



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

December 1, 2023.

We have enjoyed a great week at CVPS. There are many new teams and clubs starting with our Junior students having the opportunity to play competitive volleyball and our intermediate students moving into the basketball season very soon. We also have an eco-club, knitting and crocheting, cricket club and chess club. Grade 6, 7, and 8 students are welcome to be part of the Student Council. Our music program continues to thrive with different opportunities for all age groups. Please encourage your children to get involved in available activities outside of the classroom.

It's hard to believe we are already in December with winter break is just a few weeks away. Our kindergarten classes and primary classes will have a winter concert on December 13. Our Strings Showcase and junior- intermediate choir will be on December 14. We hope you are able to join us!

Our grades 2,4 and 7 students will be going on Outdoor Education trips to Milne Conservation Area, in December. They will be having lessons tied to the curriculum and spending the day in the amazing outdoors!

Thank you for all of your support and partnership! As always, reach out if you need us for anything. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
December 4	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Day for those who ordered • Knitting & Crochet Club - morning recess • Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment) • Student Council-snack recess
December 5	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket Club (grades 4-8) -lunch • 7/8 Orchestra- lunch recess • Outdoor Ed. field trip-Saunders • Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment)
December 6	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub sandwiches for those who ordered • Gr. 4-8 choir- snack recess • Junior Girls' Volleyball- snack recess • Outdoor Ed. field trip- Carvery • Primary (Gr. 1-3) choir - lunch recess • Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment) • Wonka Rehearsal- lunch recess
December 7	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment) • Outdoor Ed. field trip- Nissen
December 8	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hero Burgers • Outdoor Ed. Field Trip- Harnum/Crouse 4s • Junior Girls' volleyball-snack recess • Student Mental Health Group (am recess) • Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment)

Mark your calendars:

Dec. 11	Outdoor Ed. Field Trip-Harvey/Schmidt 2s	Jan. 15	School Council Meeting
Dec 12	Outdoor Ed. field trip- Primiani/Tigert 2s	Feb. 1	Grade 8 Graduation Photos
Dec 13	Kindergarten Concert	Feb. 5	School Council Meeting
Dec 13	Primary Concert	Feb. 6	Jr. Girls Volleyball Regional Meet
Dec 14	Junior-Intermediate Concert	Feb. 8	Jr. Boys Volleyball Regional Meet
		March 4	Int. Girls Basketball Regionals
		March 5	Int. Boys Basketball Regionals
		April 30	Jr. Girls Basketball Regionals
		May 1	Jr. Boys Basketball Regionals
		June 12	SODA Track & Activities Meet
		June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
		June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS

Attachments for this week:

- GoGoSqueez - Accepted Waste Poster
- Message-from-our-Trustee-Dec2023-Trustee-MChen.pdf
- Arts@BaythornFlyer.pdf

Upcoming Cornell Village P. S. Fundraiser !

We are excited to share that we will be having a huge fundraiser in January. We will be raising money to go toward technology needs, the Arts Programme and Miscellaneous items: (support for school clubs, academic needs, speakers, outdoor equipment, and special events).



Two Choices Available - \$35 per box

All Occasions Cards box:

- contains 35 handcrafted cards that are designed to provide a card for almost any occasion
- includes Thank you cards, Congratulations cards, Get Well Soon cards, New Baby Cards and many more to just name a few.
- Couple this with the fact that the box also contains around 20 beautiful Birthday cards and you really are ready for almost anything.

Big Box of Birthday Cards:

- contains 35 handcrafted cards that will meet all of your Birthday giving needs.

\$12 RAISED FOR EACH BOX SOLD!

Sample Boxes will be sent home on January 12th.

Orders will be accepted until January 29th.

BIGBOX FUNDRAISING

Box of Birthdays
35 individual card designs

The following prizes will be provided by The Big Box Fundraising company:

- Pizza party for the top-selling class if the school sells 75 boxes or more.
- 4 X \$25 gift cards for the top retailers if the school sells 150 boxes or more.
- An 8-inch Samsung tablet “A” if the school sells over 400 boxes in total .

Current Clubs and Activities

Thank you to the amazing Cornell Village P.S. Staff! There are so many opportunities to be involved in life around the school. Here is a snapshot of what is going on:

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES AT CVPS

Eco-Friendly
Eco-Friendly

Junior Volleyball
Ms. Mac, Mr. Primiani, Ms. Nikolovski, Ms. Haggart

Chess Club
Mrs. Balkos

Eco-Team (Gr. 1-8)
Mr. Primiani, Mrs. Crouse, Mrs. Cheung

Pickleball (Gr. 7/8)
Mrs. Dobben

Student Council
Ms. Haggart, Ms. Nikolovski

Youth Mental Health Committee
Ms. Vaisanen, Ms. Burns

Junior & Intermediate Orchestra
Mrs. Perritt

Choirs (Primary & Jr./Int.)
Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Perritt

School Musical
Mrs. Perritt, Ms. Vaisanen, Mrs. McQueen, Mrs. Harvey

Knitting & Crochet Club
Ms. Tigert, Mrs. Cheung

Play Leaders
Mrs. Cheung, Mrs. Crouse

Cricket Club
Mr. Harnum

Message from Our Trustee

December 2023

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

Since the beginning of the school year, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of our school staff. I have witnessed their commitment in supporting families and fostering the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of our students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, focusing on well-being and academic achievement. It also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

I want to thank everyone who attended the CEC East School Council Forum held in Bill Crothers S.S. and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members and community partners for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools. I want to take this opportunity to invite all parents to reach out to your school council members and find out how you can engage and participate.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb to learn more.

I want to thank our [Special Education Advisory Committee \(SEAC\)](#) for continuing to advocate for student with special education needs. Their role in making recommendations to the Board with respect to any matter affecting the establishment and development of special education programs and services are crucial for the exceptional students at YRDSB. I encourage families to learn more about [SEAC members](#) and their work.

We also offer a variety of [programs for Black students](#) through the Board's Centre for Black Student Excellence. These summer and school-year programs are designed to affirm students' identities and support student achievement and well-being. You can learn more about the programs and how to sign up for the centre's mailing list [on the website](#).

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

Additionally, I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

Finally, as we head into December, I also want to wish all of you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I

wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Michael Chen

Trustee, Markham Wards 5 and 7

School Council Wants to Hear From You!

Please take a moment to complete the Google form below to let the School Council know more about what you would like to see happen at CVPS to support parents/guardians/caregivers:

[School Council Survey - Family Engagement](#) 

SAVE THE DATE!

We have booked the dates for our Winter Concerts! The Kindergarten Concert will be Wednesday, December 13th at 5:30 pm followed by our Primary Concert at 6:45pm the same evening. The Primary Concerts includes students in grades 1 to 3 – including Ms. Crouse’s grade 3/4 class.

Our Winter String Showcase for our Junior and Intermediate Ukulele and Orchestra Classes will be Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm. Tickets are available to purchase on School Cash Online. See Flyers below!



CVPS is Eco-friendly!

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

1. **Walking/Wheeling Wednesdays** will begin next week, Wednesday, December 6, and continue for the month of December. Teachers will hand out ballots to those who walk/bike/carpool/bus to school. Students can write their names on them and find a time to put them in the box in front of Room 206. We will have a lucky draw on the last Wednesday, December 20 for a chance to win one of three prizes (CVPS water bottles).
2. **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.**
3. **Snack pouch collection** bin is also in front of the library where ALL brands are being collected.

Changemakers' Food Drive Update

Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers

We are almost there! 833 pieces of food and personal hygiene items have been collected so far. We are so close to our goal!

Why are hosting this food drive? Well, the need for food banks has gone up by 36% from last year. We need everyone's help to reach our goal of 1000 items. Remember, we will be collecting non-perishable foods such as rice, juice, canned fish, jam, non-dairy milk, kidney beans and peanut butter until **December 8th**, to donate to the Markham Food Bank. You can also donate personal hygiene products like shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste.



We can do this, Cobras!

If you'd rather donate money to help the hungry, you can donate it directly to the Markham Food Bank. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/9826>

Sincerely,

The Changemakers from Ms. Nissen & Mr. Harnum's Grade 4 Classes

Arts@Baythorn Registration

Registration opens January 14, 2024 for 2024-2025 Arts@Baythorn program. Current Grade 4 and 5 students can apply. Please see the flyer shared in this week's attachments for more information.



CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

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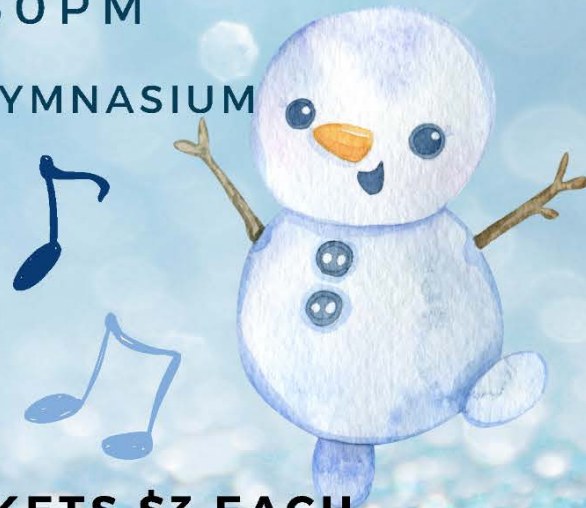
KINDERGARTEN

Winter Concert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

5:30 PM

CVPS GYMNASIUM



TICKETS \$3 EACH

**BUY YOUR TICKETS ON
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE!**



CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS



FLAKES *The Musical*

FEATURING GRADES 1 - 3/4
& THE PRIMARY CHOIR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

6:45 - 7:30 PM

CVPS GYMNASIUM

TICKETS \$3 EACH



**BUY YOUR TICKETS ON
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE!**

The background of the poster is a light beige color. It is decorated with various winter and musical elements. In the top left, there are green pine branches with brown pinecones. In the top right, there is a large, light brown snowflake-shaped cookie. In the center, there is a large, golden treble clef. In the bottom left, there is a brown acoustic guitar. In the bottom right, there is a brown violin. In the bottom center, there is another snowflake-shaped cookie. The text is centered and reads:

CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

- WINTER -

STRING *Showcase*

FEATURING THE J/1 CHOIR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

6:30 - 7:30 PM

CVPS GYMNASIUM

TICKETS \$3 EACH

**BUY YOUR TICKETS ON
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE!**

**INCLUDES ALL GRADE 4-8
CLASSES**

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.

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.

School Lunches

Pizza #2 Mondays		Dec 11, 18
Subs #2 Wednesdays		Dec 13, 20
Burgers #2 Fridays		Dec 15, 22

Important Information to Remember:

KISS AND RIDE

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.



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 EDBSY 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](#) (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.

Extreme Cold Weather and Inclement Weather Days

An **extreme cold weather day** is declared when roads are clear but extreme cold temperatures make it difficult for buses to operate reliably, posing a safety risk to students.

An **inclement weather day** is declared when road or weather conditions make it impossible to operate a school bus safely.

When **extreme cold or inclement weather days** are called, school transportation, including buses and taxis, are cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open.

Please note: there may be rare occasions when emergency weather conditions occur and we may need to close all schools and Board locations. Please ensure that you take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure.

The decision to declare an extreme cold or inclement weather day and to cancel transportation is made by 6:00 a.m. For more information, including how to check if buses are cancelled, please visit the [School Transportation webpage](#).

Important things to note on designated extreme cold and inclement weather days:

- Students will not be penalized for missing school. If you have concerns about how an extreme cold or inclement weather day will affect your coursework, please speak to your school principal or teacher.
- Any lunch service arrangements made by the school, special lunches or special events/field trips will be cancelled. If you have made lunch arrangements directly with a third party provider please check with them directly, otherwise parents should send a lunch with their child.
- If your child does not take the bus, you need to inform the school office if their child will not be attending on extreme cold and inclement weather days, otherwise the school's safe arrival procedure will apply.
- **If transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon.** If students do go to school, families will need to arrange to pick up their children.
- Parents should use their best judgment to decide whether to send their children to school, understanding that if they choose to send their child, that the child should remain at school for the day and must be picked up at the end of the day.

For more information, please review the [Severe Weather Days Policy](#).

Emergency Weather Days

There may be rare occasions when emergency weather conditions occur and we may need to close all schools and Board locations. Closures will be considered when facilities may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that

significantly limit school operations such as a significant snowfall or ice storm that restricts access to the school site, causes widespread or prolonged power failures or downs power lines.

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. **However, it is important that families have alternate child care arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and after care programs will also not operate if schools are closed. Please ensure that you take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure.**

Decisions about [student transportation](#) and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m.