



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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HALLOWEEN PARADES

October 31

NO SCHOOL

November 22, 23, & 24

PICTURE RETAKES

November 3-AM

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A Message from the Principal

Thank you for attending our Fall Conferences! If you have not been able to connect with your child's teacher, the conference window continues until October 27th. Please contact teachers directly to schedule an appointment.

As the weather continues to cool, please send your child(ren) to school with appropriate outdoor gear! We will continue to take students outdoors unless it is actively raining or the temperatures are extreme.

Looking forward to a great week ahead!

~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 October 25 @ 6pm 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 13

- KDG: Natalie T, Ava G, Sara B & Katie S.
1: Reiland R, Gabby Z, Gus S & Harper W.
2: Sanjith C, Sabrina V-C, Arya J & Anka C.
3: Hansika A, Scarlett L, Adi N & Hyeonseung Y.
4: Drew C, Isaac B, Kate R & Clark T.

October 19



We took a break for the short school week!
Wolf of the Week will be back next week!

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 13

- KDG: Casson
1: Fesko/Lewis
2: Pignataro
3: Dykeman
4: Sinila



October Character Trait

Inclusion

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 inclusion:

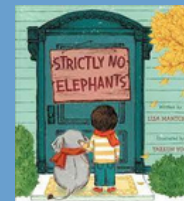
All Are Welcome Here
by Alexandra Penfold



The Big Umbrella
by June Bates



Strictly No Elephants
by Lisa Mantchev



The Name Jar
by Yangsook Choi



Fur Is Only Fur Deep
by Julia Schettler



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 Mrs. Schoen's class for ensuring the newest Cornell Wolf in Kindergarten feels welcome and safe! They have been going out of their way to fill her bucket and welcome her to their learning community!

Shout out to Mrs. Sinila's students this week. They have totally stepped up their reading at home and at school! We are keeping Mrs. Keller busy in the library!

Shout out to 3rd grade students in Mrs. DeLadurantaye's class who started Bat Research this past week! They are very excited and enthusiastic about this new learning!

Shout out to ALL 2nd graders, who were very responsible and respectful audience members at their first field trip to the Wharton Center! During their trip, they even had an opportunity to exemplify what "responsible and safe" mean during an emergency, when they had to evacuate due to a fire alarm pull!

Halloween at Cornell

Halloween Parades and Fall Activities will be held
Tuesday, October 31st: 1:45-3:45pm

Upper Elementary Parade, Grades K-2 @ 1:45pm
Lower Elementary Parade, Grades 3 & 4 @ 2:00pm

Outdoor Plan: Parents welcome! We will parade once around the north portion of the outdoor track and return to classrooms for afternoon activities.

Rainy Day Plan: In the event that it rains, we will not be inviting parents into the building to view the parade due to limited space.

Congratulations!

HUGE shout out to Mrs. Nahat, who received the Classroom Libraries Enhancement grant from Ingham Intermediate School District & MDE! Mrs. Nahat will receive \$10,000 to select and purchase a variety of diverse texts to enrich her classroom library & continue to grow her students' love of reading. In addition, the Cornell Library will receive these same texts for all Cornell students to read!

Cornell Happenings

A Message from the Office!

Fall Picture Retakes are scheduled for:

November 3 @ 11:40AM-1:00PM

This is for new students, current students who were absent on picture day, or parents who are not satisfied with the original photos. If parents were not satisfied with the photo, the student must return the purchased package at the time of retakes. Thank you!



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 Friday, November 3

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](#)

OHS Theater News

OHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT presents
CLUE

November 3 & 4 @ 7:00 pm
November 5 @ 2:00 pm

The classic board game is brought to life in Clue, a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests are invited to a dinner party thrown by an anonymous host, where murder and blackmail are on the menu. Led by Wadsworth – the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. Clue is the comedy whodunit that will leave both fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out... WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

Purchase tickets: www.okemostheatre.com

OPS Trunk or Treat

TRUNK OR TREAT 2023
OKEMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATION DEPARTMENT

WHEN
Sunday, Oct. 29th, 4-7pm

WHERE
Okemos High School Stadium Parking lot

More Info Here:
<https://www.smores.com/tyw0g>

Sign Up Here:
<https://okemos12.revtrak.net/special-events/>

What is Trunk or Treat?????
Participants decorate their vehicle trunk (or tented space if you prefer) to a theme. Participants dress up in costumes to match. You can hand out tricks or treats to students as they come by. Students dress up in their favorite costumes or fall clothing and trick or treat from vehicle to vehicle in a safe place, seeing all of their friends. Students, clubs, staff, sports groups, etc are encouraged to work together, creating exciting trunks! Come hungry and enjoy your favorite Food Truck for dinner!

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WHAT IS EMPATHY?

Empathy is the ability to communicate and lead by understanding the thoughts, views and feelings of others. As we know, no two people share the same thoughts. Our thoughts and experiences play a huge role in how we see the outside world. In order to truly understand another person, we need to understand their thoughts, feelings and experiences.

Everyone practices empathy in one way or another. If we are paying attention to what other people are saying, we are empathizing with them. We become involved in their feelings and thoughts in order to better understand who they are and what they want or need. We can respond appropriately to what they are saying.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE IN SCHOOL?

Listening: The key for developing empathy

Better listening leads to:

- better understanding of people
- fewer mistakes and misunderstandings
- a chance to learn more
- better ability to work together

Some strategies we use at school to foster empathy are:

morning meetings, restorative practices, PBIS and Social-Emotional lessons, read aloud, teaching students that our differences make us unique and special.

HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME?

- MODEL EMPATHY toward others yourself, including for people who are different from you.
- Help your children understand that the world doesn't revolve around them. It's vital at times for parents to put children's concern for others above their happiness. This might mean insisting that your child:
 - step away from screen time to help around the house
 - be polite even when he/she is in a bad mood
 - not dominate the airwaves when they are talking to others
- TRY THIS....
 - Have family meetings
 - Encourage empathy for peers
 - Have conversations about tricky situations
 - Reflect on empathy and caring regularly with your child



Children's Books with a focus on EMPATHY

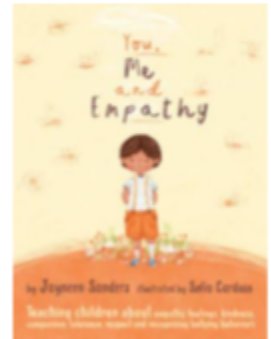
I AM HUMAN - A book about empathy by Susan Verde



The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig

We're All Wonders by R.J. Palacio

I Walk With Vanessa by Kerascoet



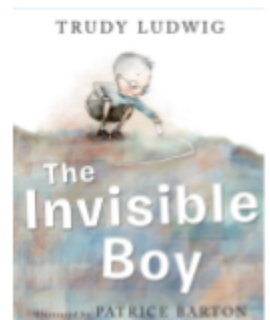
You, Me and Empathy

*Teaching children about empathy, feelings, kindness, compassion, tolerance,
and recognizing bullying behaviors*

by Jayneen Sanders

The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld

The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade by Justin Roberts





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<https://forms.gle/gqACv6hxfGsUWJVP6>

Student Directory

Every year we're asked to make a directory available to families to facilitate play dates, send birthday party invites, and build community. Once compiled, the PDF directory will only be sent to parents/guardians, teachers, and staff of Cornell. All information is for personal use only. Once sent out, download the PDF to search by name, class, phone number, etc, and keep it saved to your mobile device to access everywhere!

This is optional - you may fill out as much or as little as suits your family, but keep in mind an incomplete directory isn't very useful.

Thanks for your help!

FILL OUT THE STUDENT DIRECTORY FORM TODAY

<https://forms.gle/CwLFBEaK13RKiZqM6>

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTO MEETING

October 25 - 6pm
Cornell Library

RESTAURANT NIGHT

November 9 - 4-8pm
Henry's Place and Asian Buffet

GLOBAL CORNELL

November 10 - 6:30-8pm
Cornell Elementary

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MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting 10/25, 6pm, Library