



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

January 19, 2024.

Hello Cornell Village Families,

It has been a very cold week at CVPS. We are asking your help in ensuring that your child(ren) comes to school dressed for the weather. Our York Region guidelines are that students go outside for recess and lunch as long as the temperature is above -20 degrees celsius (with the windchill). Many of our students are coming to school unprepared to be outside in the cold. If you are in need of warm clothes for your child, please call or email us and we will be glad to assist.

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?
January 22	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Day for those who ordered • Int. Girls Basketball - 8:00am • Knitting & Crochet Club - morning recess • Student Council-snack recess • Junior Boys' Volleyball lunch recess • Randell Adjei- presentation for intermediate students
January 23	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLAY leaders with grade 3s- snack recess • Intramurals Pickleball Gr. 7&8 - am recess • Wonka Musical Rehearsal- 1:10 p.m. • Junior Boys' Volleyball game after school-Greensborough
January 24	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub sandwiches for those who ordered • PLAY leaders with grade 2s- snack recess • Int. Girls Basketball - lunch recess • After school tutoring programme- grades 2 and 3
January 25	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco-team Meeting-snack recess • Chess club- snack recess in library • PLAY leaders with grade 2s- snack recess • Wonka rehearsal-snack recess • Little Jammerz - lunch recess • After school tutoring programme- grades 2 and 3
January 26	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Int. Girls Basketball - lunch recess

Mark your calendars:

Jan. 29	Jr. Boys' Volleyball Areas	June 12	SODA Track & Activities Meet
Jan. 30	Jr. Girls' Volleyball Areas	June 12	Fun Fair
Feb. 1	Grade 8 Graduation Photos	June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
Feb. 5	School Council Meeting	June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS
Feb. 15	Lunar New Year celebration		
Feb. 26	Int. Girls Basketball Areas		
Feb. 26-28	Grade 7s to Lake George		
March 6	CVPS Movie Night		
April 24	Wonka Musical		

Attachments for this week:

- 📎 Battery Recycling Challenge
- 📎 Family Services York Region 2024 Winter Group Calendar.pdf

[Centre for Black Excellence Newsletter](#)

English - YRES Weekend Elite Camp.pdf

Kindergarten Registration 2024 Poster

Reminder Notice - CVPS Grade 8 Grad Photos.pdf



Junior Volleyball games at CVPS!

Cornell Village P.S. Fundraiser – happening now!

We are excited to share that we will be having a huge fundraiser this month! 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).

- Cheques and/or cash will be accepted.
- Please use the box sent home as a **sample** to show others.
- If you do not sell any boxes, please return the box to the school so that it can be used to fill orders from others.
- If you plan to purchase a box or have sold one or more boxes, you may keep the sample for yourself or to fill one of your orders.



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!

Sample Boxes will be sent home on January 12th.

Orders will be accepted until January 29th.

BIGBOX FUNDRAISING

Box of Birthdays
35 individual card designs

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

Kindergarten Registration for September begins on January 19, 2024!



If your child is born in 2020, they are eligible for kindergarten in September.

Families can register using the following options:

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten > Registration. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- **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.
- **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.
- **In-person at the school** - Families may call the school office and request assistance with registration. You may also drop by completed registration forms. Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form. Starting **January 23**, you may call the school office to set up an appointment to drop off the required paperwork. There is a Registration Verification Process following submission of a registration package, schools will contact families to schedule an appointment for Document Verification.

Grade 1 French Immersion (FI) Information Sessions and Registrations

French Immersion (FI) registration will begin January 19, 2024, and as such, we wanted to take this opportunity to share updated information. Please visit the [FSL Link](#) for more information about FI registration.



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.

Free Family Activities at Varley Art Gallery

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>

Sharing Professional Activity Day Plans - February 2, 2024

As per PPM 151, Administrators are required to electronically share their P.A. Day plans with parents/guardians post a copy in the main office prior to the P.A. Day. P.A. Day plans are also posted on the Board's public website.

Length: Half Day - AM

Topic: Violence Prevention Training on Student Safety and Violent Incident Prevention

Length: Half Day - PM

Topic: Literacy/Mathematics Instructional Strategies

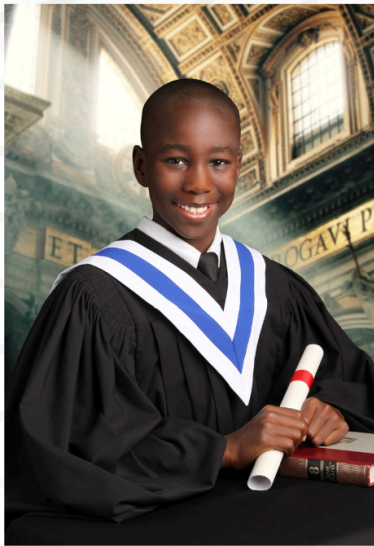


Cornell Village P.S. is a walking community. Most students live within walking distance to the school. We strongly encourage all students/families to walk to school when possible. If you must drive, please exercise caution in the school zone. If you are using the Kiss and Ride area, please drive slowly! 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.

JUNIOR MILESTONE PHOTOS

CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT

Thursday February 1, 2024



Showcase Your Best Smile

- A white collared shirt with a tie makes a classic look, but **wear whatever makes you feel great!**
- Your photographer will take 4 photos, a selection of over 200 backgrounds will be available to view once proofs arrive.
*Photos will be taken either with or without a gown, depending on school policies
- Approximately 2 weeks after photo day, your proofs will arrive at school. Please place your order online at edgeimaging.ca/order

Remember the Whole Class

In addition to your photo day portrait session, you have the option to purchase a 13x9 Class Composite in a customized folder.

Go to edgeimaging.ca/mycomp to purchase using your composite using school code: **CVP**

Your composite must be purchased before photo order due date, which will be listed on your proofs.



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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.



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.

GET INVOLVED MAKE A DIFFERENCE



DEAR PARENTS,

Your child's school has signed up for the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge (OSBRC) by Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. The Challenge officially starts on October 16, 2023 (Waste Reduction Week) and runs until May 10, 2024.

WHAT IS THE OSBRC?

The OSBRC is a recycling competition between 200 elementary and secondary schools across Ontario. Its purpose is to teach children and their families about the proper way to handle, store and recycle batteries at home and at school. Since 2014, OSBRC schools have recycled more than 12.5 million single-use batteries. The OSBRC prize pool has paid out more than \$94,010 to winning schools. This year, 30% of the total prize pool will be donated to the SickKids Children's Hospital.

STUDENT MISSIONS

With your consent, your child can sign up for Student Missions. If they complete 3 missions they will be entered into a draw for one of ten \$50 VISA Gift Cards. If they complete all 5 missions by Family Day, they'll have a chance to win a family trip to Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls! There are also three bonus missions to give students extra chances to win! For more information and to register, please visit:

www.rawmaterials.com/ontario-school-recycling-challenge/student/

YOU CAN HELP!

Help your child recycle single-use batteries from your home. Please don't go outside your family bubble this year. What we don't recycle this year, we'll get next year. Before you send those batteries to school, please tape the terminals on all 6V, 9V, button cell and primary lithium batteries. To learn more about how to store batteries in your home and how to prepare them for recycling, please visit: www.rawmaterials.com/page/education/prepare-batteries/

This program is for primary single-use batteries (non-rechargeable). They are the typical household batteries like AA, AAA, C, D, 6V, 9V and button cell.

Sincerely,

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✶ Niagara Falls, Canada



Session # 3 School Lunches:

Pizza Mondays - Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 26, March 4

Subway Wednesdays - Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6

Hero Burger Fridays - Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1

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!

WEEKEND CAMP MARKHAM



STONEBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
168 Stonebridge Dr, Markham
Saturday Active Camp

Dates
Starting Jan. 27, 2024

Time
(Full-Day) 9 AM - 4 PM
(Half-Day) 9 AM - 12 PM
(Half-Day) 1 - 4 PM

Age
5-12 year olds



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SCAN & REGISTER:



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 EDSBY 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.