



# The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## IMPORTANT DATES

**EARLY DISMISSAL (1:52 PM)**

May 17

## NO SCHOOL

April 20-21

May 29 Memorial Day

## IMPORTANT LINKS

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## A Message from the Principal

School begins at 8:45 AM each day! Students are expected to be in their classroom when the second bell rings at 8:50 am. After 8:50 AM, an adult should always bring their student into the building for late check-in. We have been flexible with this due to carline issues & winter weather, however with over 80 students arriving after 8:50 AM on average, we need your help to make a change! The weather is improving and SPRING is here! Leaving home 5 minutes earlier each morning makes a BIG difference! Doors open for student arrival between 8:35-8:40 AM!

~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 **April 19** from **9-10am** in the Library! Learn more @ the [Cornell PTO Website](#)

"Together...educating with excellence,  
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!

**April 7**

**K:** Jack S & Zayda B.

**1:** Kevlyn S, Jon V, Anka C, & Rosemary A.

**2:** Owen S, Eli G, Juliette L, & Julian M.

**3:** Raima S, Margaret L, & Sarvesh S.

**4:** Parth P, Eman T, & Mareen E.

## Golden Spoon Awards

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

**K:** Mrs. Cassom's Class!

**1:** Mrs. Fesko's Class!

**2:** Mrs. Andersen's Class!

**3:** Ms. Tousignant's Class!

**4:** Mrs. Harnick's Class!



## April Character Trait

### Integrity

At Cornell Elementary, integrity means doing what is right even if it is difficult or no one is monitoring you! We use integrity when we turn in items we find that do not belong to us, make the right choice when our friends are not, or choose to be truthful if no one is there to see a choice we make.

## DEI Tidbits

April is Autism Acceptance Month. Here's a description of autism from the Autistic Self Advocacy Network:

"Autism is a developmental disability that affects how we experience the world around us. Autistic people are an important part of the world. Autism is a normal part of life, and makes us who we are.

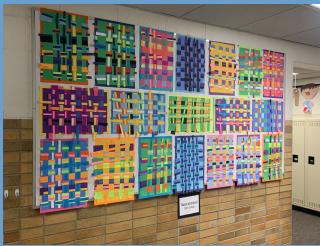
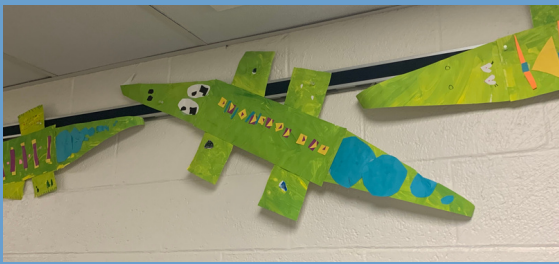
Autism has always existed. Autistic people are born autistic and we will be autistic our whole lives. Autism can be diagnosed by a doctor, but you can be autistic even if you don't have a formal diagnosis. Because of myths about autism, it can be harder for autistic adults, autistic girls, and autistic people of color to get a diagnosis. But anyone can be autistic, regardless of race, gender, or age....

Below are sites listed that can provide resources and information about autism:

Neuroclastic  
Autistic  
Foundation for Divergent Minds

# The Beauty within Cornell

Check out the beautiful student artwork featured in our halls! Thank you, Mrs. McNeilly and students, for making our days bright and cheery!



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## Student Spotlight

Our 3rd grade classes enjoyed learning about Michigan's history this week at the MI Historical Museum in Lansing!

They were respectful and great listeners to the volunteers who taught us throughout our tour. Great job 3rd grade students!

3rd and 4th grade students worked hard this week to prepare for State Assessments! Teachers guided student discussions, as they explored the practice assessments and talked about test-taking skills and "the night before" preparations. We have full confidence that they will do very well!

Shout out to all K-4 students for their excellent choices in the lunchroom! We were short staffed this past week, though you wouldn't have noticed! Thank you for always following the expectations and focusing on your lunches! You always make it difficult to choose the Golden Spoon winners! That's a good problem to have!

Keep up the great work, Wolves!

## PHASE Board Opportunity

Okemos Public Schools has 4 positions open for the Personal Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Education (PHASE) Board beginning the 2023-2024 school year. More [information](#) can be found here. The [application](#) can be found here.

## OEF Golf Outing

Join the Okemos Education Foundation for its inaugural golf fundraiser to be held on:  
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023  
The deadline to register is May 15th!

### [Event Information](#)



## District Policy

The Board of Education conducts ongoing review of existing and proposed new policies as they relate to current educational practice. It is the practice of the board to give all policies, new or changed, first reading at a public meeting, with final action taken no sooner than one month from the date of the first reading. New or changed policies are posted to this page on the OPS website following the first reading.

Comments or concerns may be emailed to the Board of Education ([board@okemosk12.net](mailto:board@okemosk12.net)) prior to the "Date to be Adopted."

# OPS Happenings

## Thank you from OMP

Thank you one and all for your enthusiastic participation and for helping Okemos Music Patrons revive this cherished tradition and bring it back into the life of our community. This year, we raised over \$40,000 for Okemos K-12 music programs. On March 9th, Okemos High School was vibrant with youthful energy, filled with incredible music, all accompanied by a delicious spaghetti meal. We feel positively refreshed and strengthened as a community with our first in-person event in three years!

### *Bravo, Musicians!*



From Beethoven to the Backstreet Boys, Okemos music students rocked the house! Congratulations and thank you to the talented students and teachers for outstanding concerts and for entertaining us with a variety of beautiful classical, jazz and contemporary music throughout the evening. The lively performances showcased the excellent music programs throughout the district— Kinawa band, orchestra and choir groups took us "over the rainbow" in the auditorium, Chippewa and OHS jazz bands kept up the high energy in the cafeteria, and OHS chamber ensembles welcomed people with lovely classical strains in the hallways.

Thank You, Community Leaders and Business Sponsors!

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