



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

Carline Reminders: All students should exit and enter the vehicle from the passenger side only! Parents should NOT exit the vehicle at any time! We have had a few close calls in the past 2 weeks.



School attendance is very important! Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. While we recognize that there are times when an absence is unavoidable, please continue to schedule appointments outside of school hours and contact the main office when your child is absent or tardy.

~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!

December 8

- KDG: Henry H, William O, Ben K & Natalie T.
1: Imara A, Shreehitha D, Charvi M & Bella L.
2: Remi S, Rowan K & Chleopatra M.
3: Rishaan L, Gracie M, Andrew D & Riona M.
4: Oak B, Oliver K, Luke R, Max R & Aung H.

December 15

- KDG: Camryn A, Eevie K & Luna G.
1: Elena M, Vivaan P & Jihye S.
2: Kevlyn S, Kerem S & Niya M.
3: Ruby C, Claire D & Soren T.
4: Henrik H, Libby M, Elle B & Annika Z.

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 8 & December 15

- K-Nahat & Petersburg
1-Schuesler & Fesko
2-Pignataro & Malkus
3-Dykeman & DeLadurantaye
4-Harnick & Price/Godette



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:

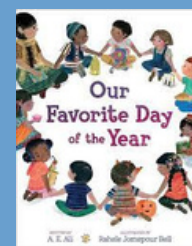
You Matter
by Christian Robinson



Swashby and the Sea
by Beth Ferry



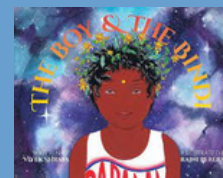
Our Favorite Day of the Year
by A.E. Ali



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.



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

The Cornell Learning Community works hard to have clear expectations and give recognition to kids for their positive choices throughout the school day! Please take a moment to share your feedback in this **SHORT SURVEY** as we continue to grow and learn to best meet the needs of all kids! Your feedback will be used by the Cornell CR-PBIS Team to improve our systems and focus our energy on areas that need improvement. Please use the QR code below!




THANK YOU!

News and Updates

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Student Spotlight

Shout out to Mrs. Price's 4th graders for showing great effort to be safe at school! We see you and we thank you!

Shout out to Mrs. Schoen's class! They are doing an excellent helping each other when a friend needs extra help finding a lost item or finishing a project.

Shout out to Mrs. Andersen's 2nd graders! They have been exploring, mixing, and testing plans for a new type of glue for Cornell! Thank you for your perseverance, teamwork, and open-mindedness! Your final product is a success--so proud of you!

Shout out to Mrs. Gutierrez's 1st grade students, who followed directions BEAUTIFULLY to sign onto the NWEA Reading Map Growth Test by themselves. It was AMAZING and saved so much time! I am so proud of them--this is not an easy task!

Shout out to all of our Cornell Wolves for donating 1,298 items for our Food Drive! Food Drive organizer champ - Caleb M. from Mrs. Coy's room!!!! You ROCK!

It's Winter Spirit Week!

December 18-22

Monday: Sparkle and Shine Day

Tuesday: Cozy Flannel/Plaid Day

Wednesday: Wolf Pack Wednesday (OPS/Cornell Shirts)

Thursday: Winter Wonderland! (wear Blue & White)

Friday: "A Long Winter's Nap" Pajama Day

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!

Cornell Happenings

A Message from the Office!

MOBILE DENTIST is coming to CORNELL:

January 17th

Last Call for Forms!

If you'd like to have your child's teeth cleaned at school please fill out the form that went home in Friday Folders (late November)!

You can also sign up [HERE!](#)



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, parapro, admin assistant, principal, custodian, food service worker, bus driver, etc. For a \$20 donation, this person will receive a 5x7 color certificate

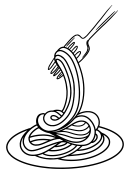
with their name, your (child's) name, and the reason for the award. Proceeds from these help the Okemos Education Foundation give financial support to all seven of our schools. To order an APPLE award visit www.oefsite.org/apple.

Orders received by Friday, December 15 will be delivered before 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!

Okemos Music Patrons

Save the Date!



Spaghetti Dinner

4:30-7:30pm @ OHS

March 8, 2024

Learn more at www.okemosmusicpatrons.org

DEI Tidbits

Checking Our Biases: Ableism & Ageism

Ableism is "a set of beliefs or practices that devalue and discriminate against people with physical, intellectual, or psychiatric disabilities and often rests on the assumption that disabled people need to be 'fixed' in one form or the other" ([Center for Disability Rights](#)). Examples of ableism include: choosing an inaccessible venue for an event, framing a disability as tragic or inspiring, and talking to a person with a disability like they are a child, among many others. Phrases like "That's so lame," "That guy is crazy," and "It's like the blind leading the blind" are ableist, implying that a disability makes a person "less than" and that disability is bad.

Ageism is prejudice or discrimination based on a person's age, much of it directed toward older people because of negative and inaccurate stereotypes. Examples of ageism include jokes about old people, accusing an older person of acting too young and denying a person a promotion because of their age, among many others. Phrases like "You look good for your age," "Are you having a senior moment?" "Hey old man," and "Okay boomer" are ageist, often pitting younger people against older people. Read about the negative effects of ageism on the [American Psychological Association](#) website.

We'll identify other forms of bias in future communications.