



## Cobra Communicator

***We are a village, growing together***

December 6 , 2024.

Dear Families,

The snow is here! We had our first snowfall and the students really enjoyed playing and building in the snow. It was especially exciting for many of our new students who experienced snow for the first time! The collaboration and friendships that develop over the shared purpose of building in snow is quite special. Please remember that our students will enjoy the winter weather more if they are dressed appropriately. Please ensure they have a winter jacket, snow pants, winter boots, mittens, a hat and even a change of socks. We always have clothing available to borrow, in the office. If you need assistance purchasing winter gear, please reach out to Mrs. Purcell or Ms. Trim. Our emails are listed below. If your child has outgrown their snow pants or jacket, you may donate them to the school as part of our clothing drive, and we can make sure they get to a child in need.

We are so very excited for our upcoming winter concerts/showcases! On Wednesday, **December 11**, the kindergarten and primary students will be sharing their musical talents. On Thursday, **December 12**, our junior and intermediate string showcase will take place. We hope you can join us as the students share their talents! Please note ticket sales close on **December 8**.

Our next session of lunches for the new year are now posted. Orders close on **December 16**. If you would like to donate lunches to a child in need, please reach out to Mrs. Purcell. Thank you to those families who have donated during the other sessions. Your generosity is appreciated! If you would like assistance with lunches, please reach out to Mrs. Purcell. This information always remains anonymous. We are here to help!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

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## Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Monday, December 9	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pizza Day for those who ordered</li> <li>Pokemon Club- snack recess in the library</li> <li>Alice in Wonderland rehearsal-lunch recess</li> <li>CVPS Clothing Swap 8:15 - 8:45 am &amp; 3:30 - 4:00 pm</li> <li>Food Drive</li> </ul>
Tuesday, December 10	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eco Schools/Healthy Schools club meeting -snack recess</li> <li>Orchestra- lunch recess</li> <li>Primary Choir-snack recess</li> <li>Trivia Club- snack recess</li> <li>Quiet Club- snack recess</li> <li>Grade 4-6 Coding Club- snack recess</li> <li>CVPS Clothing Swap 8:15 - 8:45 am &amp; 3:30 - 4:00 pm</li> <li>Food Drive</li> </ul>
Wednesday December 11	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subway Subs for those who ordered</li> <li>Snack Shack - 8:45 am</li> <li>Choir- snack recess</li> <li>Kindergarten and primary winter concerts</li> <li>CVPS Clothing Swap 8:15 - 8:45 am &amp; 3:30 - 4:00 pm</li> <li>Food Drive</li> </ul>
Thursday, December 12	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alice in Wonderland rehearsal-lunch recess</li> <li>Strings Showcase <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> combined class to grade 8</li> <li>CVPS Clothing Swap 8:15 - 8:45 am &amp; 3:30 - 4:00 pm</li> <li>Food Drive</li> </ul>
Friday, December 13	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hero Burger for those who ordered</li> <li>CVPS Clothing Swap 8:15 - 8:45 am &amp; 3:30 - 4:00 pm</li> <li>Food Drive</li> </ul>

## Mark your calendars:

Dec. 11 - Kindergarten and Primary Winter Concerts  
 Dec. 12 - String Showcase Grades 4-8  
 Dec. 19 - Winter Walk to School Day/Hot Chocolate  
 Feb. 3-5 - Lake St. George - Grade 7  
 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

## Concert Information - Ticket Sales End on Sun. Dec. 8th

### *Join us!*

- **Wednesday, December 11th at 5:30pm** in the CVPS Gymnasium for our **Kindergarten Winter Concert**
- **Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm** in the CVPS Gymnasium for our **Primary Winter Concert: On With the Snow!**
  - This show features the grade 1-3 classes (not including the grade 3's in the 3/4 split class as they perform in the String Showcase).
- **Thursday, December 12th at 6:30pm** in the CVPS Gymnasium for our **Junior/Intermediate String Showcase: The Winter Classic**, featuring the J/I Choir.
  - This musical journey will take you on a tour through the musical eras of classical music along with some winter classics.
  - This concert includes all ukulele and orchestra classes from the grade 3/4 split class to grade 8.
  - There is a limit of 4 tickets per family and tickets will likely sell out as we have a capacity limit for fire code. Buy your tickets today!!

**Tickets are \$3 each** and money raised goes towards our Arts Program here at CVPS. Buy your tickets today! School Cash Online closes on Sunday, December 8th at 11:59pm.

## Clothing Swap

Beginning **December 9th**, all CVPS families are invited to 'shop' from our clothing tables (located in the front foyer). The clothing tables will be open from **8:15 to 8:45 am** and **3:30 to 4:00 pm** each day next week.

If you are not able to come to the school during these times, but would like items set aside, that can be arranged. On December 19th, any remaining items will be donated to local charities.

## Holiday Food Drive with Mr. Harnum's Class

This holiday season, Mr. Harnum's class is spreading kindness and cheer by organizing a Holiday Food Drive to support families in our community. Students are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items, such as canned goods, pasta, and cereals, to help stock the shelves of our local food bank.

The food drive will run until December 16th, and donations can be dropped off in the collection bins outside Mr. Harnum's classroom. Let's work together to make the season brighter for those in need. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Happy Holidays from Mr. Harnum's classes!

## Reach for the Top Trivia Team with Mr. Harnum and Ms. Cheung

Exciting news! Mr. Harnum and Ms. Cheung have teamed up to lead our school's Reach for the Top Trivia Team. This group of curious and motivated students is diving into a world of knowledge, tackling questions on everything from history and science to pop culture and sports.

The team meets weekly to practice and prepare for upcoming competitions against other schools. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge their minds, work as a team, and have fun!

Stay tuned for updates as the trivia team gears up to represent our school with pride. Go team!

## From the Student Council

Our amazing Student Council has been busy planning many special days and activities for our students. Please see the attached posters to learn more about their Candy Gram initiative and Spirit Days for the week leading up to the Winter Break.

## From your School Council

### Hot Lunches:

		
<b>Mondays</b> December 9, 16	<b>Wednesdays</b> December 11, 18	<b>Fridays</b> December 13, 20

The next round of hot lunches has been posted on School Cash Online. **Orders are due by December 16th. No late orders will be accepted.**





**CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS**

**OUR**

# **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**

# ON WITH THE SNOW

*A Primary Winter Concert*

A HOT Musical Starring COOL Kids with WARM Hearts



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024**

**6:30 P M**

**CVPS GYMNASIUM**



**TICKETS \$3 EACH**

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



Cornell Village Public School Presents

# *The* **WINTER CLASSIC** *String Showcase*

Featuring the J/I Choir

Thursday, December 12th, 2024  
6:30pm

## *Come and Join Us*

for an evening of some of the classics  
& a tour through the Musical Eras

Tickets are \$3 each on  
School Cash Online

**CVPS Gymnasium**



# CVPS CLOTHING SWAP



## DONATE CLOTHES SHOP FOR CLOTHES

Clean out your closet and/or shop for  
any needed items!

**Drop Off  
Clothes**

**Dec 2-6th**

**anytime  
at the  
school  
office**

**Shop for  
Clothes**

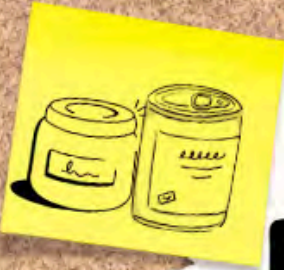
**Dec 9-13th**

**8:15 to 8:45  
and  
3:30 to 4:00**



Let's come together to help others stay warm this season.  
Your generosity will keep someone warm this winter!





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# FOOD DRIVE!

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## Ways to help!

- Putting pantry foods like cereal into the box in your classroom
- Buying pins/buttons from the table outside the library (all money will be donated)

## What to donate

Things you can donate:

- Canned soup or Vegan soup
- Instant oatmeal or cereal
- Small bags of rice
- Canned foods like beans, fruit, and/or salmon

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## What foods that are a no-go

Things you should not donate

- Perishable items like dairy, vegetables, and fruits
- Homemade foods or food that is not in the original packaging
- No peanuts or tree nut items





# CANDY GRAMS

ORDER EVERY  
**WEDNESDAY**  
\$1 EACH!

*8:45-9:00  
Morning Recess*



# BEFORE THE BREAK SPIRIT DAYS

## FUNKY CLOTHES MONDAY

Wear your funkiest outfits!



## SNOWSTORM TUESDAY

Wear your best white and blue!



## UGLY SWEATER DAY WEDNESDAY

Wear the ugly-est sweater in your wardrobe!



## THICK SOCK THURSDAY

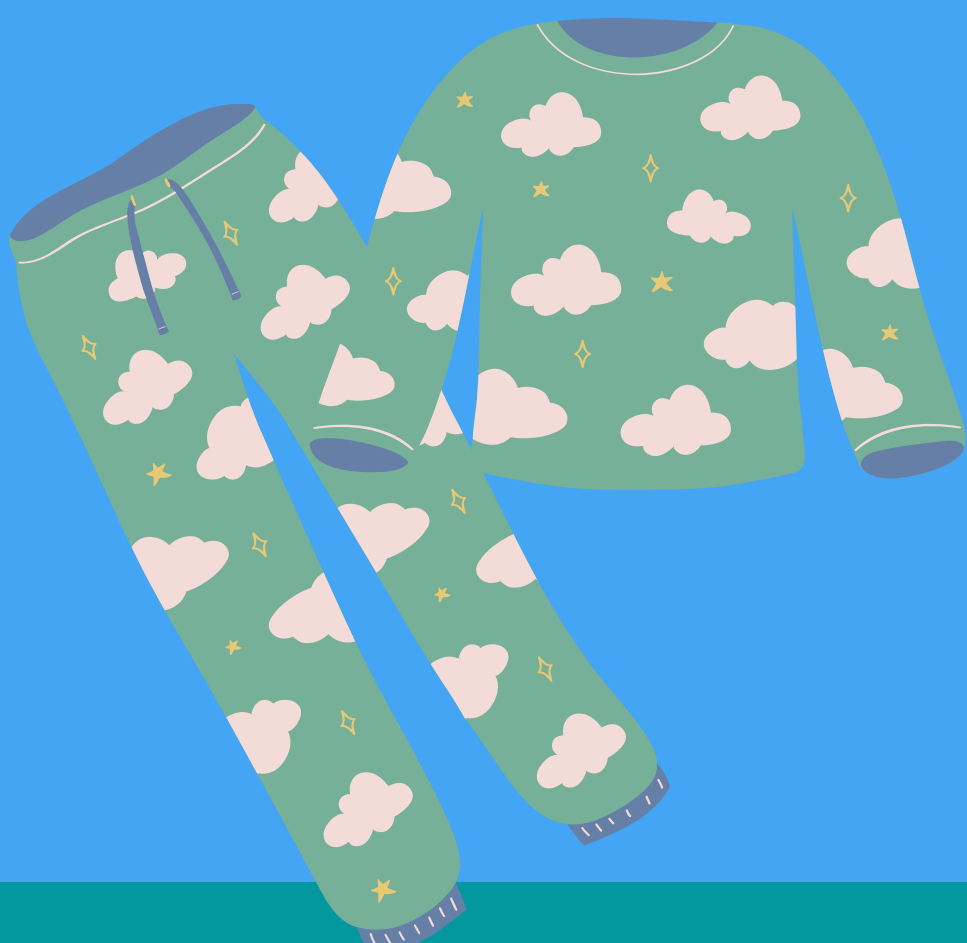
Wear your thickest and comfy-est SOCKS!!!



## PJ / COMFY CLOTHES DAY!



Don't bother changing out of your PJs!! Bring your favourite stuffed buddy!



***Have fun before and during the break, Cornell!***



# Winter Walk to School Day!

Thursday, December 19th

On December 19th, join us by the Main  
Entrance for Hot Chocolate  
brought to you by  
the Healthy Schools/  
Ecoschools Team and School Council!

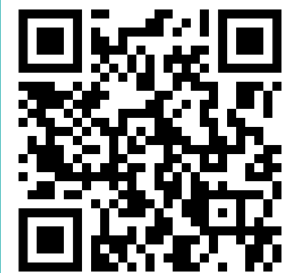


Please send your child with a travel mug  
with lid to minimize spills.





Put your name on  
these waterproof  
labels!



SCAN ME

# LOST *and* FOUND

Go to [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com)  
to buy labels and support our fundraiser!



## **From the YRDSB**

[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - December 2024 | York Region District School Board](#)



# Kwanzaa Celebration



Students, staff and families, please join us as we come together to celebrate Kwanzaa! This special event will honour African heritage, unity and culture and will be a time to reflect on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, enjoy cultural traditions and foster community spirit.

**Date:** Monday, December 9, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

**Location:** Dr. Bette Stephenson, 36 Regatta Avenue, Richmond Hill

## Event Details:

- Storytelling on Kwanzaa's history and principles
- Music and performances celebrating African heritage and culture
- Crafts and activities for all ages
- A community feast

We look forward to celebrating this cultural holiday with you.

## To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **December 2, 2024**.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to [Blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca)



# Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR  
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

## Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, December 16, 2024**  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

### Agenda:

- Presentation - Ways to support our children
- Upcoming Programs and events
- Question and answer session

**Please register ASAP.**

**A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.**

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



**[Register now.](#)**



If you require further information, please contact  
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## Inclusive School and Community Services

### **Transit Assistance Program (TAP)** For Those who Qualify

York Region is offering the Transit Assistance Program (TAP) to help make transit more affordable for eligible residents.

- Eligible TAP participants can receive a 50% discount on regular Adult single ride York Region Transit (YRT) fare using a PRESTO card. After 40 trips, rides are free for unlimited travel for the remainder of the calendar month.
- Anyone in the family can use the TAP card, including students going to high school
- Please Visit : [Eligibility and How to Apply for TAP](#)
- **New Applications and Renewals for 2025** are now being accepted by telephone. There are a limited number of new spots available so apply soon.  
**Please contact ACCESS YORK at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75581.** All Students turning 18 should apply in their own right.
- If you require language interpretation for this call, simply say the language you speak when connected at the number above and interpretation services will be put in place.

**If you have any additional questions please contact:**

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