



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

February 21, 2025

What a winter wonderland outside! We know the students have been enjoying the snow! We recognize that the snow has resulted in uncleared sidewalks which have been impeding the walk to school. Thankfully, the City of Markham cleared the walkways around the school after we called a few times. We have cautioned our students to be extra careful when walking due to the high snowbanks. Student and community safety is our top priority.

We appreciate your patience with the Kiss and Ride this week. The Kiss and Ride zone is intended for our youngest learners. There are limited parking spots available for parents to park. We do remind parents to please remain in their cars while in the Kiss and Ride Zone. It is not intended for parking. We recognize this poses a challenge at times and the staff will do their best to support a safe and smooth pick up. At times, parents may need to loop around the Kiss and Ride area until a parking spot becomes available. Our kindergarten teachers are aiming to have the students dressed and ready to go, ahead of the bell.

Have a fantastic 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?
Monday, February 24	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Day for those who ordered Student council meeting Musical rehearsal- lunch recess
Tuesday, February 25	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pokemon Club- snack recess
Wednesday, February 26	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink Shirt Day - wear pink! Subway Sub for those who ordered Kindness Club- lunch recess Snack Shack- snack recess Orchestra- lunch recess
Thursday, February 27	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Musical rehearsal- lunch recess
Friday, February 28	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hero Burgers for those who ordered Little Jammerz- lunch recess Cleaning Club- lunch recess Coding club- snack recess Chess Club- grades 5 & 6

Mark your calendars:

March 6 & 7 Milne - Grade 2
March 17 & 18 - Milne - Grade 4
March 19 & 20 - Milne - Grade 7
April 16- Alice in Wonderland Musical
April 23- Grade 7 visit to MSH
April 25- Music/French Presentation- Njacko Backo
June 4 - Track and Field Area Meet
June 23- Grade 8 graduation- CVPS

School Holidays

Mid-Winter Break - March 10, to March 14
Good Friday - April 18
Easter Monday - April 21
Victoria Day - Mon. May 19

P.A. Days

Monday, June 9, 2025
 Friday, June 27, 2025

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

April 7
 May 5
 June 2

Save the Date!

We have our Spring Concert Series dates! Please save the dates on your calendars as you will not want to miss the amazing talent here at CVPS! The **Junior/Intermediate Rock 'n Glow String Showcase will be on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:30pm**. This will include grade 4 to 8 students **except for Ms. Schmidt's grade 3/4 class who will be performing in the primary show. The **Kindergarten Rocks Concert will be on Wednesday, May 7th at 5:30pm** followed by the **Light It Up Primary Concert also on Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30pm**. (The grade 3/4 split class will be performing at the primary concert). We kindly remind parents that videotaping will not be allowed during the shows. We will be filming the concerts and are happy to share a copy with families following the concerts.

Also, you will not want to miss our **Alice in Wonderland Jr. Musical happening on Wednesday, April 16th at 7pm**. This will be an amazing show! All ticket info will be sent home closer to the date when tickets will be available to buy on School Cash Online. Stay tuned!

Pink Shirt Day - Wednesday, February 26



Bullying isn't just a part of growing up – it's overwhelming, hurtful, and can make people feel alone. It can affect learning, friendships, and most importantly, physical and emotional health. If you are a victim of bullying, reach out for help. Talk to a parent, teacher, or friend. Do you have a friend who is being bullied? Let them know they're not alone, and speak out. Most bullying incidents stop within 10 seconds if a bystander intervenes. Need tips? We have included some tip sheets that you can use to guide conversations with your child(ren).

CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRESENTS



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2025

7:00pm

CVPS Gymnasium

Tickets \$10 each on School Cash Online



Families Planning to Move or Students Not Returning in September

As we begin our planning for the **2025-2026** school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year. **Thank you for your support.**



Grade 4 & 5 Students' Outdoor Learning

After an amazing snowfall, the grade 4/5s in Ms. Cheung's class ventured out to learn how to build an emergency shelter called a "quinzhee" - the Athabaskan name for a Canadian snow shelter of this kind. From that, the class learned a lot:

- Measure and calculate the area the shelter covered
- Calculate elapsed time
- Estimated the time it would take to melt 1000mL of snow and how much water it would yield
- temperature differences inside vs outside
- Insulating properties of snow for both temperature and sound

Overall, we learned about teamwork and winter fun!

QUINZHEES

An important survival skill, or a fun way to play in the snow!



What is a quizhee?

A quizhee is a snow shelter that originated in Canada. It's made from a large snow pile that is hollowed out to be a shelter.

Why make a quizhee now?

It's a basic survival skill for winter! If you ever get lost in a forest during the winter, you can make a quizhee. It's a great way to stay dry and warm during a storm.



How we Made our Quizhee

First we piled snow into approximately a 2 meter wide dome which fit 1-2 children. After waiting 2-3 hours, hollow it out, not too big, otherwise it will collapse. Preferably only as much as you need.

Safety Precautions:

- When building a Quizhee, after piling the snow, wait 2-3 hours before hollowing it out. After a while the snow will settle, making it safe to dig.
- Don't climb on the top of the dome after you have already started hollowing out the inside.
- Don't leave anyone alone in the shelter, otherwise if it collapses no one can save them.

Our Findings

After we built our Quizhee, we took the temperature outside and inside. The difference was about 3 - 5 degrees. Not much but at least enough to keep you warm.

Our Lost & Found is Growing!!!

Please look at the photos below to see if you recognize any items. You are also welcome to pop into the school at the end of the day and walk down to the Lost and Found tables to take a closer look. As you can see, we have MANY mitts and gloves that would be helpful outside at recess.

This is also a good time to remind everyone about Mabel's Labels!

Our school is fundraising with Mabel's Labels! If you're not familiar with Mabel's Labels, they are personalized, durable, waterproof labels. They are great for everything from shoes, clothing tags, water bottles and backpacks. You can customize them with your name and a design, and they are dishwasher, laundry and microwave safe.

Mabel's Labels also offers clothing stamps, silicone bands for water bottles and medical alert labels. This is a great way to ensure your items don't end up in the lost & found or mixed up. To reduce the spread of germs, we highly recommend labelling but they are also useful for everyday life.

To support our fundraiser, visit <https://mabelslabels.ca/en-CA/fundraising/support>, search for and select **Cornell Village Public School**. You can pick out whatever labels or product you want, and it will ship for free directly to your house! Thank you for supporting us!





Put your name on
these waterproof
labels!



SCAN ME

LOST *and* FOUND

Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com
to buy labels and support our fundraiser!

Cold and Flu Season

Winter is here and with it comes the cold and flu season. **We are noticing an increasing number of students who are absent due to illness, or exhibiting symptoms while at school.** Please read the important information below from York Region Public Health to help you know when to send your child back to school following a fever and/or nausea/vomiting/diarrhea. This helps all of our students, staff and families stay healthy!

The following information can be found on the Public Health website (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/protection-covid-19-and-other-respiratory-illnesses>):

- If your child is sick, stay home to prevent transmission to others, except to seek testing or medical care if required.
- Your child should stay home until **all** of the following apply to them:
 - **symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea, i.e. from the last time that they had any symptoms)**
 - **they do not have a fever**
 - **they do not develop any additional symptoms**

From your School Council




If you have any questions or comments for the CVPS School Council, or would like to contribute or volunteer in any way, please reach out via email at cornell.village.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Your support is always appreciated.



Thank you to everyone who came out to the Movie Night.





It was a huge hit!



		
Mondays Feb. 24 March 3	Wednesdays Feb. 26 March 5	Fridays Feb. 28 March 7

Orders for the next round of lunches are now being accepted on SchoolCash Online. Please check your email for the information. **Orders are due by 11:59 pm on March 3rd.**

We are adding a fourth choice for this next session - BarBurrito! Here are the dates for Round 4:

			
Mondays March 17 - May 5	Wednesdays March 19 - May 7	Thursdays March 20 - May 8	Fridays March 21 - May 9

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

Black History Month Celebration for Youth in York Region

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address:

Bruce's Mill Conservation Area - Community Safety Village
3291 Stouffville Rd
Whitchurch-Stouffville
[View on Google Maps](#)

Event Details:

Join York Regional Police at the Community Safety Village, in Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, for a youth event aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of Black History Month celebrations.

This event is open to students from both York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board ages 14 - 17, who are residents of York Region. It is being hosted on Saturday March 1st from 1 - 4pm.

Pre-registration is required. There are 100 spaces available. Participants who attend will receive volunteer hours.

There will be light refreshments served.

Register attendance at this event: [Register Online](#) 

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year is Open

If your child was born in 2021, they are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September. **We encourage families to register online.**

Please access the online Kindergarten Registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten

It is recommended that you use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.

- **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](#).

You may call the school office at (905) 471-1694 if you require assistance with the registration.

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

Black History Month Celebration

Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner.

Dates: **Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Tommy Douglas S.S.**

Register by February 21, 2025.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at Bill Hogarth S.S.

Register by February 28, 2025.

Time: **6:00–8:00 p.m.**

This event will feature:

- Interactive Performances
- Student Showcases
- Dinner will be provided

Please join us to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Black Community while creating meaningful connections and memories together. Looking forward to celebrating together!

To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#).

If you have any further questions, please reach out to blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca



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