



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

NO SCHOOL

November 8, 23, 24, 25

EARLY RELEASE

(1:50 PM Dismissal)

November 16

IMPORTANT LINKS

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A Message from the Principal

Today marks the beginning of our 12th week of school together! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know your child. Their kindness, leadership, and positive engagement within our school community has made Cornell Elementary a great place to be! Continue to encourage your child to make safe and responsible choices, and to always use kind words & actions with others!

~Mrs. Ojerio, Principal

Cornell Elementary Information

School Hours

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

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

Early Release: 8:50am-1:50pm

PTO Information

Our next PTO Meeting will be held on **November 16** from **6-7pm** 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 to our Cornell Wolves who were acknowledged for being Respectful, Responsible and Safe in all areas of our school and community!

October 28

- K:** Olivia C, Ava A, Collin P, and Amarilis T.
- 1:** Vera M, Haasini J, Tania P, and Alice H.
- 2:** Reyansh S, Scarlett L, Aria R, and Reagan S.
- 3:** Iyla G, Jaydan P, Luna H, and Samaira R.
- 4:** Abigail R, Ambika T, Roy S, and Audrey T.

November 4

- K:** Hadley F, Elena M, Arabella J, and Wyatt D.
- 1:** Sawyer S, Mister S, Charlotte L, and Chance M.
- 2:** Aashi J, Cam M, Olly H, and Hamsika A.
- 3:** Kaila H, Clark T, Olivia G, and Vivian C.
- 4:** Aviva G, Annie Q, Will L, and Anna H.

Golden Spoon Awards

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

- K: Ms. Stephen's Class
- 1: Mrs. Hall's Class
- 2: Mrs. Hughey's Class
- 3: Ms. Tousignant's Class
- 4: Mrs. Harnick's Class

November Character Trait

Responsibility

At Cornell Elementary, *responsibility* means being dependable, making good choices, and being accountable for your actions. This month, talk to your child(ren) about what responsibility means to your family and community!

DEI Tidbit

November 11 is Veterans Day, which is a celebration to honor American veterans for their patriotism and their willingness to serve for the common good. The date is significant because November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of World War I. The Allied nations and Germany agreed to stop fighting at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The war officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed seven months later on June 28, 1919. Veterans Day commemorates veterans of all wars. For more information, read five facts about Veterans Day at the [US Department of Defense](https://www.defense.gov) website.

Staff Member Showcase



Mrs. Niki Mann, Student Support Advisor

Mrs. Mann is the Student Support Advisor at Cornell. She enjoys helping students learn to be their best even when it's hard! Mrs. Mann taught 1st grade at Bennett Woods for 10 years before moving to Cornell, and loves the warm, friendly atmosphere that is created by the staff and students here. She lives in Holt with her husband and two daughters, Tatum who is a sophomore, and Natali who is a freshman at Grand Valley State University!



Mrs. Nichole Berridge, Instructional Coach

Mrs. Berridge is the Instructional Coach at Cornell. She has been with OPS for 27 years and has enjoyed watching so many children grow and learn. She feels that Cornell is one of the most amazing schools! Mrs. Berridge and her husband went to Western Michigan University. They have three children and two fluffy dogs. They enjoy spending time as a family, going on hikes, traveling, spending time on Higgins Lake, working on DIY projects and snowmobiling!

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Student Spotlight

4th Grade Safety Patrol members have been doing an outstanding job keeping students safe at arrival and dismissal. Our 4th grade teachers have been working with students to teach them about responsibility, respectful redirection, awareness and school safety.

K-4 students participated in our 1st Emergency Shelter Drill of the school year on 11/1/22! Students practiced moving to a safe location, taking shelter and waiting for directions from their teachers at a Voice level 0. I am happy to report that ALL students completed this practice in a swift and safe manner, in under 2 minutes! We will conduct one additional Shelter Drill in the Spring, along with 2 Fire Drills and a Lockdown Drill.

Changing Seasons



As the leaves continue to fall and the temperatures *SLOWLY* cool, please be sure to send your child to school with a coat, hat, gloves and maybe some boots. All K-4 students will go outdoors daily for AM/PM Recess and Lunch Recess unless it is raining! Sometimes our play areas can be a bit wet & muddy, especially after a rainy day. Thank you!

OHS Theater News

OHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT presents

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

November 10, 11, 12 @ 7:00 pm

November 13 @ 2:00 pm

Charles Schulz's beloved comic comes to life in this classic musical. The whole gang's here: bossy Lucy is hopelessly in love with piano prodigy Schroeder who doesn't give her the time of day, perfectionist Sally is still mocking blanket-toting Linus, Snoopy is in the doghouse, and the loveable "blockhead," himself, Charlie Brown, is in rare form. We've also included a Peanuts ensemble made up of over 70 high school and elementary students. You're not going to want to miss this Okemos community event that is fun for the whole family.

Purchase tickets: www.okemostheatre.com

OPS Happenings

2022 OEF Banquet

The Okemos Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that promotes and supports excellence and innovation in the OPS classrooms.

This year, 3 outstanding Cornell Teachers will be recognized for their commitment to excellence at the OEF Awards Banquet on November 17:

Ms. Adams, School Social Worker

Mrs. DeLadurantaye, 3rd Grade

Mrs. Malkus, 2nd Grade

Employment Opportunity

If you or someone you know are interested in serving as members of our Lunch crew, please call us at 517-706-5300 or email me directly: tracy.ojerio@okemosk12.net

Thank you for considering & for spreading the word!

Bond 2022: Vote November 8

How would the 2022 bond impact Cornell Elementary?

Scan or click to learn more from
Okemos Superintendent, John Hood!

[The Future of Cornell](#)

