



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

NO SCHOOL

Winter Break
December 19-January 2

EARLY RELEASE

(1:50 PM Dismissal)
December 7

BOOK FAIR

December 5-9

SPIRIT WEEK

December 12-16

IMPORTANT LINKS

DISTRICT CALENDAR
LUNCH MENU
CORNELL STAFF DIRECTORY
CARLINE SIGNS

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A Message from the Principal

Attendance at school 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 will absent or tardy.

~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 **December 14** from **9-10am** 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!

**November 25: No recognition
We took a break for Thanksgiving!**

December 2

- K:** Beckett R, Zachary S, Muktddev S, & Gabby Z.
- 1:** Yumin J, Manuel S-E, Taewon K, & Olivia K.
- 2:** Nevaeh M, Hailey R, Parviz P, & Issa M.
- 3:** Caroline S, Clara M, JoJo H, & Arianne E.
- 4:** Claire B, Averj J, Jeffery C, & Everest M.

Golden Spoon Awards

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

- K: Mrs. Schoen's Class
- 1: Mrs. Hall's Class
- 2: Mrs. Andersen's Class
- 3: Mrs. Tousignant's Class
- 4: Mrs. Coy's Class

December Character Trait

Respect

At Cornell Elementary, respect means accepting somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them.



DEI Tidbit

What do we mean by "**accessibility**"?

By design, an accessible system gives all people access to educational experiences, information, and services. Every person is given the opportunity to acquire the same information, engage in the same interactions, and enjoy the same services without having to ask, go out of their way, or endure exceptional barriers.

Examples of **accessibility**: A student with food allergies can access the dinner at prom without worrying about health risks because the menu has been made available prior to the event. A teacher labels every item in her classroom with its name in English to support her students who are learning English as a second language.

Staff Member Showcase



Mrs. Erin Kanitz,
Speech & Language Pathologist

Mrs Kanitz is a Speech-Language Pathologist for the district with a home base of Cornell. This is her 18th year as an SLP! Mrs. Kanitz has worked for Eaton County, Holt Public Schools, and Okemos Public Schools with children ages three through 8th grade. Mrs Kanitz loves working with students, families, and staff members daily! She and her husband have 3 daughters, Callie (11), Emmie (8), and Eevie (5). When not at school, Mrs. Kanitz loves spending time with family, watching her kids play sports, cheering on MSU athletics, traveling, and exercising!



Ms. Michelle Arndt, EL Teacher

My name is Ms. Arndt, but students call me, "Ms. A." I teach English Learners at Cornell. My students speak other languages in addition to learning English. I love learning about their cultures and traditions. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy traveling to other countries, learning languages, playing my violin, swimming, and walking my little dog, Jack.

News and Updates

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Student Spotlight

4th grade students came together to organize our food donations in the front hallway so others could use the sensory course. Thank you for being aware of your peers' needs.

Our Kindergarten students continue to shine as they move through our learning spaces at Cornell. Their respect & care for others shows in the way they follow voice level and walking expectations each and every day!

Mrs. Malkus's 2nd graders were caught looking out for each other and offering help in many ways to those who needed it. Whether it was helping someone carry their materials into the room in the morning, offering to show a friend how to complete an assignment, or helping clean up a coffee spill from their teacher. We were spreading kindness like confetti!!

3rd Grade students were showing kindness by making sure all students were included during partner and paired learning activities last week!

Changing Seasons



As the snow continues to fall and the temperatures dip below freezing, please be sure to send your child to school with a winter coat, hat, gloves, snow pants and boots. Extra socks are great, too! All K-4 students will go outdoors daily for AM/PM Recess and Lunch Recess unless it is snowing! Label EVERYTHING--Thank you!

Cornell Care Bear Project

From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU to the members of our Cornell Community that made our Care Bear Project a continued success this winter! With your outreach and support, we were able to support 42 students and their families this season! A special thanks to the KDG Team and Mrs. Darjes for organizing this event.

PTO Fundraising Information

Buy all your holiday gift cards through RaiseRight this year to support Cornell Elementary School!

Forms due 11/28!

Click on the gift card to learn more!



Cornell Happenings

Book Fair Comes to Cornell

Scholastic Book Fair is here!



See our [Cornell Book Fair](#) link for directions on loading money into an eWallet for student purchases, learn more about after school book fair times, and more!

Winter Spirit Week

December 12-16

Monday- Cozy Flannel/Plaid Day!

Tuesday- Winter Wonderland! - wear blue and white

Wednesday- Wacky Wolf-Pack Wednesday

Thursday- Color Day!

K - red; 1 - orange; 2 - yellow; 3 - green; 4 - blue

Friday- "A Long Winter's Nap" Pajama Day!

Cornell Spirit Wear Shop

The shop is OPEN and 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 12/5!

