



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

December 20 , 2024.

Dear Families,

What an exciting week at CVPS! We had our first **Winter Walk Day**. Thank you to the school Eco-Team, Mrs. Teskey, Ms. Crouse and our amazing School Council, for this fabulous morning! What a great way to start the day! Please enjoy the photos below.

Our Student Council did an excellent job with the Spirit Week and Candy Gram sales this week! It was amazing how many students joined in the fun!

It is hard to believe that 2024 is coming to an end. We are wishing all of our families a wonderful winter break! We look forward to seeing all of our students back after the holidays. We look forward to our continued partnership for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you for all of your support, positive comments and feedback. We are so fortunate to be part of the Cornell Village P.S. family!

Happy Holidays to all!

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

Have a wonderful winter break!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Monday, January 6	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Day for those who ordered Pokemon Club- snack recess in the library Alice in Wonderland rehearsal-lunch recess Student Council Meeting- snack recess
Tuesday, January 7	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco Schools/Healthy Schools club meeting -snack recess Trivia Club- snack recess Quiet Club- snack recess Grade 4-6 Coding Club- snack recess Reach for the Top game- after school in person @CVPS vs. GPS
Wednesday January 8	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> snack shack 8:45 a.m. Subway Subs for those who ordered Snack Shack - 8:45 am Choir- snack recess
Thursday, January 9	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alice in Wonderland rehearsal-lunch recess Strings Showcase $\frac{3}{4}$ combined class to grade 8
Friday, January 10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hero Burger for those who ordered

Mark your calendars:

Jan. 17 - Kindergarten Registration Opens
Jan. 20 - 24 - Blow Away the Blues Week
Jan. 21 - Mental Health Presentations
Jan. 22 - Let's Talk Day
Jan 28- Junior Boys' Volleyball tournament
Jan. 30- Junior Girls' Volleyball Tournament
Feb. 3-5 - Lake St. George - Grade 7
Feb. 6- Lunar New Year Performance 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 11- Earth Rangers 2:00 p.m.
March 6 & 7 Milne - Grade 2
March 17 & 18 - Milne - Grade 4
March 19 & 20 - Milne - Grade 7
April 23- Grade 7 visit to MSH
June 23- Grade 8 graduation- CVPS

School Council Meetings - 6:30 - 8:00 pm

January 13
 February 3
 April 7
 May 5
 June 2

School Holidays

Winter Break - Dec. 23, 2024 to Jan. 3
Family Day - Mon., Feb. 17
Mid-Winter Break - March 10, to March 14
Good Friday - April 18
Easter Monday - April 21
Victoria Day - Mon. May 19

P.A. Days

Friday, January 17, 2025
 Friday, January 31, 2025
 Monday, June 9, 2025
 Friday, June 27, 2025

Just a few Change Makers Making a Difference!

Thank you to Mr. Harnum's class for organizing the Food Drive and to Ms. Haggart's class for organizing the Sock Drive. Another huge thank you to the families from Ms. Giovannetti and Ms. Prasath's class who had the greatest number of donations for BOTH of these initiatives.

684 food items and \$74 cash in button sales were donated to the Markham Food Bank to support local families. In total we collected 474 pairs of socks to help keep feet warm over the holiday season and throughout winter for those in need. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!



Winter Walk Day Photos



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From your Student Council

Dear parents,




The members of the Student Council have been working hard by brainstorming many activities that make our school a better and a more inclusive place. Making sure everyone is included is a big part of our overall goal. We have been working towards this by educating students about holidays from various religions. Some examples of this are Advent and Khushali announcements, and making Diwali colouring pages. Our athletic directors have been organizing volleyball intramurals to encourage students to be more active while having fun at the same time. The Student Council has also organized a fundraiser towards our school and its varying needs. This fundraiser allowed our students to purchase candy canes for their friends, family, and teachers. It was called Candy Grams and it was one of our most successful fundraisers this year! Don't worry, students who didn't receive any candy canes got the extras so everyone can enjoy the sweet treat! "Snack shack snack shack it's great, snack shack snack shack can't wait!" Every Wednesday beginning at 8:45am, Snack Shack is open! The Student Council is working hard to prepare all of the snacks that you can buy for 1 - 2 dollars. If your child or children are in kindergarten, some of our members take your child's order so they can enjoy some tasty snacks every Wednesday. We are currently brainstorming yet another wonderful project that we hope our school will thoroughly enjoy! Stay tuned for more information. Thank you for taking some time out of your day to read this message, have a wonderful winter break!

Yours truly,

The Student Council

From your School Council

The new block of Hot Lunches begins on our first Monday back to school in January. This is based on orders that were received on or before December 16th in School Cash Online.

		
Mondays Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb 3, 10, 24, March 3	Wednesdays Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 March 5	Fridays Jan 10, 24 Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 March 7

Important Winter Weather Reminders

With winter weather here, we want to share a few important reminders.

Dress for the weather

- Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

Recess

- If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

Bus or School Cancellations

- When an extreme cold or inclement weather day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

- There may be rare instances when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, Board and school websites and on X @YRDSB.
- Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days is outlined in the [Board's Severe Weather policy](#).

From the YRDSB

Kindergarten Registration opens January 17.

Is your child turning 4 or 5 in 2025? Mark your calendars. We are excited to welcome your little learners into our classrooms and to the YRDSB community. Here's everything you need to know to get started:

How to Register:

There are multiple ways to register your child:

- Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the [Family Dashboard](#).
- By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).
- By phone - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. [Call your local school](#).
- In-person at the school - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

What to Expect in Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. Your child will engage in activities that support early literacy, math, critical thinking, social skills and much more. Visit www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten to hear from students and educators and to learn more about our program, routines, registration and more.

We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

Wellbeing & Mindfulness Workshop

We are delighted to invite you to an engaging Wellbeing and Mindfulness Workshop designed to help students and families nurture balance, build resilience, and practice self-care in today's fast-paced world.

Date: January 23, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Poplar Bank Public School
400 Woodspring Ave, Newmarket, ON L3X 2X1

Dinner will be provided.

During this interactive session, you will learn practical mindfulness techniques, explore strategies to support mental health, and participate in activities aimed at fostering connection and relaxation. This workshop is a great opportunity to prioritize your wellbeing as a family while gaining tools to thrive both academically and personally.

We look forward to seeing you there!



To Register

Please [register](#) by January 14, 2025. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to respond early to secure your spot!



TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH

தமிழ் மரபுத் திங்கள் 2025



2025 Theme: Celebrating Tamil Arts & Honouring Tamil Artists

Throughout the 16th annual Tamil Heritage Month, we will explore the histories and journeys of Tamil arts and their influence on the world.

"Iyal, Isai, Natakam" stand as the three major pillars of Tamil Arts and Culture. Using these pillars as the backbone, every Tamil artform created since has been built with great storytelling and histories. This year's official poster showcases various forms of dance, music, drama, instruments, sculpting, painting, film, clothing design, toys, and much more. To learn more about each of the specific images on the poster, we encourage you to visit our website.

As we continue to practice these artforms today in various parts of the world, we are able to join together to preserve Tamil Heritage for the future generations.

For centuries, the arts have been used as a form of communication, community building, storytelling, resistance, offerings, and preserving cultural identity. Throughout our 16th annual Tamil Heritage Month, we will also be paying tribute to all artists and cultural pioneers engaged in all art-related professions and industries.

Artwork by: Jeeva Nathan
Poster Design by: Srutika Thevarajah





MARKHAM TAMIL ORGANIZATION

தமிழ் மதபகத் திங்கள்

Thai Pongal

Tamil New Year

— Tamil Heritage Month —

Sunday

January 19th, 2025

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Middlefield CI

525 Highglen Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3L5



Stouffville Tamil Heritage Month Celebrations



in partnership with YRDSB's
Inclusive School and Community Services

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STOUFFVILLE
MULTICULTURAL
ASSOCIATION
We speak your language

Sunday
January 26, 2025
@ 4:00 PM



Free Admission | Cultural Programs | Tamil Food

VENUE

Stouffville District Secondary School
801 Hoover Park Dr, Stouffville

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