



This weekCobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

February 16, 2024.

Hello Cornell Village Families,

What a busy and exciting week at Cornell Village P.S. This week, our intermediate students continued to work with Randell Adjei, Poet Laureate of Ontario. These series of workshops help the students to delve deeper into their sense of self. They are learning to become advocates for change as they explore ways they can make a difference in the world.

On Thursday, we celebrated the Lunar New Year. We were treated to a performance of the Lion Dance. The performance was an excellent learning opportunity and was enjoyed by all! A special thank you to Ms. Germano and her team of dedicated students for planning this celebration. Thank you as well to Ms. Vaisanen for her creativity, and our talented students for the dragon artwork that lines the hallway!

The Student Council has been very busy planning exciting activities for the school. They are also working hard on making announcements to highlight and recognize important people in history as we celebrate Black History month. Throughout the school, the students have been engaged in several learning opportunities.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Family Day weekend!

As always, please reach out if we can help with anything at all!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
February 19	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Day
February 20	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wonka Musical Rehearsal- 1:10 p.m. Report cards sent home Junior Boys' Basketball- 8:00 a.m. Intermediate Basketball Intramurals - am recess Grade 6 tutoring 8-9 am (select students) Chess Club - am recess - library
February 21	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub sandwiches for those who ordered PLAY leaders with grade 2s- snack recess Intramural Floor Hockey - am recess Int. Girls Basketball - lunch recess WOW Program from TRCA for Kennedy/Crouse After school tutoring programme- grades 2 and 3
February 22	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco-team Meeting-snack recess PLAY leaders with grade 2s- snack recess Wonka rehearsal-snack recess Junior Boys' Basketball- 8:00 a.m. Jr. Girls Basketball - lunch After school tutoring programme- grades 2 and 3-last day
February 23	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hero burger for those who ordered Junior Boys' basketball- morning recess Intermediate Girls' basketball-lunch recess Intermediate Girls' basketball game @ Black Walnut 3:45 p.m.

Mark your calendars:

Feb. 26	Int. Girls Basketball Areas	June 12	SODA Track & Activities Meet
Feb. 26-28	Grade 7s to Lake George	June 12	Fun Fair
March 5	Randell Adjei- workshop- Intermediates	June 19	Amaya James- author visit
March 5	Grade 6 Anxiety workshop	June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
March 5	Grade 1s to Bruce's Mill	June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS
March 6	CVPS Movie Night		
March 7	Big Crunch (p.m.)		
March 7	Grade 2s to Bruce's Mill		
April 8	School Council		
April 24	Wonka Musical		
May 1	Welcome to Kindergarten Evening		
May 6	School Council		
May 7	Junior-Intermediate Strings Showcase and Art Nights		
May 8	Kindergarten/Primary concert		
May 15	7&8 Immunizations		

Attachments for this week:

📄 Ubuntu-Healing-Wellness-Circle.pdf

[Centre for Black Excellence Newsletter](#)

📄 Kindergarten Registration 2024 Poster

📄 Toonies for Tummies 2024.pdf

📄 Lunar Nights Festival Discount.pdf



Pokemon Cards

Cornell Village P.S. seems to be in the midst of a Pokemon craze. We do not believe in banning things that help teach students valuable life skills. We do, however, want to ensure that students are not bringing really expensive cards to school that will cause them to be extremely upset should they get lost. Please remember that any personal item that a student brings to school is at their own risk. We always advise that expensive or treasured items remain at home. If your child is bringing Pokemon cards to school, please have a conversation with your children about being honest and respectful when playing with Pokemon cards in groups. We have had some arguments, tears and upset students lately due to missing cards and unfair trades.

Pokemon Club is starting! If your child is interested in joining, they should speak to Ms. Ho in Room 108

FUNDRAISER

mabel's labels.

Here's how you can purchase **Mabel's Labels** and also help raise funds for our school:

1. Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for the school's name.
2. It should come up as Cornell Village Public School (MARKHAM).
3. Choose the product(s) you wish to purchase.
4. Personalize and add to cart!

Canadian Tire Grant- See link below

(for Students in need of financial support for sports)



To be eligible for funding for one or more children, families must first meet specific financial criteria as per Revenue Canada's Low-Income Cut-Offs (LICO) chart. Jumpstart uses the furthest column to the right of the chart for eligibility.

Other Funding Requirements

- Children must fall between the ages of 4 - 18 years old.
- Funding is allocated to sustained programs that involve a sport or physical activity.
- Programs should be a minimum of five weeks in duration and include at least one session per week. In the case of sports camps, the program must last at least five consecutive days for consideration.

<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants>

Movie Night - March 6

CVPS SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

Wed. March 6
in the Gym
At 6:00 pm
Doors open at 5:30 pm

TICKETS \$2
ALL STUDENTS MUST
BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT

EARLY BIRD PACKAGES Available Through SchoolCash Online (until February 27)

Pizza Package A - \$5.25 (slice of pizza, popcorn, juice box)
Pizza Package B - \$4.00 (slice of pizza, juice box)
Pizza Package C - \$4.50 (slice of pizza, popcorn)

A La Carte Pre-Purchase Savings: Slice of Pizza \$3.25, Popcorn \$1.50, Juice Box \$1, Sour Keys (Halal, bag of 10 small gummies) \$1

Don't forget to **PRE-ORDER** your tickets and snack for our upcoming **Movie Night** on March 6th featuring "Migration" - fresh out of theatres! By ordering on **SchoolCash Online** before February 27th, you can take advantage of **ONLINE ONLY Early Bird Packages** and reduced pricing on a-la-carte snacks and drinks.

Hope to see you there!

Markham Museum - Lunar Nights Year of the Dragon Festival

15% OFF WITH CODE YRDSB
Code must be entered in all capital letters

Lunar NIGHTS
Year of the Dragon Festival

FEB 8 - 25, 2024
Indoor & Outdoor 25-acre Festival

Lantern Light Festival | Interactive Activities
STANDING IN THE DOORWAY EXHIBITION
Food Vendors | Cultural Exhibitors | Baby Dragon Encounter
Games | Performances | Ice Skating | Snowshoeing

Markham Museum - 9350 Markham Rd.
Tickets at lunarnights.ca

MARKHAM MUSEUM 105.9 The Region Fantuan Delivery

Markham Museum is holding a Lunar Nights Year of the Dragon Festival From Feb 8-25 which includes a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. A 15% discount is being offered for YRDSB students, staff and families.

Free Family Activities at Varley Art Gallery - February 10-11, 17-18

Lunarfest at the Varley - Saturdays & Sundays, February 10-11, and 17-18 | 10 AM to 5 PM | Free

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at Varley Art Gallery! Drop-in on February 10 and 11 for free family activities, and continue the celebration on February 17 and 18 with LunarFest, a community festival in partnership with the ACSEA. Don't miss the Lunar Lanterns in the courtyard from January to March, created in partnership with Indigenous artists. Experience a 2024 Lunar New Year celebration only at Varley!



<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/arts/varley-art-gallery/public-programs>



Are You Moving?

If you are planning on moving or have moved, please be sure to contact the office so we have your updated information. If you are no longer in our area, you will need to register in the school closest to your home. If you have moved out of the area and hope to stay here, a transfer application must be completed.

Celebrating Black History Month / BHM365 Events 2024

* Dates and Events subject to change

Student Events and Family Engagement

Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci Register Here	Online Register to Receive Link
February 29, 2024 5:00pm - 6:30pm	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student & Families Light refreshments will be served. Register In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration. Register Here	Dr Bette Rm 113

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.
3. **Writing Instrument Recycling Program**

What writing instruments are accepted through this recycling program?

All brands of pens and pen caps, mechanical pencils, markers and marker caps, highlighters and highlighter caps, permanent markers and permanent marker caps





York Region District School Board UBUNTU HEALING CIRCLE Winter/Spring 2024



A virtual healing circle for Black identified students across YRDSB to join together in an inclusive affinity space, focused on supporting emotional well-being. This space is one that has been created to promote healing, wellness and resilience for Black identified students.

The group will be facilitated by members of the School Social Work Team. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend and participation will occur virtually.

Grades Served: Grade 7 to Grade 12 students from schools across YRDSB

Modality: Virtual offering

Language of Service: Services will be offered in English.

Total sessions: 8 sessions

Date: Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Weekly)

For more information, or to sign up: Please ask your Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, SERT, Student Success Teacher, Principal, or Vice Principal to contact either: Melanie Beckford, RSW or Tracy Thomas-Elleston, RSW at the following email address: communitycareteam@yrdsb.ca

MARKHAM FRESH FOOD MARKET

Drop by and enjoy our affordable fresh fruit and vegetable market. The market includes beautiful produce, tastings and more! This space is open to all and designed to make it easier to access fresh produce.

**CASH
CREDIT
DEBIT**



Bring a reusable bag!

DATES:
Mondays
January 15 & 29
February 5 & 26
March 4 & 18

TIME:
Doors open at
2:00pm
Market is open
from
2:30-4:00pm

PLACE: Ebenezer United Church
5000 Steeles Ave. East, Markham

CONTACT: For market related questions, please contact YRFN at: Christina@yrfn.ca or (905) 841-3101 ext 210

This is the food market for York region, where people can get vegetables and, sometimes they have food events after.

You can visit the website here:
<https://yrfn.ca/good-food-markets/>

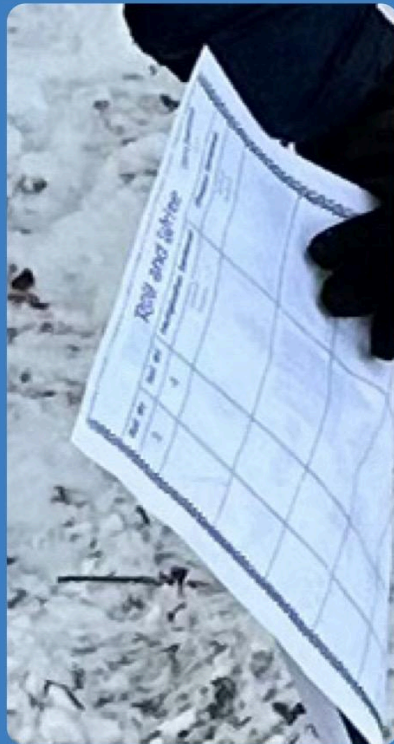
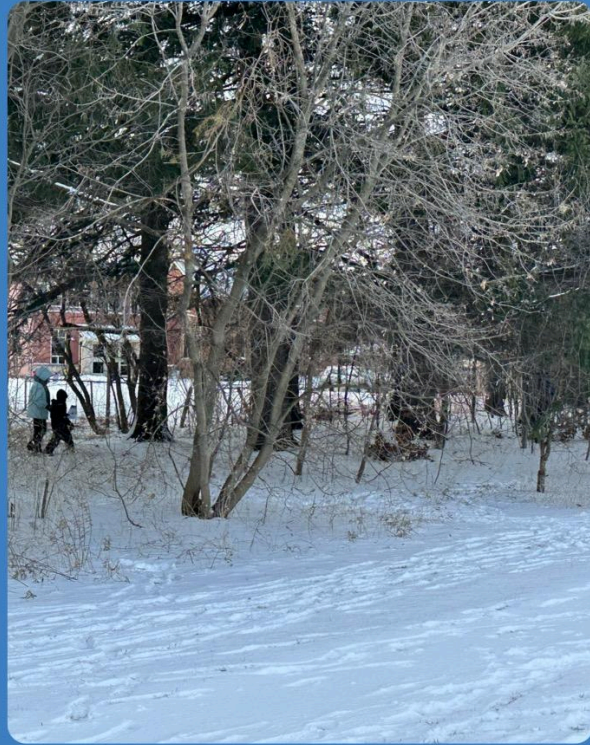
They also have veggie boxes that you can pick every other week at whatever location is convenient:
<https://yrfn.ca/good-food-box/>





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WINTER
SCAVENGER
HUNT

Grade 6 & 2
Learning
Buddies

PIC•COLLAGE

If you'd like to do your own scavenger hunt over the long weekend, click [here](#) for a template.



Cornell Village P.S. is a walking community. Most students live within walking distance to the school. We strongly encourage all students/families to walk to school when possible. If you must drive, please exercise caution in the school zone. If you are using the Kiss and Ride area, please drive slowly! Be sure to watch for pedestrians and drop off your children on the curb side only. Please only park in designated areas and avoid blocking the flow of traffic.



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Worth Repeating:

Kindergarten Registration for September is Now Open!

Children born in 2020 are eligible for kindergarten in September. Please visit the [YRDSB Kindergarten page](#) for information about how to register.

📄 Camp Black Brilliance 2024 - Flyer - JK/SK Entering School September 2024

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.

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.

Kiss and Ride Safety

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.

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.

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.