



# The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## IMPORTANT DATES

### SCHOOLWIDE PBIS CELEBRATION

November 21

### NO SCHOOL

November 22, 23, & 24

December 25-29

January 1-5

## IMPORTANT LINKS

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## A Message from the Principal

As we move toward Thanksgiving Break, I cannot help but express my deepest gratitude for our Cornell Elementary Community and all that YOU do to make Cornell Elementary such a caring, supportive, and engaging environment to learn and work in. Your continued kindness, generosity, and partnership have made this school year one of the BEST! Please consider sharing your gratitude with a staff member this week. Those positive email messages, phone calls, or notes may seem insignificant, but they truly make an impact on someone's day or week! Proud to be an OKEMOS WOLF!

*~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 November 29 @ 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 10

KDG: Franklin M, Dorr G & Pelin A.

1: Max K, Arabella J, Bella L & Beau S.

2: Zarian A, Elliott B, Yumin J & Hriday J.

3: Nella B, Zuri H, Joey S & Andrew S.

4: Ethan L, Nava B & Junghyun L.

### November 17

KDG: AJ C, Lennox D, Lucy F-C, Elliot T & Evelyn B.

1: Eileen K, Wyatt D & Addison S.

2: Mae G, Logan M, Elijah C & Alex P.

3: Reagan S.

4: Emmy Z, McKinley A, Wesley L & Scarlett O.

## 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!

### November 10 & 17

KDG: Casson & Nahat

1: Fesko & Gutierrez

2: Malkus & Hughey

3: Dykeman & Tousignant

4: Price & Sinila



## November Character Trait

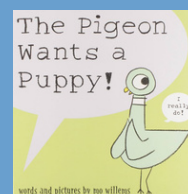
### Being Responsible

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.

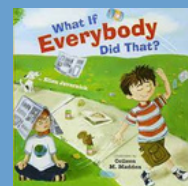


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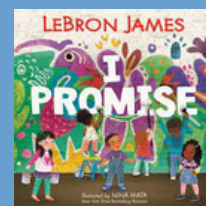
*The Pigeon Wants a Puppy*  
by Mo Willems



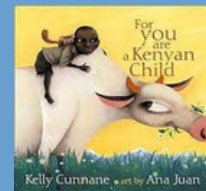
*What if Everybody Did That?*  
by Ellen Javernick



*I Promise*  
by Lebron James



*For You Are a Kenyan Child*  
by Kelly Cunnane



*The Good Egg*  
by Jory John



## 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.

### *Congratulations, Cornell Students!*

ALL K-4 classrooms are on their way to meeting our positive behavior challenge for October/November! That means we get to celebrate as a school with a Maker Space opportunity on Monday the 27th & Tuesday the 28th! Enjoy your special time and THANK YOU to our PTO for supporting this event!

## K-1 Parent Connect Event

### *Cornell's Quest for the Key!*

Kindergarten and first-grade teachers will be sharing various teaching strategies for early-reading strategies. You will leave with resources to work with your student on their literacy learning at home. Our student support advisor and social worker will be sharing strategies for social-emotional learning.

**November 30 from 6:30-7:30pm**

Parents of K-1 students should RSVP to attend this event by 11/27:

<https://forms.gle/QYxWKgxhwa1SK4736>

# News and Updates

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## Student Spotlight

Shout out to Mrs. Gutierrez's 1st graders for receiving several compliments as they lined up after lunch recess every day last week!

Team Schoen shared heartwarming stories of the things that they were grateful for this week during Kindergarten Morning Meeting!

Shout out to 1st graders in Mrs. Fesko's class! Mrs. Fesko would like to thank all her 1st graders for being SO welcoming and kind when she returned to Cornell. We're going to have a great year together!

Ms. Tousignant's class welcomed a new WOLF to their pack last week! Thank you for making our newest family member feel welcome and accepted. You ROCK!

Walking through our hallways, hearing kind & caring conversations, and joining you during learning time feels amazing at Cornell! You are all so positive and thoughtful with your words and actions! We are grateful for YOU and the joy that fills our learning spaces at Cornell!

## Cornell Spirit Shop is OPEN!

Just in time for the holidays! Use the QR code to view Cornell/OPS spirit wear for the whole family.

HURRY!

Sale ends @ 8pm on 11/26!



## 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**

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!



# GRATITUDE

Gratitude means more than simply saying thank you. Researchers usually define it as a feeling or state that results from both (1) recognizing a good thing, such as a positive outcome or gift we've received, and (2) recognizing that this good thing came from outside ourselves. Although we most often experience gratitude in response to the actions of other people, we can feel grateful to nonhuman sources, too, such as nature, a higher power, or the universe.

Several studies have investigated the nuances of gratitude, finding that three factors tend to increase the amount of gratitude people feel for benefits they've received: the more purposefully someone has helped us (as opposed to unintentionally or with an ulterior motive), the more they've sacrificed to do it, and the more the outcome benefits us, the more grateful we feel.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF EXPRESSING GRATITUDE?

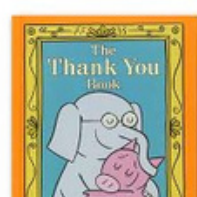
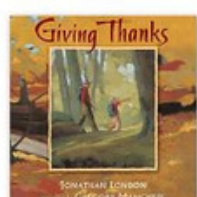
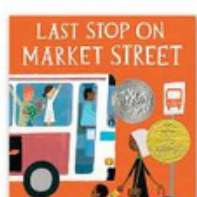
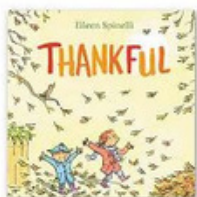
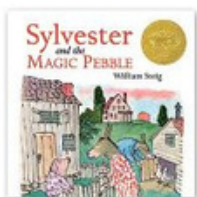
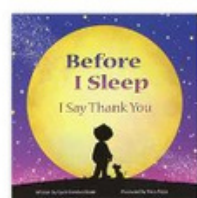
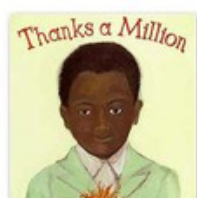
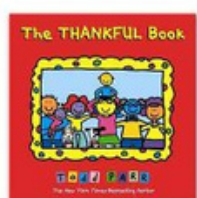
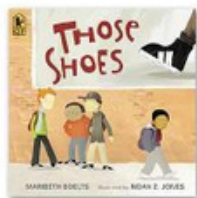
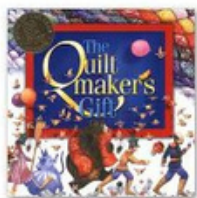
- Gratitude can help students do better in school.
- Gratitude makes students more satisfied with their school experiences.
- Having an attitude of gratitude can help reduce stress, improve mood, and decrease anxiety.
- All of this applies to adults, too!

## HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME?

Families are an important part of teaching children about GRATITUDE! Here are a few ways to help support an attitude of gratitude in your child:

- Teach them to say thank you to the people who do things for them.
- Tell your kids why you are grateful for them.
- Talk about the things you are grateful for.
- Support a charitable event or organization.
- Keep a gratitude journal with your child.

### picture books about GRATITUDE






# AT CORNELL ELEMENTARY WE SHOW GRATITUDE!

One way we make sure your children know how grateful we are for them meeting our school wide expectations, being **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and SAFE**, is through **POSITIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS!** Cornell has an **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PLAN** that helps all staff to express **GRATITUDE** to your children for their positive choices while at school!

### Cornell Acknowledgement Plan Go WOLVES!

<p><b>High Frequency Acknowledgements</b></p> <p>given consistently by all staff in all areas of the building in addition to high fives &amp; fist bumps</p> 	<p><b>WHO?</b> - ALL STAFF for ALL STUDENTS</p> <p><b>WHAT?</b> - CBG (Caught Being Good) Tickets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL staff encouraged to hand out regularly with <u>BEHAVIOR SPECIFIC PRAISE</u> tied to school wide expectations</li> <li>• Each classroom may decide what to do with CBG tickets individually (send home/collect in a jar for a drawing, etc.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Intermittent Acknowledgements</b></p> <p>WEEKLY and AS EARNED</p>	<p><b>Whole Class:</b> Class reward system (ie. marble jar, teacher vs. students point system, etc.) to earn a class reward (ex. Show and Tell, Tech time)</p> <p><b>Individual Students:</b> CBG drawing for priceless prizes</p> <p><b>Wolf of the Week</b></p> <p><b>HOWL AWARDS</b> can be given by any staff member to any group of students for setting an example of being Respectful, Responsible &amp; Safe!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AND</b></p> <p><b>GOLDEN SPOON AWARDS</b> in the cafeteria</p>
<p><b>School-Wide Celebrations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October - Movie, Popcorn &amp; PJ day</li> <li>• November - Maker Space</li> <li>• January - Assembly with Special Guest</li> </ul> <p>*Stay tuned for celebrations in the New Year!</p>