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CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Break: 11/27-11/29

Winter Break: 12/23-1/3

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter NWEA Window: 12/2-12/20

IMPORTANT LINKS

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A Message from the Principal

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for our Cornell Elementary community and everything YOU contribute to making Cornell such a warm, supportive, and engaging place to learn and work. Your ongoing kindness, generosity, and partnership have helped make this school year one of the best yet! I encourage you to share your appreciation with a staff member this week. A simple positive message, call, or note can make a real difference in someone's day or even their week! Proud to be an OKEMOS WOLF!

"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 December 18 from 6-7pm on Zoom!

Learn more @ the Cornell PTO Website!

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

News and Updates

November Wolves of the Week!

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

K: Vedha D, Chloe D, Ellie H, Mustafa Y, Samuel K, Shreyansh H, Hadley F, Presley W, Yasmeen O, Jeshvika M, Eli A

1: Maddie E, Adi N, Avery F, Ruby C, Will M, Ellie K, Haoran Z, Gwen P, Liv G, Nora M, Madison M, Paul VKC, Jayden K

2: Jiho S, Dahlia M, Hannah G, Charvi M, Elisa O, Reiland R, Abe S, Ezra S, Wyatt D, Owen C, Lilly D, Laeh G

3: Rowan K, Evie A, Veda P, Chane M, Logan M, Maggie C, Zoey T, Priya B, Niya M, Hriday J, Cora H, AJ J, Paquita M

4: Maddie E, Adi N, Avery F, Ruby C, Will M, Ellie K, Haoran Z, Gwen P, Liv G, Nora M, Claire D, Owen S

November Golden Spoon Awards

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

Week of October 31st: Kindergarten

Week of November 8th: Kindergarten

Week of November 15th: N/A

Week of November 22nd: 4th Grade



Student Spotlight



Shout out to Mrs. Andersen's class, who celebrated National Kindness Day and practiced being kind to themselves, peers, and the important adults in our lives and in our community!

Shout out to 4th grade students who filled the hallway with gratitude for the adults at Cornell! ❤️

4th graders wrapped up their 3rd and final visit to the MSU Gardens at the beginning of November. We enjoyed extracting DNA from a strawberry, making various types of fossils, growing (and tasting!) our very own lettuce, and identifying leaves and trees on MSU campus AND at Cornell!

Shout out to all Cornell classes for reaching their October/November PBIS goals! We will enjoy PJ, popcorn, and movie day on 11/22 as our schoolwide celebration!

Special shout out to Lillian A in 3rd grade who showed visitors to Cornell her safe behavior and knowledge about how to enter the secured vestibule from the school-side when adults are present! Proud of you, Lillian!

Mr. Eidelson complimented Mrs. Gutierrez's class during a silly breathing exercise saying that they giggled a bit, but calmed right down and got serious. :)



December Character Trait

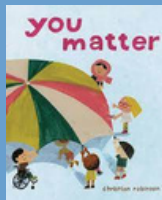
Respect

Respect can be defined as treating others, including peers, teachers, and staff, with kindness, consideration, and politeness. It involves listening attentively, following classroom rules, and being mindful of the feelings and opinions of others. Respect also extends to the school environment, property, and diverse perspectives within the school community.

Encouraging empathy and demonstrating good manners contribute to fostering a culture of respect at Cornell Elementary.

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

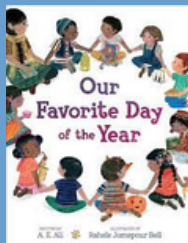
You Matter
by Christian Robinson



Swashby and the Sea
by Beth Ferry



Our Favorite Day of the Year
by A.E. Ali



Dreamers
by Yuyi Morales



The Boy and the Bindi
by Viveck Shraya



Cornell Happenings

A Message from the Office!

MOBILE DENTIST is coming to CORNELL:

January 27 & 28

If you'd like to have your child's teeth cleaned at school please fill out the form that will come home in the Friday Folder!

Return the form to school by January 10th!

You can also sign up ONLINE!
Scan the code on the sign up sheet!

Season Change!

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

Care Bears 2024

Our Cornell families and students have participated in our Cornell 'Care Bear' project for many years. The Care Bear project helps local families in need during the holiday season. Participating in this project is completely optional. We recognize that many of you may already be helping others in our community in various ways. Through the project, we collect gifts, clothing, and food to deliver to each of the local families that we 'adopt'. There are a variety of ways for you to participate. They include adopting and shopping for specific family members, donating a turkey for a family, contributing to a hat & mitten drive, and an all-school food drive to help fill food baskets for the families. Sign-up link to adopt a child or donate money or a turkey: [Care Bears](#)



Lost & Found Items

If your child is missing items, such as lunch boxes, water bottles, gloves, jackets, sweatshirts, or hats, please remind them to visit the Lost & Found! It is located in the back hallway on the way to lunch!

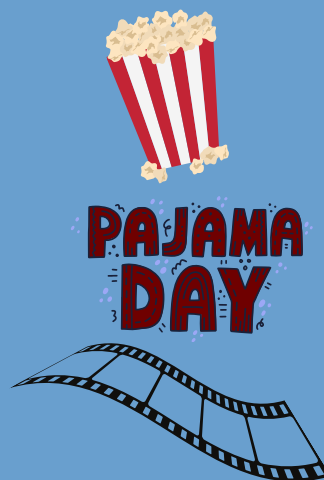
Parents are also welcome to take a look in the Lost & Found before or after school. Check into the office first and head down! The inventory is multiplying by the day! Come claim your items!

DEI Tidbits

Native American Heritage Month

The [Native American Heritage Month website](#) has exhibits and collections that truly honor and celebrate Native American culture, such as [Keeping Our Words Alive \(Smithsonian\)](#), [Legacies of Service: Celebrating Native Americans \(Veterans History Project\)](#), and [Why Treaties Matter: Self-Government in the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations](#), among many others. Check out these links to learn more!

Congratulations, Cornell Students!



ALL K-4 classrooms are on their way to meeting our positive behavior challenge for November! That means we got to celebrate as a school with a Popcorn and a Movie on 11/22! Enjoy your special time and THANK YOU to our PTO for supporting this event!

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.



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.

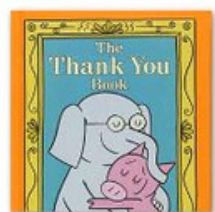
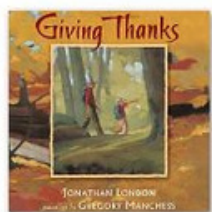
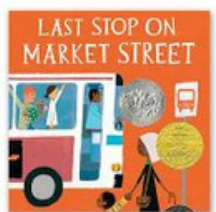
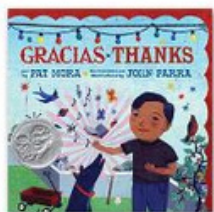
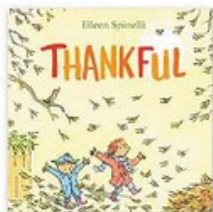
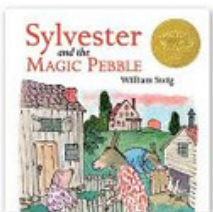
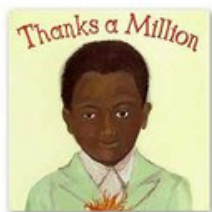
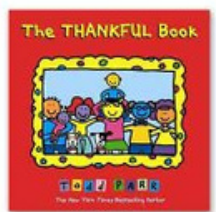
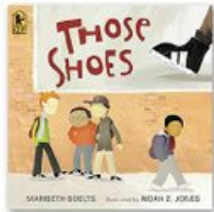
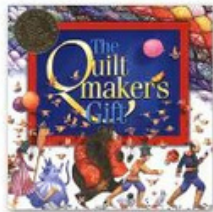
Tell your kids why you are grateful for them.

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



Literati Book Fair at Cornell!

WE'RE HAVING A BOOK FAIR!

From Monday, December 9th-Friday, December 13th, students will explore starfields of stories at Cornell Elementary's Literati Book Fair!

Fair Hours:

Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-6:30pm

Friday from 9:00 am -12:00.

- Shop Our Fair Online: Can't attend in person? No worries! Shop a wider selection of books at fairs.literati.com, including popular online favorites like Dog Man and The Baby-Sitters Club. When you search for our school, double-check that you have the right city and state. The online fair is now open!
- Buy Gift Cards: Purchase digital gift cards for use at both our in-person and online fairs, for an easy payment method that won't get lost in a backpack (and never expires!).
- Share Wishlists: Invite friends and family to shop for your reader directly—gift cards included!
- Volunteer: Interested in working at the fair? We'd love your help! To sign up, [click here](#). Exact link to sign up is : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BADAA22A1FD0-52980714-literati#/>

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Keller at julie.keller@okemoks12.net. All volunteers get a 20% book fair discount.

We can't wait for our students to experience our upcoming book fair! Thank you for helping to inspire a lifelong love of reading. Every purchase supports our school library!

New opportunity for Cornell students this year...Literati Book Clubs
GET UP TO \$50 IN FREE BOOKS

Literati Book Club delivers exciting books to your home, all throughout the year! Each pick up is curated for your reader, which is why 75% of club members see a heightened interest in reading. Sign up to get up to \$50 in free books and earn your school up to \$50 in rewards!

Join the Club at Literati.com/FallClubs