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BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

1/2 DAYS-12:00 PM Dismissal

October 4 & 10

NO SCHOOL

October 11

November 1

IMPORTANT LINKS

DISTRICT CALENDAR

LUNCH MENU

CORNELL STAFF DIRECTORY

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

CARLINE SIGNS

BUS ROUTES/SCHEDULE

PTO WEBSITE

IMPORTANT FLYERS

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A Message from the Principal

Greetings Cornell Families! Fall Parent/Teacher Conference dates for Cornell Elementary are October 8, October 9, and October 10.

MyConferenceTime is OPEN for scheduling! If you have not signed up for your child's conference please use the link above to schedule before October 6! We are excited to share your child's growth with you during conferences!

NWEA Family Reports, Reading Growth Plans, and Spring 2024 M-STEP Family Reports (4th grade only) will be sent in the October 4 Friday Folder. Please take time to review that information!

"Strong Wolf, Strong Pack!"

~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 October 23 from 9-10am in Rm 12!

Learn more @ the Cornell PTO Website

"Together...educating with excellence,
inspiring each learner for life."

News and Updates

September Wolves of the Week!

Congratulations to our Cornell Wolves of the Week for September! The following students are being acknowledged for being a shining example of what it means to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe!

K: Ivanna K, Lexi Z, Nova L, Emi K, Shahrizoda G, Kyrie P, Robin M, Archer T, Paxson W, Matias B-P, Maren T, Cobe G, Emersyn D, Hector P-O & Breslin C.

1: Franklin M, Riya B, Sara B, Kaylee S, Aurora L, Olivia W, Lennox D, Waylon C, August H, Ava G, Amarie M, Landon M, Deehaa D-K, Pelin A & Izora M.

2: Brandon L, Jiwoo H, Kerielle W, Ivan A, Saehae C, Reya K, Margot P, Arvin P, Gabby Z, Jay S, Sophia N, Lena Z, Gus S, Hadley F, Brenden M, Emerson B, Ella H & Rivaan P.

3: Shiv P, June C, Vera M, Emily R, Elliott B, Maanas S, Aarya B, Basil B, Mae G, Kevlyn S, Lyla B, Lucía J, Frank W, Sam C, Alex P, Alex T, Tania P, Kavya V, Dexter D & Esme I.

4: Soren T, Aria R, Hamsika A, Evelyn R, Ellie G, Issa M, Yoojin H, Akhil K, Emmie K, Kai T, Vittoria D, Andrew S, Danielle B, Imani B, Emma F, Niya G & Olly H.

Golden Spoon Award

Thank you for keeping our cafeteria spaces neat and welcoming! We appreciate your Strong Wolf attitude:



Week of September 6th: Kindergarten

Week of September 13th: 1st Grade

Week of September 20th: 1st Grade

Week of September 27th: 2nd Grade

Student Spotlight



Shout out to the following classes for meeting their PBIS Goals in September:

Mrs. Petersburg-K

Mrs. DeLadurantaye-3rd

Mrs. Malkus-2nd

Mrs. Schuesler-1st

Mrs. Gutierrez-1st

Mrs. Hall-1st

Mrs. Malkus' class has been working very hard to welcome and include our new students into our class community. The kindness they are displaying is amazing!

2nd Graders are building their reading stamina and are already at 8 minutes! Shout out to you!

A special group of fourth graders playing lightning at recess have demonstrated inclusion in a phenomenal way. They are encouraging and kind, and have made a very big positive impact! ❤️

Our first round of 4th grade safeties took their posts this week! Safeties demonstrate respectful, responsible, and SAFE behavior in and out of the classroom. Safeties play a crucial role in assisting our youngest wolves get to and from their classroom each day.



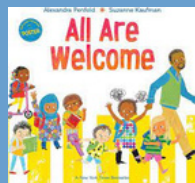
October Character Trait

Inclusion

At Cornell Elementary, inclusion is about making sure everyone is included and no one is left out. In the classroom, inclusion means that all students have equal access to education and are valued and respected, regardless of their background, learning style, or ability. On the playground it can mean inviting someone to play with you and welcoming others to be a part of what you are doing!

The following children's literature selections focus on themes of inclusion:

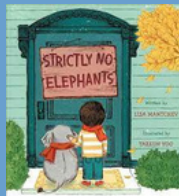
All Are Welcome Here
by Alexandra Penfold



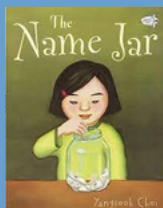
The Big Umbrella
by June Bates



Strictly No Elephants
by Lisa Mantchev



The Name Jar
by Yangsook Choi



Fur Is Only Fur Deep
by Julia Schettler



Cornell Happenings

A Message from the Office!

Student Count Day: October 2

October 2 is our Fall Count Day! Please avoid scheduling outside appointments on this date and plan to have students in attendance for a full day!

Appointments:

It is helpful to communicate any medical appointments to the office at least 24 hours in advance via email or voicemail. This allows office staff to record student attendance correctly and reduce the amount of parent calls to verify attendance. Thank you!

Change of PM Routine:

If you have a change in dismissal routine for your child, please communicate this to the main office as soon as possible and before 3pm on the date of the change in routine. This helps office staff communicate changes to teachers and students!

Fall Assessment Information

K-4 NWEA Family Reports
K-4 Reading Growth Plans
MSTEP Parent Reports (4th only)

Reports will be sent in Friday Folders on October 4! All students in grades K-1 will receive a Reading Growth Plan (RGP), however only students scoring at the 20%ile or below on the NWEA assessment in grades 2-4 will receive an RGP. Please review this information before Fall Conferences.

Cornell Happenings

Wolf Pack Run!

Congratulations to the Pack for a great run! We appreciate all of the generous donations made to the Cornell PTO ❤️ Your kindness will help our Pack grow together in many ways, in the classroom, during special area classes, and on the playground!



4th Grade Stadium Show

4th grade students traveled to the Okemos High School football stadium to watch the OHS Marching Band perform. They learned about different instruments and what the band experience is like in Okemos. Some students had the opportunity to join the OHS band members while they marched, and all students sang along to the OHS Fight Song and ran through the tunnel on the field!



DEI Tidbits

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 to October 15. The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" have different meanings. "Hispanic" refers to someone who comes from or is a descendant of a Spanish-speaking country.

"Latina" or "Latino" (or the gender-neutral, "Latinx") refers to someone who comes from Latin America or is a descendant of any Latin American country. Latin America consists of the entire continent of South America in addition to Mexico, Central America, and the islands of the Caribbean.



Pets on Campus

For the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors, we kindly ask that you refrain from bringing personal pets onto the school campus. While we understand that pets are often a beloved part of the family, they can sometimes create unpredictable situations in a school environment. Our top priority is to maintain a safe and focused learning space for all. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us ensure a safe environment for everyone.

Cornell Family Letter from the Library

Hello Cornell Families!

We are off to a great start in the library this year! All classes have visited the library for short orientation sessions and have started checking out library books. All classes even got a surprise visit from some live hermit crabs! We had a blast watching and learning all about them. 5 hermit crab friends now have a permanent "crabitat" here in the library!



Our library schedule is now set for the year. Please check your student's weekly email from their classroom teacher to see what day they will be visiting the library. As early as Kindergarten we are stressing that students take responsibility for their library books. This includes taking good care of them, keeping them in a safe place at home, and trying to return them on time. Any help from home with those goals are greatly appreciated! We are an awesome community of readers here at Cornell!

Thank you,
Mrs. Keller



CORNELL PTO FALL 2024

STUDENT DIRECTORY

We need your help for the 2024-2025 Student Directory

Every year the directory is started fresh, so even if you submitted your directory information last year, **please do so again if you would like to be included this year.**

Every year we make this information available to families to facilitate play dates, send birthday party invites, and build community. Once compiled, the PDF directory will only be sent to Cornell parents/guardians, teachers, and staff. All information is for use within the Cornell Elementary School community only. This is optional – you may fill out as much or as little as you wish!

Thanks for your help!

Information must be submitted by Sept. 30

Scan the QR code to the right or visit the link below to fill out your contact information. Fill out one form per Cornell student.



Link to directory form:

<https://forms.gle/QFJbXsx91Jiu6VdL8>

PTO FALL MEETINGS

Sept. 18, 2024 - 6:30 PM Virtual

Oct. 23, 2024 - 9 AM Cornell

Nov. 20, 2024 - 9 AM Cornell

Dec. 18, 2024 - 6:30 PM Virtual

All are welcome to attend,
we look forward to meeting you!

UPCOMING PTO EVENTS

Be on the lookout in Friday folders as well as our Facebook page for more information on these and more events.

HOMECOMING PARADE

September 20th*
5:30 PM

Donate candy, help build the float and/or walk with Cornell in the Homecoming parade!

*Float building will take place a couple of days before the parade.

WOLF PACK RUN

September 27th*
1:30 pm

Fun run fundraiser where students run around the track during school hours. New this year: Whole school rewards if we meet our fundraising goals!

*Rain Date of September 30th

BUDDY'S PIZZA RESTAURANT NIGHT 2010 W GRAND RIVER AVE, OKEMOS

October 23rd
11 AM - 9 PM

20% of sales brought in by Cornell PTO with dine in, carry out, and online orders will be donated back. Don't forget to mention Cornell PTO!

CORNELL NIGHT AT ED RU SKATE 1891 N CEDAR ST, HOLT

November 3rd
5 PM - 7 PM

Enjoy an evening of family fun while supporting your school! A portion of admission will be shared with Cornell PTO.

GLOBAL CORNELL

November 15th
6:30 PM - 8 PM

A family fun evening celebrating our school's cultural diversity. We are still looking for volunteers to host cultures, see link below to host:
<https://tinyurl.com/GlobalCornell>

www.cornellpto.org

www.facebook.com/CornellPTO

Stay tuned for additional events and event updates on our website and Facebook page. Follow us and turn on post notifications..



OKEMOS PUBLIC
SCHOOLS

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 27

4:00pm - 7:00pm

**OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM PARKING LOT
HOSTED BY OPS OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

**THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ATTEND AND \$10 PER
PARKING SPOT TO SET UP A TRUNK OR BOOTH.**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

