



The ROAR

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Remembrance Day November 11th

There will be two **Assemblies:**

Friday November 11th

Kindergarten to Grade 4 at 9:30 a.m.

Grade 5 to 8 at 11:15 a.m.

Family members are welcome to attend the assemblies. Students are encouraged to wear red and black for the assembly. Poppy donation envelopes from the Canadian Royal Legion will be sent home the week before the assembly to help support their many worthwhile projects.

Poppies will be distributed to students on November 11th to wear during the assembly.



Last year, our personal (military) history artifact exhibit in our library was a moving and successful display. Students are invited to participate by bringing in an object or artifact and speak about it. The student must assume all responsibility for the object or artifact; and of course teachers and our teacher librarian will help to safeguard these valuable items. Parents are welcome to come and look at the display in the library before and after the Remembrance Day assembly. We will set up on the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 10 and in the morning on Friday, Nov. 11.

Mark the dates in your calendar! Ardagh Bluffs is hosting its second annual Holiday Bazaar! Be sure to bring your friends and family!



Friday, November 18th from 6pm to 9 pm

and

Saturday, November 19th from 9 am to 1 pm.

We have over 20 great vendors lined up with enough variety to cross off everyone off your holiday shopping list. There will be a Silent Auction, Bake Sale and some delicious eats to re-energize and keep you going. Admission is only \$1.00 for adults, and kids are free. So come on out!!

If you are interested in renting a table, we still have a few vendor spaces left. Please contact Lori Swann at theswannfamily@outlook.com If you have a Silent Auction donation, feel free to drop it off at the office!



Silent Auction Donations

The Holiday Bazaar committee is still in need of donations for our Silent Auction. Whether it's a personal donation or a corporate one, we are graciously accepting all new items, no matter the size. All donations will include signage promoting the business. Need some ideas? Season ticket holders, why not consider a night out to a Colts game? How about a certificate for a car tune up? Movie passes? Round of golf? Restaurant certificate? Spa treatment? Handcrafted goods? Signed sporting paraphernalia? Possibilities are endless! Ready to donate or have questions, please contact Angela Weeks at jaweeks@rogers.com.

Terry Fox Run a Huge Success!

The students at Ardagh Bluffs Public School had wonderful weather on Sept. 28th to participate in the Terry Fox run! It was great to see all the students working together, being respectful and cheering each other on for a common goal -to raise money for Cancer Research. As a school we raised \$4689.50, just a little short of our \$5000 goal. We will be having our follow up assembly in November to celebrate our success. Teachers have volunteered to dye their hair, shave their beards into funny patterns, swim in jello, lipsync, paint their bodies in Tiger print, take a pie in the face, and have students apply makeup on them! Thanks for being such a wonderful community Ardagh Bluffs and supporting such a worthwhile cause.



FROM THE LIBRARY

Chapters and McDonald's Night ... Feed and Read

Thank you so much ! Seven books were donated to our library and we will get a gift card from Chapters for about \$600. Mr. Harris, Teacher Librarian will take a few students to Chapters to make new book purchases. We don't have an estimate from McDonalds sales as of yet.

Thank you to our student volunteers Rachel H and Hazel M for running the craft centre at Chapters and to Marissa B and Noelle R for encouraging McDonald's customers to mention Ardagh Bluffs when ordering. A huge BENGAL ROAR to Mrs. Hilton and Mrs. Brown, School Council members, for organizing the whole evening!

Our Ardagh Families are so generous. Our library has received hundreds of dollars in books that are very gently used. These go into our main library collection, classroom libraries, to our students' homes and to charitable organizations. Truly, these are priceless in the hands of children that want to read them. Thank you.



On Line Reading Resources for Kids - update of password changes

The passwords were changed by Tumble Books last week.

Please note: if you save the Direct Link: you won't have to enter User Name or Passwords. Click the link to the new passwords <http://tlc.scdsb.on.ca/scdsb/about.asp?SID=244>

Ardagh invested in these great online reading resources for our students. You may share these with your family, but the information may not be shared outside of Ardagh Bluffs' families. It is recommended that you save the direct links as favourites.

Information Night

High School information nights

Is your child starting Grade 9 next year? High school information nights happen this fall and winter! Information nights give an overview of what's new and what to expect, and are a chance to ask questions.

Students from our school attend:

Bear Creek Secondary School
Thursday, January 12 at 6:30pm

High school is an exciting time—there are so many programs, clubs and activities for students to try. Attend an information night to find out what's offered at your local high school. See the schedule of upcoming information nights at www.scdsb.on.ca/highschool.



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.



Bus Cancellation Information in Case of Inclement Weather

Although fall has recently arrived, winter is just around the corner in Simcoe County. With it comes the possibility of severe weather, challenging winter driving conditions and, as a result, possible bus and school event cancellations.

All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County is posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's bus information website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca. Our school is in the **CENTRAL** zone. When buses are cancelled, please remember that schools are still open (unless otherwise noted) for student learning.

The Consortium, in conjunction with bus operators, will make the decision to cancel school buses before 6 a.m. and as such, will make every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. Parents should also note that inclement weather cancellations are effective for the whole day and buses cancelled in the morning will not run at the end of the day.

You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications, go to <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions> and you can follow the Consortium on Twitter @SCSTC_SchoolBus.



Popcorn On sale Monday and Thursday first break until November 10th. \$2.00/bag.

Starting November 15th Popcorn will be sold Tuesday and Thursday's.



Commit to
Character

November – Courage

Volunteers Needed

Our bazaar was a huge success last year thanks to the many people who volunteered to bake, cook and help out at the bazaar. An email will be coming very shortly with a link to sign up to help this year. Please stay tuned!



Our **Paws for a Cause Green Team** has registered to become a certified "Eco-School". This province wide initiative saw nearly 1800 schools certified last year, and this year we hope Ardagh Bluffs will add to that number. We will be focusing on team building, leadership, school wide waste management, energy consumption, and environmental education. Stay tuned for our climate change action this month! Thank you to all of our Bengal families for their continued support in helping to make our school and planet a better place.



COMING SOON..... We are very pleased to be offering MacMillan's products as our fundraiser for the winter season.

Our fundraising campaign will generate funds for a sandbox and pergola in our kindergarten area.

Cheques should be made payable to the Ardagh Bluffs Public School.

All order forms will go home on the week of Nov. 14th. Forms must be returned with payment no later than **Thursday, December 1st.**

The products will be **delivered to the school on Thursday, December 15th** and will be available for **pick up between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Orders must be picked up at this time, as we do not have the facility to store them.



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 5 pack tubing**
- * **Plus more**

Cost of the coupon booklet is **\$20**, you can purchase online at www.schoolcashonline.com.

BENGAL SPORTS

Ardagh has had another 'banner' Cross Country season!! We had 82 runners representing our school at Sunnidale Park and had some incredibly fast running in every age group. A big thank you to those students who chose to run in an age group above their own because of our high numbers. We won 5 banners at this meet for our school. We were the fastest teams in the Barrie/Angus region in the following age groups: Grade 5 girls, Grade 6 girls, Grade 7 girls, Grade 7 boys and Grade 8 girls.

Thirty-four students traveled to Mount St. Louis to run in the County Championships. Qualifying to run at this event is an accomplishment in itself. Again we saw some super fast times. The following students were among the top 10 in all of Simcoe County: Grace K. (1st), Kyla M. (3rd), Tabitha B. (7th), Hannah K. (7th), Emily M. (9th) and Alyssa H. (10th). A huge congratulations to our Grade 6 girls team of Kyla M, Alyssa H, Nadia S, and Sophie M. who all placed high enough to be the fastest Grade 6 team in the county!!!! A special acknowledgement goes out to Rachel P. (Grade 6) who sacrificed her placing to stop and help a friend on the course. This is character at it's best.

Your coaches Mrs. O'Connell, Ms White, Mrs Quinn and Ms Thompson would like to thank all of you for a great season. You are a fabulous and fun team to coach. See you next year!



During the Flag Football season, we experienced a lot of great things such as MacKenzie learning how to catch the football better than when we started the season. Brayden learned how to be a leader on the field. Ava learned how to flag extremely well as the season progressed. (Editor: all of our players improved a lot.)

We thought many positive things about our team and the season. Whether we were losing or when the weather was awful we persevered through it all. We played hard and we made it to Counties! Unfortunately, we lost all our games but that didn't ruin our positivity on the situation and it didn't ruin our time at Counties. On the other hand, we did very well at Regionals; we won 3 out of the 4 games and in our loss, we lost by 2 points.

We would like to thank the whole team for their effort and participation! We would also like to thank coaches Mr. Weller and Mr. Harris for taking the time to put together the team and teach us all how to play the game and have fun!

Written by Ava, Brayden and MacKenzie.



Simcoe Early Education and Development Services



Greetings to all from S.E.E.D.S Childcare!

We are so please to have a wonderful start to our new school year with great weather, dedicated and hardworking staff, and wonderful families.

With our Program we strive to provide a developmentally age appropriate curriculum such as "How Does Learning Happen" that is flexible and encourages children's learning through curiosity by providing opportunities for the children to explore, experiment, and discover, while making friends along the way. Our daily experiences are co-planned with the children base off the children's interests and are then posted for the parent to see what their child will be actively participating in throughout the week

I am pleased to announce that our school-age program has grown again over the past year. We do have a few openings available in our before and after-school programme. If any families are interested, our hours of operation are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our programme please contact Kila.

kwalster@seedschildcare.ca (705)792-1560.

Safe Schools tool for reporting bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has an online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage agh.scdsb.on.ca as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness a student engaged in inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn't a substitute for having a discussion with your teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being is always our top priority. For more information please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

Message from the Health Unit: Stay Healthy This School Year!

Colds and Influenza spread easily from person to person. These germs can spread directly from person to person when someone coughs or sneezes, or indirectly when germs land on hard surfaces like door knobs, desks, keyboards, or wet tissues and then are touched by someone. These germs can then enter the body through the eyes, nose or mouth.

The most important thing you can do to keep from getting sick and stop the spread of germs to others is **wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 15 seconds**. If your hands are not visibly dirty you can use alcohol based hand rub "hand sanitizer" for 15 seconds. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve or upper arm and stay home if you are sick. Teach your kids to do the same!

For more tips to keep you and your family healthy this school year, contact *Health Connection* at 1-877-721-7520 or visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Message from SCDSB Director of Education Kathi Wallace

At the Sept. 28 Board Meeting, it was shared publicly that I will retire as of December 31, 2016. As I'm sure you can imagine, this decision was challenging for me. I love what I do - I have felt this way in every role during my 39 years in this board. It's truly been an honour to serve the students and families of Simcoe County throughout my career. I've had the privilege of working with fantastic staff, parents and community partners. I've been surrounded by skilled, passionate and caring people.



My focus remains on our work as I complete my time here. The Board of Trustees have started the search for a new director. We are also now gathering the results of our strategic planning consultation. The input provided by our staff, students, parents and community members will be invaluable to the board and senior administration, including the new director, as they move the system forward.

I am looking forward with optimism to this next stage of my life. It's a chance to spend some more time with my family. This includes my growing group of beautiful grandchildren who provide that daily reminder of life's wonder and simple joys. It's that same reminder I cherish from my days as a classroom teacher.



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