



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

GLOBAL CORNELL

November 10 @ 6:30-8pm

NO SCHOOL

November 22, 23, & 24

IMPORTANT LINKS

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A Message from the Principal

Drivers: be cautious in the parking lot and in the neighborhood! Younger pedestrians may not be as easily seen and often do not have the awareness that adults have.

- Be patient and be alert! Drop off and pick up can be very stressful for everyone involved. Slow down, take turns letting people in and out of the parking lot and be prepared to stop for students crossing in the neighborhood.
- Helmets save lives!!! If your child ride bikes or scooters to school, make sure they are wearing helmets. If your child does not have a helmet, please contact the Meridian Township Police Department for assistance!
- Whenever possible, have kids walk or ride to school in groups. Carpooling will also reduce the number of vehicles during arrival & dismissal.
- Be prepared. At drop off, children should be ready to exit the vehicle when it comes to a stop!

~Mrs. Ojerio, Principal

Cornell Elementary Information

School Hours

Full Day: 8:50am-3:45pm

Half Day: 8:50am-12:00pm

PTO Information

Our next PTO Meeting will be held on November 29 @ 9am 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, Cornell Wolves! You are being acknowledged as a Wolf of the Week! Thank you for showing others what it means to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe at Cornell!

October 27

KDG: Aine M, Kyrie L, Jancarlos S & Zahraa T.

1: Noah W, Margot P, Arvin P & Addison S.

2: Frank W, Aleyah W, Maggie C, Elliott B & Emily R.

3: Jagadeesh C, Eva M, Gavin H & Olly H.

4: Alyvia S, Avah W, Dhruvi S-T & Rollin G.

November 3

KDG: Nora H, Ezekiel A, Isabella D & Dominick A.

1: Dahlia M, Ella H & Olivia C.

2: Zoe J, Hazel K, Priya B & Evan Z.

3: Danielle B, Yoojin H, Aashi J, Reyansh S & Ryan Y.

4: Hazel M, Brandon Z, Jojo H & Caleb M.

Golden Spoon Awards

Congratulations to the following classrooms who are being acknowledged for being a shining example of what it means to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe in the Lunchroom!

October 27 & November 3

KDG: Schoen & Petersburg

1: Gutierrez & Hall

2: Malkus & Andersen

3: DeLaurantaye & Hixson

4: Harnick (times 2!)



November Character Trait

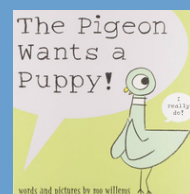
Being Responsible

Every student has the right to feel safe, happy, affirmed, and encouraged as a part of their OPS experience. We believe that our Cornell learning community must provide spaces where all individuals can safely be their authentic selves and reach their full potential.



The following children's literature selections focus on themes of being responsible:

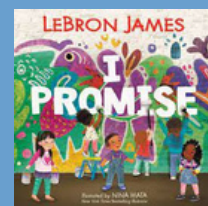
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!
by Mo Willems



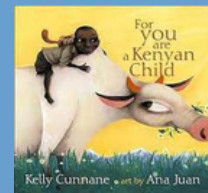
What if Everybody Did That?
by Ellen Javernick



I Promise
by Lebron James



For You Are a Kenyan Child
by Kelly Cunnane



The Good Egg
by Jory John



Cornell Paw Pledge



Cornell's PAW PLEDGE....

Today I will do my best to be my best.
I will listen.
I will follow directions.
I will be kind and honest.
I will respect the rights of others.
I can learn and I will learn.
I am proud to be me!

We recite the school pledge together each day during Morning Announcements! Please take some time to review and practice at home.



Global Cornell

Global Cornell is a celebration of our school's cultural diversity where families fill classrooms with representations of their culture. We often have families work together and create a shared cultural experience. It's a wonderful evening mixing education and fun!

November 10th from 6:30-8:00pm

Sign Up to host at Global Cornell by completing this form:

<http://forms.gle/gqACv6hxfGsUWJVP6>

News and Updates

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Student Spotlight

Shout out to Mia M, Hazel K, & Maddie C in Mrs. Sinila's 4th grade classroom for picking up trash on our playground every day last week!

Team Petersburg filled their marble jar this week in Kindergarten! They earned "Stuffy Day" on Monday.

Shout out to 2nd graders in Mrs. Malkus' class! Students have been trying out a new positive behavior incentive with PBIS pals. Students can have a specific stuffed animal sit at their desk for the day if they are demonstrating the behavior of that animal. Example: positive panda, focused frog, caring koala, and respectful rhino. The students have been LOVING it!

Shout out to Mrs. Godette & Mrs. Lewis for covering Mrs. Coy & Mrs. Fesko this fall! Our students and staff are very grateful for you! See you both back at Cornell in just a few short weeks!

**THANK YOU OKEMOS EDUCATION
FOUNDATION!**

In October, the second-grade classes received a grant from the Okemos Education Foundation for a Time for Kids classroom magazine subscription which includes a digital library that teachers are able to share with students. TIME for Kids is known to help build some of the critical reading skills kids need to succeed in the information era. This resource helps young readers better understand our complex world, and nurtures them to become informed, active citizens. We are very grateful to the OEF for their continued support of Okemos Schools. If you are interested in learning more about the OEF and how you can contribute please visit their [website](#).

2nd graders want to send a HUGE thank you to our Cornell PTO for granting us new book sets for all our 2nd graders to enjoy! These high-interest books cross multiple genres and represent diverse characters. They are sure to foster a love of reading. We are so excited to see these in the hands of our 2nd graders!

Cornell Happenings

A Message from the Office!

MOBILE DENTIST is coming to CORNELL:

January 17th

If you'd like to have your child's teeth cleaned at school please fill out the form that will come home in this week's Friday Folder!
Return the form to school by December 15th.

You can also sign up ONLINE!
Scan the code on the sign up sheet!



Lost & Found Items

If your child is missing items, such as lunch boxes, water bottles, gloves, jackets, sweatshirts, & hats, please remind them to visit the Lost & Found! It is located in the back hallway on the way to lunch!

Parents are also welcome to take a look in the Lost & Found before or after school. Check into the office first and head down! The inventory is multiplying by the day!
Come claim your items!

OPS Happenings

2023 OEF Banquet

The OEF is excited to recognize 10 staff and community members at our Annual Awards Banquet. The banquet will be held at the Kellogg Center on Wednesday, November 15. The evening begins with a social hour at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:30. If you have ever attended before you know what a special evening this is. If you have never been, you are in for a wonderful, feel-good evening. We have an amazing staff and community and we hope many of you can join us in celebrating them.

Tickets may be purchased at any school office beginning Wednesday or online at oefsite.org and must be purchased by November 8

OPS Bond Updates!

Interested in the progress of the 2022 Bond?
Scan or click to learn more!



Here are some FAQs
that might also address
your wonderings!

[FAQs](#)

DEI Tidbits

Diwali is a five-day New Year festival that is celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and some Buddhists, and it is India's biggest holiday of the year. It is based on the lunar calendar, so it can occur any time from mid-October to mid-November. This year, Diwali takes place November 9-14. The name comes from the Sanskrit word Dipavali, which means series of lights. Diwali signifies the victory of good over evil (light over darkness, hope over despair, and knowledge over ignorance). The holiday is commonly celebrated by the lighting of lamps and fireworks, cleaning and redecorating the home, gift-giving, feasts, street processions, and fairs. A greeting of "Happy Diwali" is appropriate. For more information about Diwali, visit the [National Geographic Kids website](#).

Learn more about Native American Heritage Month!

The [Native American Heritage Month website](#) has exhibits and collections that truly honor and celebrate Native American culture, such as [Keeping Our Words Alive \(Smithsonian\)](#), [Legacies of Service: Celebrating Native Americans \(Veterans History Project\)](#), and [Why Treaties Matter: Self-Government in the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations](#), among many others.