



# The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## IMPORTANT DATES

### FIELD DAY

June 6 @ 1:45-3:30pm

### PICNIC LUNCH

June 8

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 9 is a 1/2 Day!

Dismissal @ 12:02pm

## IMPORTANT LINKS

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## A Message from the Principal

Happy Last Week of School! As we wind down from a FUN school year, please note the following reminders from the office:

- Please come in this week during drop-off or after pick-up to check the Lost & Found for your child's missing items! Everything remaining will be donated Monday, June 12.
- Pick up student medication in the main office this week! We will be in the carline on the afternoon of June 9th to pass off any unclaimed medication to parents.
- We have a few extra 22-23 yearbooks! We will sell them on a "first come, first serve" basis for \$15 each!

*~Mrs. Ojerio, Principal*

## Cornell Elementary Information

### School Hours

Full Day: 8:50am-3:47pm

Half Day: 8:50am-12:02pm

Early Release: 8:50am-1:52pm

### PTO Information

Our next PTO Meeting will be held on August 30 @ 6-7pm in the Library! Learn more @ the Cornell PTO Website

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inspiring each learner for life."

# News and Updates

## Wolf of the Week!

Congratulations to our Cornell Wolves who were acknowledged for being a shining example of what it means to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe!

**May 26 & June 2**

**K:** Collin P, Malak A, Manogna R, Ojas P, Adria S, Jasmine X & Jude F-C.

**1:** Yazen S, Niya M, Jingxiu Z, Vihaan K, Naytheon K, Karen S, Michael A, Hriday J, Journee S & Dhruv S, Mirian V & Alex T.

**2:** Jagadeesh C.

**3:** Bryan B, Nava B, Efrain S, Luke R & Lucy O.

**4:** Jack D, Kara C & Austin I.

## Golden Spoon Awards

Congratulations, Cornell Wolves! You are being recognized for excellent Cafeteria behavior:

**K** - Schoen & Petersburg

**1** - Gutierrez & Schuesler

**2** - Pignataro & Hughey

**3** - Mason & Hixson

**4** - Price & Coy



## Cornell CR-PBIS Overview!

Cornell Wolves are  
Respectful, Responsible, and Safe!

Our Culturally Responsive Positive Interventions and Supports at Cornell Elementary help students to be their best!

Our CR-PBIS work was guided by a Fidelity Inventory based on universal features of a quality PBIS system.

This year at Cornell, we implemented a school-wide positive acknowledgement plan. This plan includes recognition for positive behavior around the building with CBG Tickets. Students also had the opportunity to be named

“Wolf of the Week” by their teachers, for setting a positive example within the classroom.

Our school-wide data shows that explicitly teaching behavior expectations in all areas of our school, and acknowledging positive behavior when we see it, makes a positive difference in the choices that students make during the school day.

Research says kids do best when they receive 5 positive acknowledgements for every 1 correction? Make that your goal at home, too! It’s true that we get more of what we acknowledge!

Our work is ongoing! As we move into next year, we look forward to growing our systems of support, and partnering with families to continue to build a positive climate for our Cornell Wolves!

**GO WOLVES!**



## June Character Trait

### Empathy

At Cornell Elementary, empathy means being able to understand how someone else is feeling, even when you aren't in the same situation.

Sometimes, in more simple words, we call empathy being able to "put yourself in someone's shoes" and see things from their point of view.

#### **Ways to engage children in activities that promote empathy:**

- Participate in community service projects or create artwork that expresses empathy and compassion
- Encourage discussions about helping others and making a positive difference in the world
- Use kind words and actions towards all
- Encourage children to work together and cooperate with their siblings & peers
- Celebrate diversity! Teach children about different cultures, traditions, and perspectives. Encourage them to appreciate and respect individual differences.
- Encourage children to reflect on their own emotions & experiences. Provide prompts or journaling opportunities that prompt them to think about how others might feel in similar situations.
- Read books and share stories that promote empathy. Choose stories with relatable characters who experience different emotions & situations. Discuss the characters' feelings and perspectives, encouraging students to put themselves in their shoes.

# News and Updates

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## Student Spotlight

3rd graders showed GRIT as they dissected owl pellets in the cafeteria last week! So many amazing discoveries were made & the room was filled with oooohs and ahhhhs, with a few ewwwwws in between!

All classes for doing such a great job on our last 2 fire drills of the year! We evacuated the school in excellent time and maintained a safe distance until hearing the "all clear." We were quick, quiet and alert for teacher directions at all times!

Shout out to each of our Kindergarten classes, who rocked their library presentation mid-week. Students were highly focused on the Summer Reading Program & did a great job listening. We are so proud of you!

Shout out to all 1st graders who represented Cornell Elementary like a shining star at Potter Park Zoo! Thank you for sharing your observations and stories about the animals you saw!

Keep up the great work, Cornell Wolves! We are proud of your accomplishments!

# Cornell Market Day!



2023 Market Day was a huge success! Thank you to all parents and staff who came out to support our 4th grade students and their learning!



It was a beautiful day with smiles and fun had by ALL!



# Cornell Happenings

## 4th Grade End of the Year Celebration

**June 9, 2023**

**10:00-11:00am**

This is an outdoor event to be held near the Nature's Garden (please bring a lawn chair)

We will be recognizing our 4th grade Safety Patrol and presenting Mileage Club Awards, along with continuing our 4th Grade Will Tradition!

4th grade parents may sign out students with their teachers after the ceremony if they are leaving before dismissal at 12:02pm!

## Girls on the Run 2023!

Girls on the Run 5K took place on May 21st! Congratulations to our Cornell GOTR Team for all of your hard work and achievements this spring!



Our coaches, Ms. Adams, Ms. Mason and Ms. Tousignant, report that a good time was had by ALL and they are VERY proud of the work they accomplished this season!

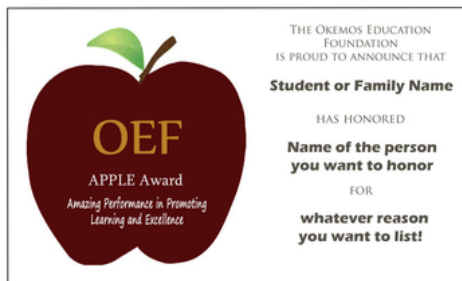
# OPS Happenings

## OEF Apple Awards!

At this time of year many families choose to give a small gift to a teacher, support staff or administrator as a thank you for the work they have done with their child/school. As we have done in the past, the Okemos Education Foundation is offering APPLE Awards to honor these teachers, support staff, and administrators.

This is a wonderful and long-lasting way to say 'thank you'.

For a \$20 donation to the OEF, families can purchase a 5x7 color, personalized certificate for their honoree. An APPLE award recognizes those who show an Amazing Performance in Promoting Learning and Education (APPLE)...teachers, para-professionals, support staff, administrators...who has touched the life of your student? Proceeds from these help the Okemos Education Foundation give financial support to all seven of our schools as well as those at Community Education. To order an APPLE Award, visit [www.oefsite.org/apple](http://www.oefsite.org/apple). Thank you for recognizing an Okemos educator and for your support of the OEF.



## DEI Tidbits

June is celebrated as Pride Month, a time dedicated to honoring the LGBTQ+ community and promoting inclusivity. The month of June was chosen to commemorate the Stonewall Riots, a series of protests that took place in 1969 in New York City, which were pivotal in the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement. Pride Month serves as a reminder of the ongoing fight for equal rights and acceptance for all sexual orientations and gender identities. It is an opportunity to celebrate diversity, raise awareness about LGBTQ+ issues, and support the ongoing pursuit of LGBTQ+ rights globally. Throughout June, various events, parades, and activities are organized to foster inclusivity and promote understanding, ultimately contributing to a more diverse and equitable society.

## Get Ready for 23-24!

Mark your calendar for our Fall Kick Start at Cornell Elementary School!

**OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS** Kick Start 2023-2024

<b>Bennett Woods Elementary</b> August 16, 2023 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>Cornell Elementary</b> August 17, 2023 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>Hiawatha Elementary</b> August 16, 2023 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>Okemos Public Montessori</b> August 17, 2023 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
<b>Kinawa 5-6 School</b> August 17, 2023 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm		<b>Chippewa Middle School</b> August 17, 2023 9:00 am - 11:30 am & 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	
<b>Okemos High School</b>			
<b>Kick Start/Drops &amp; Adds</b> Seniors: August 10, 9:00 am - 11:30 am Juniors: August 10, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Sophomores: August 11, 9:00 am - 11:30 am Freshman: August 11, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm		<b>Open House</b> August 24, 2023 <b>Parent Meeting:</b> 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm <b>Open House:</b> 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	

The following OPS resources will be on-site to answer any questions.

- District Nurse & Health Team- all buildings
- Food Service- all buildings
- Transportation- K-6 buildings
- Media and Technology- 5-12 buildings

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# With Great Appreciation...

*Dear Cornell Elementary Families,*

As we approach the end of a remarkable school year, we wanted to take a moment to reflect and celebrate all the incredible accomplishments and experiences we have shared together, our Inaugural Wolf Pack Run, the return of Global Cornell, Market Day, Field Day and two amazing musical performances, just to name a few!

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary! Through challenges and triumphs, our students, teachers, staff, and parents have displayed resilience, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to learning and growth. Each individual has played a vital role in creating a thriving educational community that we can all be proud of.

We have witnessed outstanding academic achievements, creative projects, and inspiring performances. Our students have pursued their passions, discovered new interests, and exceeded expectations in numerous ways. They have embraced collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, setting a solid foundation for future endeavors.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our remarkable & dynamic teachers and staff. Their passion, expertise, and tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on our students' lives. They have nurtured curiosity, ignited imaginations, and provided a nurturing environment for personal and academic growth.

Furthermore, we extend our deepest gratitude to the parents and guardians who have partnered with us throughout the year. Your active involvement, support, and encouragement have been invaluable in fostering a strong sense of community and ensuring the success of our students.

As we bid farewell to this fantastic school year, we also express our excitement for what lies ahead. We anticipate even more opportunities for growth, exploration, and inspiration in the upcoming academic year. Together, we will continue to foster a culture of excellence, innovation, and inclusivity.

We wish everyone a restful and rejuvenating summer break filled with joy, exploration, and cherished moments with loved ones. Take this time to recharge and come back refreshed, ready to embark on new adventures and achieve even greater heights.

Thank you for being a part of our exceptional Cornell Elementary school community. We look forward to another incredible school year ahead!

Warmest Regards,

*Mrs. Ojerio, Principal*