



The ROAR

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Mrs. Barrie	Principal

Take a Walk Through Our School

MEET AND GREET the ARDAGH BLUFFS TEAM!

Oct. 4th, 2017

4:30 – 6:30 PM



Check out the exciting things happening!

- Food Trucks
- Bengal Spiritwear clothing –check out sizes, get your order form and order on-line
- Sign-up for your November student conferences in your child's classroom!
- Volunteer Orientation Sessions – 5pm and 6pm

Check with your child for times his/her teacher will be at the event!

PLEASE BRING AN ITEM FOR THE FOOD BANK TO TONIGHT'S EVENT!

Support our efforts to help our community!



VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION...

All parents interested in volunteering at our school must attend a volunteer orientation. You must also have Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Screening completed prior to volunteering in the school. If you are already on our approved list, you must complete an Offence Declaration. All approved volunteers must attend the orientation each year. Volunteer Orientation will take place October 4th 5pm and 6pm.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The leadership team is organizing a Thanksgiving Food Drive.

September 25th - October 4th till 9am

Please help the less fortunate enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving. Non-perishable items only!!
(Please check expiry dates)



Popcorn

On sale Tuesday and Thursday first break \$2.00/bag. (starting Oct 3rd)



Picture Day

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October 12th

(don't wear green)

For those students participating in Cross Country, class photos will be taken on November 13 (re-take day).

FEED



FUNdraiser for ARDAGH BLUFFS LIBRARY

October 25th, 2017 starting at 4:30PM

Indigo

Chapters

Go to McDonald's, mention "Ardagh Bluffs" and a percentage of each meal purchased will come back to the school! Then make your way to Chapters mention "Ardagh Bluffs" and a percentage of all purchases, on regular priced books will come back to the school! All monies raised will go towards books for the school library!



Our Ardagh Community continues to donate new and gently used books. These are added to the library, classroom libraries and are given to students who need to own their own books. You have given us thousands of dollars in books – the value is priceless. Thank you to all who pass it forward.

Greg Harris
Librarian



Grade 7 Immunizations

Oct 27th



The Barrie Colts are going to be a young, exciting team this year!

Please help support *Ardagh Bluffs Public School*.

When attending any *Thursday night home game* throughout the season, if you use the promo "Ardagh" when buying tickets, our school gets proceeds.

A fun and easy way to bring funds to your child's learning!

Thanks, and Go Colts Go!!



Cross Country at Sunnidale Park (Regionals) - October 12th. Races start at 11:30. Rain or Shine

Cross Country at Mt St Louis (County Meet - must qualify) - Oct 17th- Rain Date Oct 19th. Full day.

October— Co-operation

Commit to
Character**CALLING ALL RUNNERS!!! GRADE 1-3**

Mrs. MacAskill and Mrs. Doner-Janes would like to thank all the Grade 1,2,3 students who have been coming out to running practices. We will be taking 60 primary students (10 boys/10 girls from each grade) to the FUN RUN @ Steele Street Public School , on October 16th.



Uninterrupted Learning

When students need to be picked up for appointments we will call up to classrooms when you arrive. If possible, scheduling appointments during breaks or after school would be ideal. This is not always a possibility and we certainly understand that. Again, please remember that you are not only interrupting your child's learning time, but also the learning time of other students.

All students should be arriving on our yard for the beginning of the day by 9:15 in order to be lining up with their class when the bells rings at 9:05AM. Students who are arriving late are missing important announcements about athletics and clubs as well as instructions for learning.



As a reminder our day is divided into three learning blocks that are uninterrupted. Our break times are 11:00-11:40AM and 1:20-2:00PM. Students should not be texting or calling parents throughout the day unless the classroom teacher has given permission to do so. This is becoming a huge issue and is most disruptive not only to the classroom teacher, but also to the learning that is taking place by all. We are teaching students digital citizenship on an ongoing basis. Purposeful and positive use of devices. We would like to remind parents/guardians that we make every effort to ensure these blocks of learning are truly uninterrupted for all students. If students have forgotten items, the student, in consultation with their teacher, can determine if they need to be dropped off at the office. We will ensure your child retrieves items during the break. The classroom teacher can often work through issues that arise with your child in order to build strategies for future use. We try to convey to students that by texting parents during the day, this unnecessarily causes stress during a parents work day. Many times the issues are small and do not require parent intervention or assistance. As parents you can support us by discouraging your child from texting you during the day or not respond until the end of the day. This will give you lots to talk about around the dinner table.

Let's support our students in helping them build resiliency and strategies for coping. It is important we foster positive learning skills and work habits that will be used lifelong –in school and in the workplace.



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

In response to the increasing wait times for child and youth mental health services, and the increased need for such services, New Path has undertaken a service redesign that will provide more timely and responsive services to children, youth and families in Simcoe County. New Path now offers Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In Clinics in five office locations throughout Simcoe County: Bradford, Alliston, Barrie, Collingwood and Orillia.

Children, youth and families requesting service from New Path no longer need to call and complete an intake; they can simply attend one of the local Walk-In Clinics and will receive a single session intervention that day. Should children or youth require further service, New Path will continue to offer a wide variety of community and school-based services as well as residential service and women's service. For further information, including the clinic locations, days and hours, visit www.newpath.ca or contact New Path's central intake department at 705-725-7656.

School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

School Bus Safety Week takes place Oct. 16 to 20. To support schools in promoting school bus safety to students, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, will offer bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation.

Wed., Oct. 18 is School Bus Driver Appreciation Day in the province of Ontario. It's a great opportunity for the school community to thank our bus drivers for all their hard work transporting students to and from school safely. For more information, visit the SCSTC website at main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/

October is International Walk to School Month

Did you know that October is International Walk to School month? It's a great way for children to get their recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day and also gives parents and staff a chance to be part of a worldwide event that celebrates the many benefits of walking. Here are some ideas:

Encourage your child to walk or cycle to and from school if you live close by and team up with others to make the trip more fun

If you usually drive your child to school, try getting them to walk part of the way

If your child takes the bus, walking to and from the bus stop is a great way to add physical activity minutes into the day

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Parent Portal gives parents real-time access to attendance, grade information

The SCDSB Parent Portal is a secure online tool that provides parents/guardians (of students less than 18 years of age) with quick access to their children's attendance and grades and includes the option to sign up for email notifications. To access the Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need their child's SCDSB Pupil ID Number, which can be found on the Student Information Verification Form, as well as an Access ID. The Access ID will be provided in a sealed letter this fall with instructions on how to create an account. If you lose the Access ID, visit us in the school office and we'll provide it to you after verifying your identity.



October

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Fri

Sat

1	2 School Council Meeting 6pm	3	4 Food Drive Ends Walk Through Our School	5	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Day 	10	11	12 Picture Day 	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 PD Day	21
22	23	24	25 Read & Feed  	26	27	28
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