



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

February 9, 2024.

Hello Cornell Village Families,

We have had another full week of learning and fun at CVPS. The Student Council is in full swing and they are planning many exciting events, speakers and activities for the school. This is an incredibly dedicated group of students who work very hard to bring their ideas forward and as well as create a plan to make them happen. It is amazing to see their confidence grow!

If you and your family are interested in attending the Family Movie Night on March 6th, make sure to place your order through SchoolCash Online to take advantage of special packages and reduced pricing for pre-orders only. Deadline for ordering is February 27th.

We have been busy collecting orders and returned boxes from our Big Box Fundraiser and will be placing the final order with the company next week. Watch your emails for information regarding pick-up dates.

We wish all students, families, staff and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration in the company of family and friends.

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 12	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pizza Day for those who ordered ● Knitting & Crochet Club - morning recess ● Student Council-snack recess ● Chess club- snack recess in library ● Intermediate Girls' Basketball 8:00 a.m. ● Junior Girls Basketball tryouts - lunch ● Intermediate Girls' Basketball game@DCPS 3:45 p.m.
February 13	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Junior Boys' basketball tryouts 8:00 a.m. ● PLAY leaders with grade 3s- snack recess ● Intramural Boys' Basketball- morning recess ● Wonka Musical Rehearsal- 1:10 p.m. ● Intermediate Girls' Basketball-@ Franklin 3:45 p.m. ● School Council Meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m.
February 14	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sub sandwiches for those who ordered ● PLAY leaders with grade 2s- snack recess ● Int. Girls Basketball - lunch recess ● Grade 6,7,8 dance p.m. ● After school tutoring programme- grades 2 and 3
February 15	2	<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 tryouts- a.m. recess ● Little Jammerz - lunch recess ● Lunar New Year Celebration- gym -morning ● After school tutoring programme- grades 2 and 3
February 16	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hero burger for those who ordered ● Junior Boys' Basketball tryouts- morning recess ● Intermediate Girls' basketball-lunch recess

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 6	CVPS Movie Night	June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
April 8	School Council	June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS
April 24	Wonka Musical		
May 1	Welcome to Kindergarten Evening		
May 6	School Council		

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

Markham Museum - Lunar Nights Year of the Dragon Festival



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>

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:

- 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.
- Snack pouch collection bin** is also in front of the library where ALL brands are being collected.
- 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

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!

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

**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: ChristinaL@yrfn.ca or (905) 841-3101 ext 210

Ebenezer United Church, Markham



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This is the food market for York region, where people can get vegetables and, sometime,s 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/>



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.

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.



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.

Winter Clothing:

We have had winter clothing donated by many families and staff. If your child would benefit from a winter coat, hats, mitts etc., please reach out to us at the school and we can help you out!

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 ensure “on time” arrival in class. During the early entry time, students may hallways to unpack their bags and prepare for class. In the interest of safety, 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.



school by 9:00 a.m. to enter the school it is suggested that

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](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.

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.