



## This weekCobra Communicator

*'We are a village, growing together*

April 5, 2024.

Hello Cornell Village Families,

We hope you are all doing well. We have lots of exciting events happening at CVPS in the next few months. We hope you will join us at Wonka, the Musical. Our students have been working very hard the last few months and the show will be amazing! The show will be on April 24 and tickets go on sale today.

We also have our spring concerts and art show in May. Please see the flyers below for all of the details! June 12 will be our Fun Fair! Please mark your calendars!

Planning for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. If you are moving, please let our office know as soon as possible. As well, if you or your neighbours have children born in 2020, please be sure to register for kindergarten. If you would like to provide input for class placements, please see the instructions below.

As always, please reach out if we can help with anything at all!

Sincerely,

Heather Purcell  
Principal  
[heather.purcell@yrdsb.ca](mailto:heather.purcell@yrdsb.ca)

Joanne Trim  
Vice Principal  
[joanne.trim@yrdsb.ca](mailto:joanne.trim@yrdsb.ca)

Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Monday, April 8	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● knitting and crocheting club- snack recess</li> <li>● learn to play chess- snack recess</li> <li>● <b>Early Dismissal due to eclipse - 12:30 p.m.</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday, April 9	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Swiss Chalet lunch</li> <li>● Coding club - am recess</li> <li>● Jr. Boys Basketball - 8am</li> <li>● Wonka Musical Rehearsal- 1:10 p.m.</li> <li>● Intermediate Basketball Intramurals - am recess</li> <li>● Jr. Boys Basketball game - after school</li> <li>● Sewing Club- after school</li> </ul>
Wednesday April 10	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● International Day of Pink</li> <li>● Subway lunch</li> <li>● Scientist in the School- grade 6s</li> <li>● Anime Dance Club - am recess</li> <li>● Student Mental Health Team- am recess</li> <li>● Gr 7/8 orchestra - lunch recess</li> <li>● Badminton Team - am recess</li> <li>● Pokemon Club - am recess</li> <li>● Jr. Boys Basketball - lunch recess</li> <li>● Primary Choir - lunch recess</li> </ul>
Thursday, April 11	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Youth SPACE Workshop</li> <li>● Chess Club - am recess - library</li> <li>● Origami Club (gr. 4 &amp; 5) - am recess</li> <li>● Games club - am recess</li> <li>● Wonka Musical Rehearsal- am recess</li> <li>● Jr. Girls Basketball - lunch</li> <li>● Sewing Club- after school</li> </ul>
Friday, April 12	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hero Burger lunch</li> <li>● Eco Club - am recess</li> <li>● Pokemon Club - am recess</li> <li>● Jr. Boys Basketball - am recess</li> <li>● Snack Shack - lunch</li> <li>● Badminton Team - lunch recess</li> </ul>

Mark your calendars:

April 15	School Council	May 15	Grade 7&8 Immunizations
April 22-26	Pause to Play	June 5-6	Grade 8 Trip
April 24	Wonka Musical	June 12	SODA Track & Activities Meet
April 24	Junior Girls Basketball Areas - BCSS	June 12	Fun Fair
April 26	Junior Girls Basketball Areas - BCSS	June 19	<b>Amaya James</b> - author visit
May 1	Welcome to Kindergarten Evening	June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
May 6	School Council	June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS
May 7	Junior-Intermediate Strings Showcase and and Art Nights		
May 8	Kindergarten/Primary concert		

## Attachments for this week:

### [Cornell Village PS - Upper Canada Child Care](#)

📎 April Student & Community Mental Health Newsletter 2024.pdf

Dear families,

On Monday, April 8, 2024, a full solar eclipse will occur, which will block the sun's light in some areas.

In York Region, we will experience effects of the eclipse between roughly 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., which coincides with the scheduled dismissal times for our schools. We have heard concerns regarding the potential for students being outside and inadvertently looking at the sun, which may cause serious health problems, such as loss of eyesight. We have also heard concerns of traffic and students walking home during peak darkness.

Out of concern for student safety, on April 8, 2024, all students in elementary and secondary schools will be dismissed early. Student after school activities will also be cancelled for that afternoon.

**Students at Cornell Village P.S. will be dismissed at 12:30 pm.**

**Transportation services such as busing and taxis will be adjusted for the early dismissal.** The schedule for student transportation in the morning of April 8 will remain the same. Transportation in the afternoon will be modified to align with the early dismissal time and will be communicated to families.

As you may have seen, some Ontario school boards moved a preexisting April PA Day to coincide with the eclipse on April 8. This is not possible for our board due to contractual obligations, prior commitments and because there is no preexisting April PA Day.

We are working with child care providers to determine their plans for the day. If you have questions about child care, please contact your child's child care provider directly.

The [Government of Canada website](#) has additional information related to solar eclipses that you may review.

Please know that this decision was made with student safety at its centre. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

YRDSB

## Parent/caregiver series supporting learning about mental health.

The YRDSB Central Mental Health Team is proud to be offering the *Learning about Mental Health Presentation Series (LAMPS)*. The objective of the series is to promote and enhance mental health literacy. The second session is **"Technology Use and Mental Health, a Presentation for Parents and Caregivers"** and will occur virtually on May 29th from 6 - 7 p.m. The presentation will focus on the characteristics of anxiety, and some general strategies that may be beneficial in supporting your children and their anxiety.

These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian. Translation will be provided in a limited number of languages. If your preferred language is not offered, we recommend watching with a friend or family member who is able to translate.

To register please visit [this link](#).

Please Register by May 28th, 2024



# Sikh Trails In Canadian Landscapes

Please join us to commemorate our Sikh Heritage Month Celebration with the Sikh Educators Voice Alliance and Sikh Student Association.

Our focus is on Sikh Trails in Canadian Landscapes. At this event, the Sikh Educators Voice Alliance (SEVA) and Sikh Student Association (SSA) will provide time and space to highlight and promote Sikh histories, language and identity and to build unity through community. **All are welcome to come learn, celebrate, and grow with us.**

## Exhibits:

- Keynote Speaker: Kulvir Singh Gill
- Artifacts
- Artwork / Spoken Word by YRDSB Students
- Gatka Performance
- Bhangra Performance
- Community Partners and Vendors

**When:** Saturday, April 27, 2024, 1- 4 p.m.

**Where:** Middlefield Collegiate Institute, 525 Highglen Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3L5

This event is an opportunity for parents, families and YRDSB staff members to network, share, and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of Sikh identity.

Light refreshments will be served. Please fill out the [Registration Form](#) by April 22, 2024



## Sikh Trails In Canadian Landscapes

ਕਨੇਡਾ ਦੀ ਧਰਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਡਾਰਾਂ

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ "ਸਿੱਖ ਐਜੂਕੇਟਰਜ਼ ਵਾਇਸ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ" (SEVA) ਅਤੇ "ਸਿੱਖ ਸਟੂਡੈਂਟ ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ" (SSA) ਦੇ ਨਾਲ "ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰਾਸਤੀ ਮਹੀਨੇ" ਨੂੰ ਮਨਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਜੁੜੋ।

ਸਾਡਾ ਫੋਕਸ ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨ ਲੈਂਡਸਕੇਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਟ੍ਰੇਲਜ਼ 'ਤੇ ਹੈ। SEVA ਗਰੁੱਪ ਅਤੇ SSA ਗਰੁੱਪ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ, ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਅਤੇ ਪਛਾਣ ਨੂੰ ਉਜਾਗਰ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਫੁੱਲਤ ਕਰਨ, ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਏਕਤਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ, ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕਰਨਗੇ।

ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨੀਆਂ:

- ਮੁੱਖ ਬੁਲਾਰੇ: ਕੁਲਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ
- ਕਲਾਕ੍ਰਿਤੀਆਂ
- YRDSB ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੇ Artwork / Spoken Word
- ਗੱਤਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨ
- ਭੰਗੜਾ ਪੇਸ਼ਕਾਰੀ
- ਭਾਈਚਾਰਕ ਭਾਈਵਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਕਰੇਤਾ

ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਆ ਕੇ ਸਿੱਖਣ, ਮਨਾਉਣ ਅਤੇ ਵਧਣ-ਫੁੱਲਣ ਲਈ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਸੁਆਗਤ ਹੈ।

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ਸ਼ਨੀਵਾਰ, ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ 27, 2024

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Middlefield Collegiate Institute

525 Highglen Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3L5

ਇਹ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਮਾਪਿਆਂ, ਪਰਿਵਾਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ YRDSB ਸਟਾਫ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਲਈ ਮਿਲਣ-ਜੁਲਣ, ਗੱਲ-ਬਾਤ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਕਰਨ, ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਪਛਾਣ ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਛਾਣ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਭਾਲਣ ਦੇ ਤਰੀਕਿਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਿੱਖਣ ਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਮੌਕਾ ਹੈ।

ਚਾਹ ਪਾਣੀ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਸਾਰੇ ਮਹਿਮਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ 22 ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ, 2024 ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ [ਰਜਿਸਟ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਫਾਰਮ](#) ਭਰਨ ਦੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

## **Parent/caregiver series supporting students of Chinese Heritage.**

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work series will provide a number of parent/caregiver virtual events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The first session in the series is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage. Parents, caregivers are invited to join this workshop and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school. Tips on ways that help strengthen family relationships and emotional wellbeing will be shared. This will be a free virtual event.

### **Keep the Door Open (Repeated Session): Understand Your Child's Inner World**

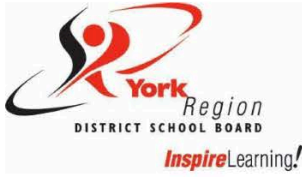
April 23, 2024 at 6:00pm-7:00pm Mandarin Session

[Registration for Mandarin Session](#)

April 23, 2024 at 7:00pm-8:00pm Cantonese Session

[Registration for Cantonese Session](#)

Please email [charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca](mailto:charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca) if you have any questions or difficulties in accessing the registration link. Thank you



## Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World

敞開孩子的心房/敞開孩子的心房

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will share tips on ways that lead your child to open their inner world and take care of their emotional wellbeing under the influence of both traditional Chinese culture and Western culture.

本次研讨会将探讨传统华裔文化和西方文化的影响下如何有效地关爱和照顾孩子的心理健康。

這次的講座將探討傳統華裔文化和西方文化的影響下如何有效地關懷和照顧孩子的心理健康。

To register for a Mandarin session:

[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan QR code



To register for a Cantonese session:

[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan the QR code



## Parents, Guardians, Caregiver and Students

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Date: **Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024**

Time: **6:00pm-7:00pm (Mandarin 普通话)**  
**7:00pm-8:00pm (Cantonese 粵語)**

Location: **Virtually**

### Presenters:

#### Hannah Xu (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association  
Youth Program Worker

#### Charmaine Tong (M.S.W., R.S.W.)

York Region District School Board  
Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage Community)

### For more information, please contact:

Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage)

Charmaine Tong

[charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca](mailto:charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca)

This free session is brought to you in partnership with



# Summer Institute Registration

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at nine school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute webpage](#).

**Registration opens March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Families can register online.**



## Class Placement for the 2023-2024 School Year

As we organize for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account Ministry and Board guidelines, individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, behaviours, Multi Language Learners and Special Education needs, and work habits. We appreciate that parents/guardians have valuable information to share with us in this regard. If you have information or suggestions, which will assist us in making appropriate placement, **please write a brief note to Heather Purcell by Friday, May 3, 2024**: [heather.purcell@yrdsb.ca](mailto:heather.purcell@yrdsb.ca). Please put **CLASS PLACEMENT INPUT** in the subject line of the email. Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure which you feel would be the most appropriate for your child's success. When teachers along with school administration get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions.

## Supports for Students with Autism and their Families

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources

**Date:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5

Please [register](#) by Apr. 28, 2024.

This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board. For more information, please email [shani.blake@yrdsb.ca](mailto:shani.blake@yrdsb.ca) or [pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca)

Please note that Childcare will not be provided.

# Neurodiversity Resource Fair

Sat. April 6 | 1 - 4 PM  
Angus Glen Library

**Join us for our Neurodiversity Resource Fair at the Angus Glen Library on Saturday April 6th from 1-4pm!**

This event is free to all and will provide you the opportunity to **connect with organizations** who **specialize in supporting children with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, speech/language and more.**





Hello Families!

The Willy Wonka Kids cast has been busy rehearsing on stage! We are 5 weeks away from our show and we are so excited to perform for you!! **Tickets will go on sale on School Cash online TODAY.** We will be giving an evening performance here at CVPS on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Also, save the date for our CVPS Spring Concert Series! Our theme this year is Music From Movies! The Junior/Intermediate String Showcase and Art Gallery Show will take place Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. It will feature ukulele and orchestra classes from grades 4-8 (not including the 3/4 split class.) Your ticket includes entry to the art gallery as well as the concert. More details to come soon!

Then, on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, our Kindergarten classes will take the stage at 5:30pm. Our Primary Concert will follow that same night beginning at 6:45pm. This Primary Concert will feature all grade 1 - 3 classes - including our grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  split class.

Ticket info will follow soon. We look forward to sharing our many talents with you as we bring music from movies to the live stage!

**CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**

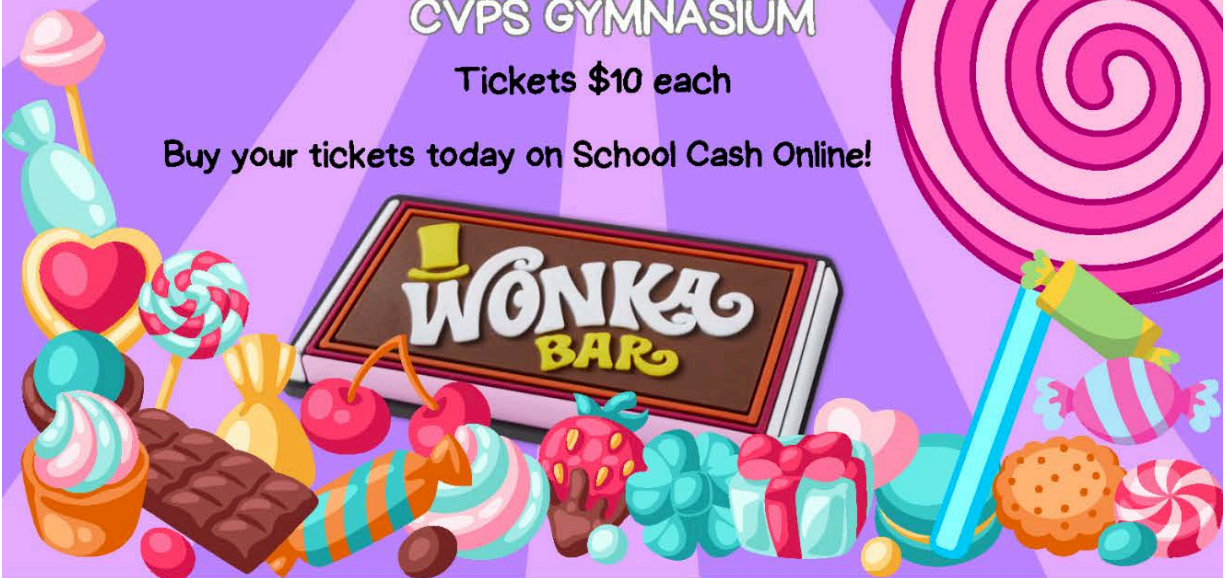


**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024  
7:00PM**

**CVPS GYMNASIUM**

**Tickets \$10 each**

**Buy your tickets today on School Cash Online!**



CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

**ART  
EXHIBITION**

Tuesday, May 7th, 2024

5:30-6:30 PM

(String Showcase to follow)

FREE ADMISSION  
WITH YOUR  
CONCERT TICKET!

FOR  
PARTICIPATING  
STUDENTS IN  
GR. 4-8

**CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**NOW SHOWING**

**STRING**  
**SHOWCASE** 

*Tickets \$3 each  
School Cash Online*

**TUESDAY, MAY 7TH, 2024 @ 6:30PM**

**FEATURING GRADES 4-8**



**NOW  
SHOWING**

**KINDERGARTEN  
CONCERT**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH, 2024**

**@ 5:30pm**

**A CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

**CVPS GYMNASIUM**

**TICKETS \$3 EACH  
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE**





**CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
PRESENTS**

**MUSIC  
FROM  
THE MOVIES**

**Wednesday, May 8th, 2024**

**6:45pm**

**BUY YOUR TICKETS  
TODAY ON SCHOOL CASH  
ONLINE - \$3 EACH**

**FEATURING GRADES 1 - 3/4**





## Are You Moving?

If you are planning on moving or have moved, please be sure to contact the office so we have your updated information. If you are no longer in our area, you will need to register in the school closest to your home. If you have moved out of the area and hope to stay here, a transfer application must be completed.

## Ramadan

During Lunch, as an option for Muslim students, a quiet, comfortable space away from food sources for students who are fasting will be provided. At CVPS, our students are invited to use the art room, room 224. We have a designated prayer room as well.

If there are religious accommodations that your child needs, please fill in the Request for Faith Accommodations form.

 [FOR-ReligiousAccommodationsRequest.pdf](#)

## Indoor Shoes



We ask that every student have a pair of shoes they wear outdoors and one pair they use indoors. This helps to keep the floors safe for walking inside the school.



## Walking and Wheeling to School

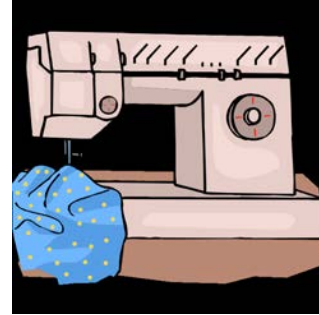
We strongly encourage all of our students who are not on the bus to walk or wheel to school. Walking or wheeling to school allows you to get exercise and fresh air before starting the school day. We even have bike racks for your use!

**Sewing Club is Coming Back!**

Donations Accepted!

Materials:

- Fleece
- 100% cotton, cotton-flannel
- Good quality thread (Guterman)
- Iron\*\*
- Portable ironing board\*\*
- Fabric scissors
- Ribbon
- Zippers (14") or longer



Please note we have 5 sewing machines at the school so we may have to divide the groups into different sessions depending on numbers. Returning members will have an opportunity to try new projects out. New members will learn the basics of operating the sewing machine and create some exciting projects TBD.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions:

Ms. Schmidt

## Kindergarten Registration for September is Now Open!

Children born in 2020 are eligible for kindergarten in September. Please visit the [YRDSB Kindergarten page](#) for information about how to register.

Welcome to Kindergarten Night is on May 1st at 6:30 p.m.

📄 Camp Black Brilliance 2024 - Flyer - JK/SK Entering School September 2024

## FUNDRAISER

Here's how you can purchase **Mabel's Labels** and also help raise funds for our school:

1. Visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and search for the school's name.
2. It should come up as Cornell Village Public School (MARKHAM).
3. Choose the product(s) you wish to purchase.
4. Personalize and add to cart!

mabel's labels.



Please remind your children that students should not be sharing snacks or lunches. We have many students with allergies and food sensitivities. Please speak to your children at home and ask them not to offer or ask for food from others. If students are in need of snacks, we have many healthy options available in our Healthy Snack Programme bins.

## Canadian Tire Grant- See link below

(for Students in need of financial support for sports)



To be eligible for funding for one or more children, families must first meet specific financial criteria as per Revenue Canada's Low-Income Cut-Offs (LICO) chart. Jumpstart uses the furthest column to the right of the chart for eligibility.

### Other Funding Requirements

- Children must fall between the ages of 4 - 18 years old.
- Funding is allocated to sustained programs that involve a sport or physical activity.
- Programs should be a minimum of five weeks in duration and include at least one session per week. In the case of sports camps, the program must last at least five consecutive days for consideration.

<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grant>

## CVPS is Eco-friendly!

CVPS is working towards achieving an Ecoschool certification this year! Here is an update on our current initiatives:

1. **Battery collection pails** have been placed in the "front" area by the office main entrance and the library. Students can begin bringing in batteries. It is important to tape the 9V battery terminals to avoid fires.
2. **Snack pouch collection bin** is also in front of the library where ALL brands are being collected.
3. **Writing Instrument Recycling Program**

### What writing instruments are accepted through this recycling program?

All brands of pens and pen caps, mechanical pencils, markers and marker caps, highlighters and highlighter caps, permanent markers and permanent marker caps



## Worth Repeating:



**Cornell Village P.S. is a walking community. Most students live within walking distance to the school. We strongly encourage all students/families to walk to school when possible. If you must drive, please exercise caution in the school zone. If you are using the Kiss and Ride area, please drive slowly! Be sure to watch for pedestrians and drop off your children on the curb side only. Please only park in designated areas and avoid blocking the flow of traffic.**

## Donations to Cornell Village P.S.

This year many of our students have benefited from the generous donations of others in our community. We have had families donate to our lunch programmes. We have another session starting in the new year. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for some student lunches, please email [heather.purcell@yrdsb.ca](mailto:heather.purcell@yrdsb.ca) or [joanne.trim@yrdsb.ca](mailto:joanne.trim@yrdsb.ca). Your support is appreciated! Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our school. If you are able, we are currently asking for donations to support many of our school initiatives including:

- **Technology:** The school continues to work towards a goal of providing technology devices for each child, starting in Grade 1. Currently there are enough devices in the school for most

students to have their own device but we are currently short due to our growing population. Many devices had to be retired earlier this year, as they were obsolete and no longer functional.

- **Arts Enhancement:** Last year, we were able to purchase 90 ukuleles. We would like to continue to enhance our arts and music programs as we look for new ways for our students to enjoy the Arts.
- **Miscellaneous items:** Provide support for school clubs, academic needs, speakers, outdoor equipment and special events.

Donations can be made by clicking on the Donate button on School Cash Online or by sending a cheque made out to Cornell Village Public School. Charitable donation receipts can be emailed to you directly for any amount \$20 or greater. Your donation will go towards all three areas of need.

## Prayer Spaces

We have a designated space in the school available for students and staff who wish to pray during the day. Please let your child's teacher know if they need help finding and accessing the prayer room. The room is located beside room 201.

## Kiss and Ride Safety

The entry bell rings at 8:45 a.m. Students must make every effort to be in school by 9:00 a.m. to ensure "on time" arrival in class. During the early entry time, students may enter the school hallways to unpack their bags and prepare for class. In the interest of safety, it is suggested that students who walk to school should arrive after 8:45 a.m. **when the school is supervised.** Parents who pick up their child after school need to arrive promptly. Supervising staff are on duty in the hallways 15 minutes before the start of first period classes at 9:00 a.m. **NOTE: Supervision is not available after school.** Staff are on duty at the end of the day to assist with bus loading and the safe exit of the building.

## Screening Tool

If anyone in your family is feeling ill or showing symptoms such as a fever, cough, runny nose etc, please ensure that you make use of the [screening tool](#) for the 2023-2024 school year and follow the guidance given. This tool has been updated to reflect new protocols and guidelines.

Any students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 as identified in the screening tool (not related to a COVID-19 vaccine) or answer yes to any of the screening questions, must not enter any school and follow the guidance in the screening tool.

Students, staff members and school visitors are not required to wear masks in school. Individuals



who feel more comfortable or who are advised to wear a mask can continue to wear a mask and will be supported in doing so. Hand hygiene and cleaning and disinfection protocols will continue.

## EDSBY SIGN UP

This platform will be required to report absences, book appointments and may be used as a communication tool with your child's teachers. For Edsby to be effective, it contains personal information about you and your family that is collected by the Board at registration. This information is used to provide services and support to you and your family. Edsby is a secure system that keeps your details and information safe and secure.

You will be receiving an invitation to EDSBY if you are new to the school, or you have not yet signed up. Please visit [this link](#) for online resources to help you register and use EDSBY.

## Reporting Student Absences and Lates

We are pleased to let you know that we have a telephone attendance reporting system. This is in addition to online absence reporting through Edsby.

Regular and punctual attendance affects school success and is expected of all students. You are responsible for notifying the school before the bell time if your child will be absent or late. We have a safe arrivals program so that we can account for the whereabouts of absent students if the absence has not been reported prior to bell time.

To enhance our safe arrivals system, this new telephone system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance. It will also confirm student absences that have not been verified by automatically calling you.

**If your child is going to be absent or late, please let us know before bell time by: 8:50 a.m.**

1. **Logging in to Edsby and using the "Report an Absence" feature.** For more information on reporting your child's attendance through Edsby, please see the [online video tutorial to learn more](https://bit.ly/edsbyabsence) ([bit.ly/edsbyabsence](https://bit.ly/edsbyabsence)).

**\* If you are going on an extended vacation, please enter this on Edsby**

2. **Calling the school's main phone line at 905 471-1694 and select the option "To report a student absence or late."**

Long-term absences or absences beyond the following day can be reported through the new telephone absence reporting system, Edsby or by contacting the school. If your child will miss more than 5 consecutive days of school, you must complete the Request for Vacation Form available through the school.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to ensure the safety of our students. Please feel free to contact us with any further questions.