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BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

WINTER ASSESSMENT WINDOW

DECEMBER 2-20

K-4 NWEA

GRADES 3-4 BASC-3 BESS

NO SCHOOL

Winter Break 12/23-1/3

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

To maintain a focused and positive learning environment, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that stuffed animals, toys, and trading cards (such as Pokémon or sports cards) remain at home, except on special reward days as communicated by your child's teacher. While we value the joy these items can bring, they can sometimes lead to conflicts in the classroom, on the bus, and the playground. By working together, we can create a space where students are fully engaged in their lessons and activities without unnecessary distractions. Your help in reinforcing this guideline at home is greatly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference for students.

~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 January 22 from 9-10am in the Library!

Learn more @ the Cornell PTO Website!

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

News and Updates

December Wolves 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!

December

KDG: Zaniyah F, Tru C, Tulie D, Yasmeen O, Jeshvika M, Eli A, Lana M, Jackson M & Ashton E!

1: Adrienne D, Everett W, Lily A, Madison M, Paul VKC, Jayden K & Lavyansh J!

2: Kella M, Sreehitha D, Owen C, Lilly D, Laeh G, Elena M, Izzy S & Arizona F!

3: Lyla J, Wesley S, Rowan K, Hriday J, Cora H, AJ J, Paquita M, Rosemary A, Maksym K & Kerem S!

4: Zuri H, Preston M, Claire D, Owen S, Isabel S, Parviz P, Holly S & Riona M!

Golden Spoon Awards

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



December 6: 2nd Grade
December 13: 4th Grade



December Character Trait

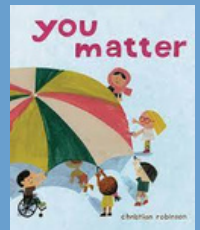
Respect

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:

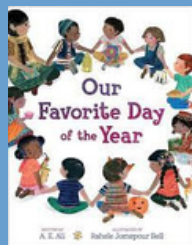
You Matter
by Christian Robinson



Swashby and the Sea
by Beth Ferry



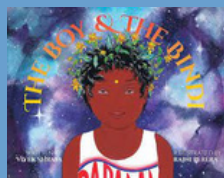
Our Favorite Day of the Year
by A.E. Ali



Dreamers
by Yuyi Morales



The Boy and the Bindi
by Viveck Shraya



Cornell Paw Pledge



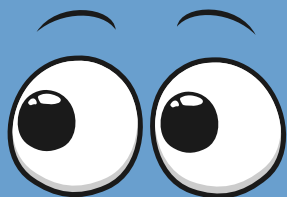
Cornell's PAW PLEDGE....

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. We included our Cornell Behavior Matrix to review before returning from Winter Break! Scroll to the final page in the newsletter to view!

We Want Your Feedback!

The Cornell Learning Community works hard to have clear expectations and give recognition to children for their positive choices throughout the school day! Be on the lookout for a link in our January Newsletter and an email from Mrs. Ojerio! Your feedback will be used by the Cornell CR-PBIS Team to improve our systems and focus our energy on areas that need improvement.



News and Updates

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Student Spotlight

Shout out to 3rd grade: EXCELLENT determination during the Unit 2 Math Test - the students rocked it and tried their hardest!

Thank you to our 4th grade helpers who sorted and organized the canned food drive!

Shout Out to 2nd grade: On the way back from the Wharton Center, 2nd grade received a compliment from the bus driver on how respectful they were!

Mrs. Petersburg's class filled the class marble jar again. They celebrated with a Show and Tell day.

3rd grade students represented Cornell so well this week at the Michigan Historical Museum! They wonderfully practiced being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe while learning all about our great MI history!

After weeks and weeks of researching, learning, and experimenting 2nd graders have successfully made a new glue for our school! Our glue is sticky, strong, dries clear, and can be used on paper, small objects, and wood! We are excited to show off our creations next week!

It's that time of year again--boot season! We are noticing many students report to teachers, "I forgot my shoes for PE!" Wearing boots in the gym is not fun or comfortable, and may lead to safety concerns. While we do have a limited selection of "may borrow" shoes, please remember to send your child to school with gym shoes on PE days!

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 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!



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!

OPS Happenings

2024 OEF Apple Awards

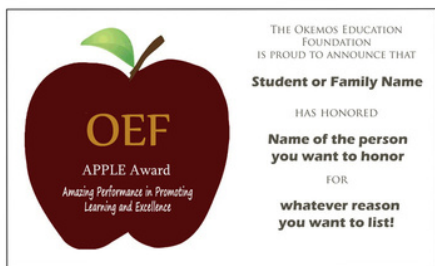
Looking for a way to say 'thank you' to a staff member this holiday season? Once again the Okemos Education Foundation is offering the APPLE (Amazing Performance in Promoting Learning and Education) Award, a simple way to recognize a teacher, paraprofessional, admin assistant, principal, custodian, food service worker, bus driver, etc. For a \$20 donation, this person will receive a 5x7 color certificate with their name, your (child's) name, and the reason for the award.

Proceeds from these help the Okemos Education Foundation give financial support to all seven of our schools. To order an APPLE award visit

www.oefsite.org/apple.

Orders received by Tuesday, December 17 will be delivered prior to the holiday break. Orders received after that date will be delivered at the new year when staff return.

Thank you in advance for your support of Okemos Public Schools staff and the Okemos Education Foundation!



DEI Tidbits

January

Celebrate Black History Month by learning more about [African American heritage](#) in the Lansing area. Lansing has been home to many Black innovators over the years who have positively impacted their communities. For example, Lansing-born Dr. Alexa Canady was the first black female neurosurgeon in the United States. She was the chief of neurosurgery at the Children's Hospital of Michigan from 1987 until her retirement in 2001. Visit the [Greater Lansing website](#) to learn about other influential people, Black-owned establishments, sites of interest, and much more.

PowerSchool Access for Elementary Families

This is a friendly reminder to create a PowerSchool account or add your elementary students to an existing account if you haven't already done so. PowerSchool is an essential tool for viewing your child's Semester 1 Report Card in January.

During the week of December 9th, the district sent an email containing the Access ID and password specific to your Cornell Elementary student(s). These details are required to set up your account or add your child to an existing account.

If you did not receive this letter or need assistance with the process, don't hesitate to get in touch with our office! We will also send another email in January.

Thank you for taking the time to look into this matter. We appreciate your continued partnership in supporting your student's education!

Cornell Elementary

Common Behavior Expectations

	Arrival/Dismissal 	Restrooms 	Hallways 	Playground 	Cafeteria 
Maximum VOICE LEVEL	3 	1 	1 	4 	2 
We are RESPECTFUL	-Greet others kindly -Wait patiently	-Wait your turn -Give others privacy -If you're not sure... KNOCK!	-Greet others kindly -Shut locker gently -Pass quietly	-Take turns and share equipment -All kids play all games -Follow the rules of the game. If you don't know....ASK!	-Raise your hand if you need help -Wait patiently -Say PLEASE and THANK YOU -ENJOY your lunch -Visit with your table mates
We are RESPONSIBLE	-Walk directly to your destination -Take care of your personal items	-Go -Flush -Wash -Leave	-Walk directly to your destination -Stay in your spot in line -Follow your line	-ENJOY your time! -All games end when called to line up -Keep playground free of trash	-Line up by lunch choice -Gather all materials while in line -Clean up after yourself
We are SAFE	-Keep body and belongings to yourself -Follow directions of staff and safeties the first time	-Use soap and water IN the sink -Keep body and eyes to yourself	-Walk facing forward -Keep body and belongings to yourself	-Use equipment properly -Stay within grade level boundaries -Follow directions from staff the first time	-Stay seated until dismissed -Eat your own food -Walk to go outside