



The ROAR

November 2017

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Remembrance Day Friday November 10th

There will be two **Assemblies**:

Kindergarten to Grade 4 - 9:50 a.m. (door open to families at 9:35am)

Grade 5 to 8 - 11:40 a.m. (doors open to families at 11:40am)

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 10th to wear during the assembly.



Last year, our **2nd artefact museum** was very well attended and presenters and audience members really liked it and learned a lot. Students and families are again invited to bring in family artefacts.

The student stays for the various classroom visits to explain about their artefact(s) and to ensure its safety. Mr. Harris, Teacher Librarian helps to safeguard these valuable objects as well. Previous experiences shows students respect the honour and value of these items.

Our museum will operate on Friday November 10. Families can bring in items on Thursday Nov. 9 or in the morning before school begins.

Please let Mr. Harris know by Monday November 6th gharris@scdsb.on.ca if you are participating.

Save the Date

Ardagh Bluffs will be hosting dinner with Santa!!!



Wednesday December 6th

This is not just any dinner...A breakfast dinner! That means pancakes, juice and more! Invite your family and friends and get your photo taken with Santa, enjoy some great food served by Santa's elves, sing along to some festive music, and most of all! Have a bunch of fun!! We are excited to see you there!





Poinsettias for Sale !!!

Commit to
Character

November – Courage

This year Ardagh Bluffs is once again selling Poinsettias. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these beautiful plants, you can go to www.schoolcashionline.com to order. There are different colours to choose from!

You can get the flowers delivered for an additional \$5.00 (you must live within the Adragh Bluffs catchment area in Barrie), or you can pick them up at the school. They are available to order now until November 21st. Poinsettias will be available for pick up November 30th and December 1st.

BIG BOX CARDS FOR SALE!!

New to Ardagh this year, we will be selling a set of 33 “All Occasion” cards for \$33.

All families will receive a sample box of cards with a letter providing more information by the end of next week.

They will be available to order online at www.schoolcashionline.com starting November 10th until November 27th.



BOOK FAIR COMING DECEMBER 5th to 11th



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

Photo Re-Take Day

November 13th
(Don't wear green)



Class photos for Grade 4-8 will done on this day!!



Snow Valley coupons

Coupons include:



- * Free night skiing lift ticket
- * Free 5 pack tubing
- * buy one get one free lift tickets,
- * Plus more

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



Terry Fox Run Update!

With the help of all our amazing students, staff, parents and community, we were able to raise

\$4, 370.65 for Cancer research. Thank you so much for all of your support!

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

Thank you so much! Seventeen books were donated to our library and we will get a gift card from Chapters for about \$585. 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 for running the craft

centre at Chapters and for handing out McDonald's cards.ion Ardagh Bluffs when ordering. A huge BENGAL ROAR to Mrs. Brown, School Council member, for organizing the whole evening!



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.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Our school has moved to an automated safe arrival system. The first parent/guardian listed in the student file will receive an automated call on days when buses are cancelled if their child isn't at school. The recording will tell you that you do not need to call the school back unless your child should be at school.

High School information night

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 11 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.

BENGAL SPORTS

Congratulations to all of the runners who participated in Cross Country this year. We had over 100 runners on our team and took 85 to our first meet at Sunnidale Park. We saw runners of all ages and ability levels push themselves to their limit. For some, the achievement was competing in their first ever race and just finishing, for others it was placing high enough to guarantee a place in the county meet at Mount Saint Louis. Thirty-seven very talented runners earned a spot to compete at the county meet. At this meet, runners compete against others from all over Simcoe County. With 140 runners in each race a top 30 finish is phenomenal. Congratulations to the following top 30 runners: Grace K (1st), Kyla M (3rd), Emily M (3rd), Madison B (5th), Tabitha B (5th), Alyssa H (10th), Hannah K (12th), Madison R (13th), Sydney S (20th), Cole J (23rd), Kailey H (27th) and Austin R (29th). Way to go everyone. You are a wonderful team to coach and make Ardagh very proud! Thanks for a great season (Mrs O'Connell, Mrs White, Mrs Quinn, Mlle Tosh).



Mrs. Doner-Janes and Mrs. MacAskill would like to thank all the grade 1,2,and 3 runners who came out for our running team this fall. This was Ardagh's first year having a primary running club and the response was outstanding! Unfortunately, only 10 girls and 10 boys from each grade were able to attend the meet at Steele Street. The Bengals ran their hearts out and had a very positive first experience with cross country running. Many of our little athletes even placed in the top 10! Thank you to all the parent supporters who came out to cheer on Ardagh and a special thanks goes out to our volunteers who came with us on the bus and helped keep things running smoothly.



This year we had an amazing season of flag football at Ardagh Bluffs! We were put to the test, figuring out our strongest characteristics in ourselves to achieve the highest goals we could reach. We had struggles as single players, but as a team, working together, we were indestructible.

Along with these positive components we also had to become selfless which became difficult at times, learning to share the spotlight and be something small on the field so someone could be something incredible. We had to recognize that our weakest abilities were another's strongest, learn from them and help them achieve in any way we could.

Overall, Flag Football taught us many useful skills in life, and most importantly taught us how to work as a team and to think quickly of a solution to any problem, on the field or off. We'd like to give a huge thanks to Mr. Harris and Mr. Ma for being amazing coaches and making us a pretty unbeatable team and a force to be reckoned with. A big thank you to everyone that made this season so great!

By: Abby W & Tyler M



SCDSB online 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, http://***.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 our top priority. For more information, visit

Voluntary self-identification of First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry

Self-identification is a personal choice to disclose First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry. The choice to self-identify is up to you and does not require proof of documentation (i.e. no status card), regardless of where you live. Self-identification is confidential, securely stored and used only to support First Nation, Métis and Inuit student success. Self-identification helps schools support the needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and their achievement. Student achievement data is collected and protected with other confidential data used to help improve student achievement.

To self-identify your child as First Nation, Métis or Inuit, check off the First Nation, Métis or Inuit box on the school registration form and write in details if applicable. The SCDSB is committed to meeting the learning needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students through responsive programming and services. Past activities have included: the inclusion of First Nation, Métis and Inuit focused resources in schools; school based pow wows; dedicated First Nation, Métis and Inuit student advisors and cultural awareness training for school staff. To learn more about First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education, visit www.scdsb.on.ca > Programs > First Nation, Métis & Inuit Education.

OHIP+ provides free prescription drug coverage for children

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income. Under OHIP+, Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. Enrollment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs, no co-payment and no annual deductible. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist. For more information, visit:

Nutri-eSTEP can help your family encourage healthy eating habits

Are you a parent of a Kindergarten student? Do you sometimes worry about your child's healthy eating? Nutri-eSTEP can help! Check out www.smdhu.org/Nutri-eSTEP. You answer 17 questions to find out what's going well and what to work on to keep your child healthy. Nutri-eSTEP is a questionnaire for parents with children aged 18 months to five years of age. When you help your children learn how to eat healthy, move more and limit time spent sitting, you make a difference to their lifelong health. For more information, call Health Connection weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 705-721-7520 or toll free 1-877-721-7520.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit



The school-age children have been involved in many inquiries in the first part of the school year. In the kindergarten classroom an extensive inquiry into corn has taken place, the children were curious to know if ornamental corn could grow new sprouts if placed back in water, to date we have discovered that this is possible. The school-age program engaged in the planning and preparation of a haunted house, we invited local partners to participate in the experience which was received well. In November we will be hosting a MacMillans fundraiser, they offer many delicious treats and meals, speak to a S.E.E.D.S educator if you are interested. If you are looking for P.A day care or holiday care please contact Sheena at 705-792-1560.



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