterns and timing.

We need your help! A blue walkie-talkie was lost outside, if you have seen it can you please bring it to the S.E.E.D.S program.

We understand that families care needs may change due to the new bell times in September, as an organization we will support these changes. Fall registration packages will be available to all families in June. We will accommodate care for all school-age families provided that registration is completed and submitted with the holding fee before June 30th.

Before and after school care rates are determined together with the board and child care operators so that all programs charge the same fee's for care during the year. Child care fee's are not increased because hours have changed within a location. If you require further information regarding registration please contact Sheena Bardai at (705) 792-1560



We have submitted our application for Eco-Schools certification for the 2016-2017 school year. Pending a school visit this month by the Eco-Schools team, we have hopes to reach Silver level certification.

Well done Bengals!

Thank you for all of your support in helping to keep our school green and clean.



It's that time of year again for our annual Heart and Stroke fundraiser! We had a kick-off assembly on May 1st and the pledge forms will go home on May 23rd. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be participating in a variety of skipping activities on the school field on June 7th, with the rain date on June 8th. The Grade 4 students and Mrs. MacAskill's Grade 5 students will be demonstrating their leadership skills by volunteering as station and team leaders. Pledges can be made online or sent to school. Please help support heart and stroke research and education in our community!

Summer childcare available at select SCDSB schools

In partnership with community child care operators, we are pleased to support your child care needs, offering full-day child care programs for children (aged JK to 12 years) in select schools across Simcoe County this summer. Registration in advance is required. Please contact the child care operator directly to register. A fee subsidy may be available to families who qualify. For the full listing of childcare centres in the SCDSB, visit www.scdsb.on.ca and click on 'Schools' and then 'Before & After School Care.'



Shine green for Mental Health Week, May 1 to 7

The Canadian Mental Health Association invites us to wear green during Mental Health Week. Be sure to share online with the hashtag #GETLOUD. Going green for mental health is a simple way for all of us to recognize that we must make mental health a priority. Visit www.greenformentalhealth.ca for more information.

Let's walk/roll/bike to and from school!

Research tells us that children want to walk and bike to school! Children know that using active transportation to and from school is part of a healthy lifestyle, it's good for the environment and it makes them feel happier. A recent Ontario study indicated that a whopping 42% of children are driven to school, and 93% percent of children and youth are not meeting Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines. Did you know that distances up to 5km are travelled more quickly door-to-door by bicycle than by car?

Active school travel is the use of any form of travel that is self-propelled for the trip to and from school. Active & Safe Routes to School mobilizes children with initiatives such as Walking/Cycling School Buses, Walking/Wheeling on Wednesdays or Walk/Wheel Once a Week, and walking buddies. Using active transportation for the school journey is one of the easiest ways for students to get regular daily physical activity. Learn more at www.saferoutestoschool.ca/.

Now that the weather is warming up, including active transport to and from school in your day is easier!

Stay safe in the sun

It only takes one bad sunburn in childhood to increase the risk of developing skin cancer later in life. As the weather gets warmer, follow these sun safety tips to keep you and your family safe:

- Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher and SPF 15 lip balm
- Apply sunscreen 20-30 minutes before going outside (even on cloudy days) and always follow the label instructions
- Apply sunscreen to any exposed areas of skin—nose, ears, back of neck, tops of feet, etc.
- Reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours and after sweating or swimming
- Wear loose, long sleeved shirts and pants, a large-brimmed hat and sunglasses
- If possible, avoid being in the sun between 11am and 4pm
- When you're outside, look for shade




For more sun safety tips, visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call Health Connection at [705-721-7520](tel:705-721-7520) or [1-877-721-7520](tel:1-877-721-7520) to speak with a public health nurse.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



May

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 School Council 6pm	2	3 The Truth about Fairy Tales performance 	4	5	6
7	8	9	MENTAL HEALTH WEEK			13
			Spirit Assembly Hawaiian Day 			
14	15	16 Pro Grant Night 	17	18	19 PA DAY	20
21	22 Victoria Day	23 EQAO starts	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			