



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

December 8, 2023.

Hello Cornell Village 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 forts is quite special. Please enjoy the photos included below! 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 and we can make sure they get to a child in need.

We are so very excited for our upcoming concerts/showcases! On Wednesday, December 13, the kindergarten and primary students (including the 3/4 class) will be sharing their musical talents. On Thursday, December 14, our junior and intermediate string showcase will take place. We hope you can join us as the students share their talents!

Our next session of lunches for the new year are now posted. 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!

Happy Chanukah to those families celebrating!

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 11	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Day for those who ordered • Knitting & Crochet Club - morning recess • Student Council-snack recess • 7/8 Orchestra- lunch recess • Junior Boys' Volleyball lunch recess • Outdoor Ed. field trip-Schmidt/Harvey Grade 2s
December 12	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7/8 Orchestra- lunch recess • Outdoor Ed. field trip- Primiani/Tigert 2s • PLAY leaders with grade 3s- snack recess • Intramurals Pickleball Gr. 7&8 - am recess
December 13	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub sandwiches for those who ordered • Walking/Wheeling to School Day • PLAY leaders with grade 1s- snack recess • Gr. 4-8 choir- snack recess • Primary (Gr. 1-3) choir - lunch recess • Kindergarten Concert 5:30 p.m. • Primary Concert 6:45 p.m.
December 14	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior-Intermediate String Showcase 6:30 p.m. • Eco-team Meeting-snack recess • Chess club- snack recess in library
December 15	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hero Burgers • Junior Girls' volleyball-snack recess • Student Mental Health Group (am recess)

Mark your calendars:

Dec. 19	Walking to School Day-hot chocolate	April 30	Jr. Girls Basketball Regionals
Dec. 19	Earth Rangers Assembly (Gr. 1-6)	May 1	Jr. Boys Basketball Regionals
Dec. 22	Winter Wonderland Dance (Gr. 6-8)	June 12	SODA Track & Activities Meet
Jan. 15	School Council Meeting	June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
Feb. 1	Grade 8 Graduation Photos	June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS
Feb. 5	School Council Meeting		
Feb. 6	Jr. Girls Volleyball Regional Meet		
Feb. 8	Jr. Boys Volleyball Regional Meet		
March 4	Int. Girls Basketball Regionals		
March 5	Int. Boys Basketball Regionals		

Attachments for this week:

- 📎 [Cornell Village Little Jammerz Guitar.pdf](#)
- 📎 [ISPA_Enforcement_Immunization_Notice__November 2023 YPH.pdf](#)
- 📎 [Arts@BaythornFlyer.pdf](#)

Concert Updates!

We are very excited about our upcoming Winter Concerts next week!

- The Kindergarten Concert will be on Wednesday, December 13th beginning at 5:30pm.
- The Primary Concert will begin at 6:45pm also on Wednesday, December 13th.
- The Junior/Intermediate String Showcase will be on Thursday, December 14th beginning at 6:30pm.

Tickets are on sale until tomorrow - Saturday, December 9th - on School Cash Online. Our tickets are almost sold out! We will let you know if there are additional tickets available for purchase next week! Please stay tuned! We are looking forward to performing for you!

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.

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](#)



First Snowy Day of the School Year!

The students had a lot of fun during recess playing in the snow together and making the first snow creations of the 2023-2024 school year.



Changemakers' Food Drive Update

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

Did you know that there are a lot of people in Markham that do not have enough food to feed their family? Please help us to feed these people by donating food to Markham Food Bank through our school.

Things you can donate are non-perishable foods such as rice, juice, canned milk, and individual snacks. If you want to donate money, you can donate it directly to the Markham Food Bank.

We are looking to achieve our goal of 1000 pieces of food. The food drive donations are open from November 13 to December 8. Your support is greatly appreciated."

Sincerely,

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



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 **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.



Arts@Baythorn Registration

Dear Families of Grade 4 and 5 students,

The Arts@Baythorn is a full time, enriched school program for student who have an affinity for the Arts. *Integration* and *Collaboration* are the focus at Arts@Baythorn, where the curriculum is learned while incorporating Visual Arts, Dance, Drama or Music into curriculum subjects like Language, Math, Science and Social Studies.

The Arts@Baythorn Application process begins January 15, 2024 – January 29, 2024.



Current Grade 4 or 5 students can APPLY for the Arts@Baythorn full-time school program 2024-2025 (For students going into Grade 5 or 6 in Sept 2024).



The Arts@Baythorn allows students to explore **Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music** Integrated into learning each and every day in a Collaborative and Cooperative learning environment.



If you think your child may be interested in this full time, enriched school program, please visit our website for more information at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank you, The Arts@Baythorn Staff

Session # 3 School Lunches:

The sign up for session 3 for the lunch programmes is open! **Orders will be accepted on SchoolCash Online until December 20th.** The dates for the lunches are as follows:

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 Wonderland Dance!

The Grades 6, 7, & 8's are getting social on Friday, December 22nd with our first dance of the school year! The dance will be taking place from 1:50-3:30. Tickets will be on sale for \$2 (cash) starting next week. Students can see Ms. Melnichuk or Ms.Vaisanen to purchase tickets. Tickets will be sold up to the day of the dance. During the dance there will be snacks and drinks for sale. All money raised will be going towards Arts and Grade 8 graduation initiatives. There will be an alternate program for students not attending the dance. This alternate program will be a games room where students can play various board or card games together. We encourage all students to participate in this social event to kick off the winter break! Please send in \$2 to the homeroom teacher.



Lost & Found

Please take a look at the photos below from our Lost & Found. If you see something that you recognize, please tell your child's teacher so that they can go and retrieve it. We will be donating any unclaimed items to families in need prior to the Winter Break.



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

Box of Birthdays
35 individual card designs

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 .



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



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!**



CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

- WINTER -

STRING *Showcase*

FEATURING THE J/I 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**

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 EDBSY.

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).

*** 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.