



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

WINTER ASSESSMENT WINDOW

DECEMBER 4-22

K-4 NWEA

GRADES 3-4 BASC-3 BESS

NO SCHOOL

December 25-29

January 1-5

IMPORTANT LINKS

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A Message from the Principal

As we strive to maintain a focused and conducive learning environment, I kindly request your assistance in ensuring that stuffed animals, toys, and trading cards of any kind (Pokemon, sports, etc) are kept at home--with exception of reward days that are selected & communicated by a classroom teacher. While we appreciate the joy these items can bring, they are causing conflict in the classroom, on the bus and on the playground. Our goal is to create an atmosphere where students can fully engage in their lessons and activities without disruptions. Your support in reinforcing this guideline at home will greatly contribute to a positive and effective learning environment for all students.

~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 January 24 @ 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!

November 24

We took a break for Thanksgiving--it was a short week!

December 1

KDG: Ava G, Riya B, Leyla D & Viktor M.

1: Mayukha T, Owen C, Mira L & Laeh G.

2: Laylah O, Sriyansh G, & Shiv P.

3: Hadley S, Joe H, Amelia B, Alia A & Mac K.

4: Grace C, Iyla G, Anay B & Olivia T.

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!

December 1

KDG: Schoen

1: Gutierrez

2: Hughey

3: Hixson

4: Coy



December Character Trait

Respect

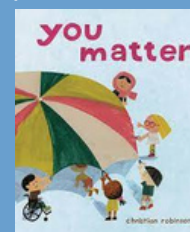
Respect can be defined as treating others, including peers, teachers, and staff, with kindness, consideration, and politeness. It involves listening attentively, following classroom rules, and being mindful of the feelings and opinions of others.

Respect also extends to the school environment, property, and diverse perspectives within the school community. Encouraging empathy and demonstrating good manners contribute to fostering a culture of respect at Cornell Elementary.

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

You Matter

by Christian Robinson



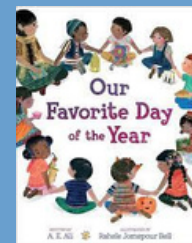
Swashby and the Sea

by Beth Ferry



Our Favorite Day of the Year

by A.E. Ali



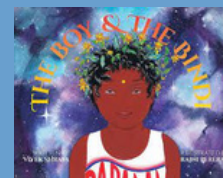
Dreamers

by Yuyi Morales



The Boy and the Bindi

by Viveck Shraya



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.

Maker Space Magic



News and Updates

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Student Spotlight

Shout out to Mrs. Price's 4th graders for showing great effort to respect all of our Cornell family members! We see you and we thank you!

Team Sinila is the can-drive leader! Keep up the great work!

Shout out to Mrs. DeLadurantaye's 3rd graders, who received an outstanding report from their guest teacher last week! Thank you for being responsible when your teacher was out sick!

Shout out to our kindergarten students for respectful listening during our 4th grade Reading Buddy visit!

Shout out to Mrs. Petersburg's kindergarten students, who learned all about Literacy Centers last week! They practiced and are ready to start them officially this week!
You ROCK!

Congratulations to Mrs. Gutierrez's 1st graders who earned 20 Lego bricks on Friday! It was a classroom record! 5 were for winning the Golden Spoon and the rest were from outstanding classroom behavior and compliments for being responsible in the library, at music, and in the hallway! Way to go!

Cornell Happenings

It's that time of year again--boot season! We are noticing many students report to teachers, "I forgot my shoes for PE!" Wearing boots in the gym is not fun or comfortable, and may lead to safety concerns. While we do have a limited selection of "may borrow" shoes, please remember to send your child to school with gym shoes on PE days!

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](#)

Changing Seasons

Winter is upon us and the temperatures are dipping! Please be sure to send your child to school with a winter coat, hat, gloves, snow pants, and boots. Extra socks are great, too! Many parents do this by sending a reusable SNOW BAG containing items for the day! All K-4 students will go outdoors daily for AM/PM Recess and Lunch Recess unless we experience extreme cold temperatures!

Thank you!

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 Apple Awards

Looking for a way to say 'thank you' to a staff member this holiday season? Once again the Okemos Education Foundation is offering the APPLE Award:

(Amazing Performance in Promoting Learning and Education)

This is a simple way to recognize a teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, principal, custodian, food service worker, bus driver, etc. For a \$20 donation, this person will receive a 5x7 color certificate with their name, your (child's) name, and the reason for the award. Proceeds from these help the Okemos Education Foundation give financial support to all seven of our schools. To order an APPLE award visit www.oefsite.org/apple.

Orders received by Friday, December 18 will be delivered prior to the holiday break. Orders received after that date will be delivered at the new year when staff return.

Thank you in advance for your support of Okemos Public Schools staff and the Okemos Education Foundation!

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DEI Tidbits

Policy Spotlight: Unlawful Discrimination & Harassment

Policies at all levels help us create safe, productive, and supportive learning environments. Throughout the school year, we will highlight key policies that shape our practices.

Below are excerpts from [OPS Board Policy 4121.5121 - Unlawful Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Against Students](#), which can be found on the OPS web site in the "Board of Education" section.

The district prohibits unlawful discrimination, including unlawful harassment and retaliation. The district will investigate all allegations of unlawful discrimination and will take appropriate action, including discipline, against any person who, following an investigation, is determined to have engaged in unlawful discrimination.

"Unlawful harassment" is verbal, written, or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward a student because of the student's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, or sexual orientation), national origin, disability, or any other legally protected class that has the purpose or effect of:

1. creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment; or
2. unreasonably interfering with the student's ability to benefit from the district's educational programs or activities.



Cornell PTO Updates



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Gift Card Sale

Purchase all your holiday gift cards through Cornell this year! They're great for teacher gifts! Click the link below to find all your favorite brands, then choose to order with the flier sent home 12/1 or **order online by following this link:**

<https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=B7RA9W7JU3K6>

Return Forms or place online order by **December 11**. Cards will be sent home in backpacks **December 18**, or schedule a pickup by emailing giftcards@cornellpto.org.

Brand and denomination choices here!

<https://www.raiseright.com/brands>

Student Directory

LAST CALL!

Help us complete the directory before winter break!

FILL OUT THE STUDENT DIRECTORY FORM TODAY

<https://forms.gle/CwLFBEaK13RKiZqM6>

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTO MEETING

January 24, 2024 - 9am
Cornell Library

RESTAURANT NIGHT

Thank you to all who dined out for Cornell! You earned your school \$400!

GIFT CARD SALE

Return form or place order by December 11
Cards sent home December 18, or by scheduled pick up

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting 1/24 @ 9am, Library