



Cobra Communicator

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December 22, 2023.

Hello Cornell Village Families,

What an exciting week at CVPS! We had our first **Winter Walk Day**. Thank you to the school Eco-Team, Mrs. Teskey and our amazing School Council, for this fabulous morning! What a great way to start the day! Our Eco-Team also invited the Earth Rangers to come for an assembly for our grade 1-6 students. Please enjoy all of 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!

We look forward to the launch of our School Fundraiser, **Big Box Cards**, in January. Please see the information below.

It is hard to believe that 2023 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 2023-2024 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!

Merry Christmas to those families who celebrate! Happy Kwanzaa to those families who celebrate!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
January 8	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pizza Day for those who ordered ● Knitting & Crochet Club - morning recess ● Student Council-snack recess ● Junior Boys' Volleyball lunch recess
January 9	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PLAY leaders with grade 3s- snack recess ● Intramurals Pickleball Gr. 7&8 - am recess ●
January 10	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sub sandwiches for those who ordered ● PLAY leaders with grade 1s- snack recess
January 11	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eco-team Meeting-snack recess ● Chess club- snack recess in library ● Little Jammerz begins - lunch recess
January 12	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hero Burgers ● Junior Girls' volleyball-snack recess ● Student Mental Health Group (am recess)

Mark your calendars:

Jan. 15	School Council Meeting	April 30	Jr. Girls Basketball Regionals
Feb. 1	Grade 8 Graduation Photos	May 1	Jr. Boys Basketball Regionals
Feb. 5	School Council Meeting	June 12	SODA Track & Activities Meet
Feb. 6	Jr. Girls Volleyball Regional Meet	June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
Feb. 8	Jr. Boys Volleyball Regional Meet	June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS
March 4	Int. Girls Basketball Regionals		
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Attachments for this week:

- ROM_YRDSB_Winter Break Offer.pdf
- Cornell Village Little Jammerz Guitar.pdf
- January 2024 Student Mental Health Newsletter .pdf

Candy Cane Sales



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Workshops and Webinars for Families

There are many valuable workshops and webinars available to families and children that are provided by professional organizations outside of YRDSB. Most of these workshops are offered for free, but registration can fill up quickly. The workshops cover topics such as parenting (e.g., ADD, ASD, raising responsible teenagers, managing challenging behaviours and more), helping with anxiety, understanding **online safety** and youth exploitation, self-regulation, etc. Please see the links below to see the many different events available in the upcoming months:

[York Hills](#) - link to website

📎 Family Services York Region 2024 Winter Group Calendar.pdf

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 or 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.



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.

Session # 3 School Lunches:

Pizza Mondays - Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 26, March 4

Subway Wednesdays - Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6

Hero Burger Fridays - Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1



WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL *Hot Chocolate*

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Alternative Ideas for SUSTAINABLE GIFT GIVING



1. Give the gift of quality time with family or friends.



2. Gift memorable experiences, not consumables.



3. Volunteer your time, goods or services at a local charity.



4. Contribute to community events with skills, talents or service.



5. Gift hand-made items made with recycled materials.



6. Donate to your favorite charity or non-profit to make a difference to others.

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Grade 1 French Immersion (FI) Information Sessions and Registrations

French Immersion (FI) registration will begin January 19, 2024, and as such, we wanted to take this opportunity to share updated information. FI Information Night will take place on January 18, 2024 at 7 p.m. Please visit the [FSL page](#) for more information about the information night and FI registration. More information about registration will be available in January

What is French Immersion?

- Provides opportunities for students to develop enhanced proficiency in French.
- Students receive instruction in French from teachers who are fluent in French.
- Begins in Grade 1 and is designed for children whose first language is not French.
- In Grades 1, 2 and 3, all subjects are taught in French. Starting in Grade 4, instructional time is shared equally between French and English.
- Program continues in secondary school.
- Secondary school students must earn at least 10 French Immersion credits to qualify for the French Immersion Certificate upon graduation.

Important Considerations

- Grade 1 is the only entry point into French immersion in YRDSB.
- Communication with parents/guardians is in English including, but not limited to, report cards, newsletters and parent-teacher interviews.
- For the first few months of Grade 1, children may not acquire skills identical to those learned by children in an English program as the focus is on learning in French.
- During the first few years of the FI program, students may not develop the same level of English proficiency as their peers in an English program, however children should acquire these skills by the end of Grade 8. Families are encouraged to continue to read to their children in their first language.

FI Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program is offered in Dual Track or Single-Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the [Board's website](#). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Information Sessions

This year, our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion program will take place in French Immersion schools on January 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. Program locations and additional information is available on our [website](#). If families are unable to attend the information session, they can hear about the French Immersion program on the [Tune In YRDSB: French Immersion Podcast](#).

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 19, 2024. Parents or guardians of Year 2 Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2023, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enrol. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact families by phone or email to collect any necessary information. Families are asked to register by February 6, 2024. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 6, 2024. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Kindergarten Registration Process

Kindergarten registration for the 2024/2025 school year begins on Friday, January 19, 2024.

Kindergarten registration is often a family's first encounter with YRDSB schools. The [Transition to Kindergarten BWW page](#) and the [School Planning Guide](#) are available to support school teams with planning a welcoming and inclusive transition to school process, including registration and spring Discover Kindergarten and Kindergarten Information sessions.

Kindergarten Registration Options for Families

Families can register using the following options:

- Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten > Registration. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- 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.
- 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.
- In-person at the school - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

Registration Verification Process

Following submission of a registration package, the school will contact families to schedule an appointment for Document Verification.

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!

BIGBOX FUNDRAISING

Sample Boxes will be sent home on January 12th.

Orders will be accepted until January 29th.



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

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](#) 

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.

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.

Worth Repeating:



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 \(bit.ly/edsbyabsence\)](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.