



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING SING GRADES K-1

May 22 @ 6:30pm OHS Aud

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

May 23 @ 6-8pm

SPRING SING GRADES 2-4

May 24 @ 6:30pm OHS Aud

NO SCHOOL

May 29 Memorial Day

IMPORTANT LINKS

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A Message from the Principal

We are in the home stretch! Do not miss out on any of our grade-level or classroom-specific events! Please take a few moments to review your child's classroom newsletter for the latest updates. As we prepare for our final days of the school year, encourage your child to visit the Lost & Found to claim missing items, clear out items from lockers that can go home, and enjoy the time remaining with their teacher and classmates! Any student medication on file should be picked up by a parent on the last day of school!

~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 in September!

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!

May 12 & May 19

K: Max K, Emerson B, Noah W, Brenden M, Hannah G, Sofia A, Eleanora C-H & Eileen K.

1: Frank W, Keshav D, Riven V, Rowan K, Arya J, Maksym K & Siya M.

2: Andrew D, Joe H, Nella B, Mac K, Ava F & Onur A.

3: Jua K, Willa W, Ashain J, Zaid S, Cecelia C, Lucy O, Ekam P & Olivia T.

4: Kavin S-G, Marilyn H, Subin P, Chaitra R, Theia M, Mahab A & Chansun R.

Golden Spoon Awards

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

K: Mrs. Casson's Class!

1: Mrs. Fesko/Shutt's Class!

2: Mrs. Andersen's Class!

3: Ms. Tousignant's Class!

4: Mrs. Harnick'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

Interested in learning more about equity? Join United Way for Southeastern Michigan for the [21-Day Equity Challenge](#) (May 19-June 16).

Starting on May 19, participants will receive email prompts with materials that explore how inequity plays a role in our social and economic landscape. You're encouraged to take at least 15 minutes each day to explore the day's topic and act on what you've learned. The 21-Day Equity Challenge is free to participate and open to anyone. Some of the topics include: foundations of equity; personal racial & social identity; impacts of systematic inequity across Southeastern Michigan; local community organizations sharing their stories; and being anti-racist & furthering your equity journey.

Sign up today at UnitedWaySEM.org/EquityChallenge.



Cornell Library Update!

It's the end of the year, and we have had an awesome time reading and using the library! Cornell has many new beautiful books, and as a school, we circulated over 18,800 books this year of our 7,000+ collection.

Way to go readers!

Please note that the week of May 15th-19th is the final week for students to check out library books.

ALL library books are due back the week of May 22nd-26th, with the final due date for returns being Tuesday, May 30th.

If library books are not returned by May 30th, it is your family's responsibility to pay for lost library books, and notices will be sent home with your student. Thank you so much for helping me reinforce great library etiquette for our students.

Wednesday, May 31st, Mr. Tom Shilts, the Children's Librarian from the Okemos Branch of the Capital Area District Library will visit Cornell to present CADL's Summer Reading Program! I would encourage all families to participate in this awesome free summer program. It is available for all ages and a great way to utilize this great community resource and keep our kids reading throughout the summer!

Cornell Music Update!

The Okemos channel will be live-streaming the Spring Sing concerts next week! To watch each performance live from home, go to okemoschannel.live just before the concerts begin (or anytime after).

If virtual attendees are early to arrive, they will not see the live signal and it will not automatically come on, so you will have to exit and come back in. Both Spring Sing concerts begin at 6:30pm!

News and Updates

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Student Spotlight

3rd graders did an AMAZING job with their animal project presentations this week!! It was so great to see them show off their hard work to the entire school. We appreciate all the classes and staff members who came out to support us!!

Mrs. Malkus' class has enjoyed learning about a butterfly's life cycle and recently released 7 of the 10 Painted Lady butterflies they were taking care of and observing into the school's Nature Garden.

Shout out to Mrs. Petersburg's Kindergarten Class, who rocked literacy centers at the end of the week. Students were highly focused, on task, and worked hard. We are so proud of you!

Shout out to all 4th graders who worked very hard this week to practice for our Spring Sing!

Keep up the great work, Cornell Wolves! We are proud of your accomplishments!

Cornell Special Treat Day!

Cornell will host Special Treat Day on:
Friday, May 26th during all lunch periods!

Special Treat: ice cream



We will have 3 flavor options & 1 dairy-free sorbet option for those with a documented dietary need/allergies with Food Service!

Special Treats will be included with the purchase of a school lunch. Students and teachers who bring lunch from home will have an opportunity to purchase a special ice cream treat for \$1.00!

Thank you to Breccan for advocating the return of this event!

Action Opportunity



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 30457 is asking Cornell Community members to donate new or gently used books for all ages (but particularly books for young children through young adults are especially wanted!) to donate to The Reading People. They are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit literacy organization in Lansing whose mission is "Empowerment through literacy". They have a free Book Building where teachers and students can take all the books they need.

Books can be dropped off in the box near the office starting on Monday, May 22 through Friday, June 2.

Book donation guidelines can be found at <http://www.thereadingpeople.org/donatebooks>

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.

