



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

EARLY DISMISSAL (1:52 PM)

May 17

NO SCHOOL

May 29 Memorial Day

IMPORTANT LINKS

DISTRICT CALENDAR

LUNCH MENU

CORNELL STAFF DIRECTORY

OEF GOLF FUNDRAISER

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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A Message from the Principal

My message this week is one of deep gratitude for our Cornell Staff, as we approach Nation Staff Appreciation Week. Cornell Elementary Teachers and Support Staff go above and beyond their call each day for our Wolves. Educators come in early to set up for the day, work tirelessly to ensure each student has the foundational skills they need for success, and often stay late to support clubs, lead teacher-teams and prepare for the next day's lessons. The dedication, passion, and commitment of our Cornell Educators does not go unnoticed. We appreciate you! Please take a few moments and share words of gratitude & appreciation for your child's teacher, support staff & specialists, or the front office team [here!](#)

~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 **May 17** from **6-7pm** 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 28 & May 5

K: Blake M, Elliot L, Lucas T, Yiseo K, & Krithik R.

1: Evan Z, Josh B, Veda P, Elliott B, Sriyansh G, Artemis B, Basil B, & Lyla J.

2: Eliza Q, Leo B, Ashvik A, Will M, Harbour V, & Emma F.

3: Chetan T, Vaibhav U, Drew C, & Turgay A.

4: Linh T, Willow L, Elliott V, Dragon L, Vladimir N, & Kayleigh L.

Golden Spoon Awards

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

K: Ms. Stephen's Class!

1: Mrs. Schuesler's Class!

2: Mrs. Pignataro's Class!

3: Ms. Mason's Class!

4: Mrs. Coy's Class!



May 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.

DEI Tidbits

From [National Geographic Kids](#): "So what does Cinco de Mayo celebrate? On the morning of May 5, 1862, 6,000 French troops stormed the Mexican city of Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza to bring it under French rule. The Mexican soldiers were outnumbered, but they fiercely fought back. By early evening, the French had retreated. Now the people of Puebla, Mexico, observe the holiday Cinco de Mayo to celebrate this victory. The holiday is also widely celebrated in the United States. Americans use the celebration to honor the battle as well as Mexican culture."



Global Cornell

On April 28th, Cornell Staff and Families gathered for the return of Global Cornell! What a fabulous school event! Tremendous gratitude for the team who came together to share and acknowledge the cultures that make up our school family!

May we always continue to Grow Together!



News and Updates

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Student Spotlight

4th Graders represented Cornell well while visiting the MSU Gardens this week! We learned about pollinators, plant parts, and the scientific method! We are excited to continue exploring our "lettuce experiment" to determine the BEST lettuce variety for school lunches! We also enjoyed visiting the Butterfly Garden and Children's Garden.

Shout out to Mrs. Gutierrez's 1st Grade: Mrs. Martinez gave her class a "Howl" for our wonderful Indoor Recess Behavior last week.

Shout out to Mrs. Casson's Kindergarten Class, who filled their marble jar! We are so proud of our Kindergarten Wolves for being respectful, responsible, and safe.

Shout out to all 3rd and 4th grade students for their completion of the ELA & Math MSTEP Assessment for 2023! Your effort and dedication to doing your very best are appreciated!

Keep up the great work, Wolves!

2023-2024 PowerSchool Updates

The Returning Student Emergency Update Code (SnapCode) for the 2023-24 school year will NOT be sent at the start of this school year. We are implementing a new Student Information Update Form that will be introduced at the start of the new school year. Instruction links will be posted on start up newsletters, and on the OPS website under Families/PowerSchool Portal. Stay tuned....

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) prior to the "Date to be Adopted."

OPS Happenings

4th Grade Move Up Day at Kinawa

The highly anticipated 4th Grade Move-up Day is scheduled for **May 23rd** and we want to be sure that everyone has the necessary information as this event is quickly approaching!

We have coordinated with the transportation department and buses are scheduled to arrive at elementary buildings between 8:50 - 9:00am to pick up students. All students will arrive at Kinawa around 9:15 and will head to our Auditorium to be welcomed by Kinawa staff. Students will then move through various rotations before experiencing a Kinawa lunch and recess.

Students will need to bring their lunch (these will be placed in baskets for the morning hours) or students may purchase a lunch for \$3.50 (cash or school lunch account used at their elementary school). Lunch entrees will be Lasagna Roll Ups (V), Breadsticks, or California Blend Veggies. Elementary teachers will communicate a lunch count to Kinawa upon arrival.

All 4th grade students and staff will board the buses at 12:15pm to return to the elementary buildings.

