



## Cobra Communicator

***We are a village, growing together***

January 26, 2024.

Hello Cornell Village Families,

We had another exciting week at CVPS! Many of our students were able to experience snowshoeing this week. Please enjoy the photos included below. Our volleyball teams both played games this week and our gym is constantly in use with so many activities happening each day.

We have noticed some very unsafe behaviour in our Kiss and Ride and at drop off and pick up on Cornell Commons. Please remember that Cornell Village P.S. is a walking community. If you must drop your children off by car, please make sure you do so in a safe manner.

On February 1, we are celebrating National Sweater Day. We encourage all of our students to wear a sweater and walk to school. Hot chocolate will be provided by our amazing School Council. Our grade 8 students have their graduation photos on February 1. They can bring a sweater to wear after their photos are done.

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 29	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza Day for those who ordered</li> <li>• Knitting &amp; Crochet Club - morning recess</li> <li>• Student Council-snack recess</li> <li>• Randell Adjei- presentation for intermediate students</li> </ul>
January 30	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PLAY leaders with grade 3s- snack recess</li> <li>• Wonka Musical Rehearsal- 1:10 p.m.</li> </ul>
January 31	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sub sandwiches for those who ordered</li> <li>• PLAY leaders with grade 2s- snack recess</li> <li>• Int. Girls Basketball - lunch recess</li> <li>• After school tutoring programme- grades 2 and 3</li> </ul>
February 1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Wear a Sweater Day - Walk to school and enjoy a hot chocolate</b></li> <li>• Eco-team Meeting-snack recess</li> <li>• <b>Grade 8 Grad Photos</b></li> <li>• Chess club- snack recess in library</li> <li>• PLAY leaders with grade 2s- snack recess</li> <li>• Wonka rehearsal-snack recess</li> <li>• <b>Little Jammerz - lunch recess</b></li> <li>• After school tutoring programme- grades 2 and 3</li> </ul>
February 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>P.A. Day</b></li> </ul>


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. 13	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:

 Tamil Heritage Month Elementary Student Conference 2024 Registration Flyer.pdf

[Centre for Black Excellence Newsletter](#)

 Kindergarten Registration 2024 Poster

 Reminder Notice - CVPS Grade 8 Grad Photos.pdf

📄 Toonies for Tummies 2024.pdf

📄 Lunar Nights Festival Discount.pdf

📄 Trustee Newsletter Greeting -February 2024 - Trustee M Chen.pdf

## National Sweater Day



Since 2010, more than a million Canadians have shown their support for limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius by turning down their thermostats by the same amount (or more) and wearing their favourite sweaters to stay warm.

National Sweater Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation, and show how together – classroom by classroom, school by school – we can be a part of the solution! Make an impact beyond National Sweater Day by reflecting on your personal carbon footprint and making a personal commitment in your own lives to help keep climate change in check.

Collectively, we can have a powerful impact.

## Signage on Cornell Commons

**From the City of Markham website:** The two most common signs are "No Parking" and "No Stopping" signs. These signs help reduce parked cars from blocking the street and allow traffic to move more smoothly. There are many parking by-laws found in Markham [By-law 2005-188](#) [PDF].

**No Parking:** You can't park your car where these signs are posted. You can stop your car for a short period only to load or unload goods or passengers. You can't leave your car unattended.

**No Stopping:** You can't stop your car where these signs are posted, or load and unload goods or passengers. You can only stop only if directed by a police officer, stop sign or a traffic signal.

## Tips for Winter Walking

Walking to school in winter not only benefits student physical and mental health, well-being and academic performance, it's also fun.

Here are a few tips to help you stay safe and enjoy winter walks to school.

1. **Dress for the weather.** Wear layers. Don't forget your hat and mitts.
2. **Protect your feet.** Wear warm socks and winter boots. They will protect your feet from snow, rain and cold and have good grips.
3. **Be visible.** Wear bright clothes, stay on the sidewalks and make sure cars can see you when you cross the road.
4. **Allow a little more time.** Prepare your winter gear the night before, and give yourself a little more time to walk to school.
5. **Try walking like a penguin.** It's fun and practical.
6. **Enjoy the snow.** Catch snowflakes, talk about what you love most about the winter.
7. **Obey road signs.** The seasons change but road safety rules remain. Stop at roads and crosswalks. Cross with a crossing guard where possible. Look out for cars.

Use active travel wherever possible. We encourage families all year round wherever possible to take the school bus or school transportation, or to [choose active travel](#), like walking or biking. Active school travel benefits student mental health, well-being and academic performance, builds social connections and reduces traffic and pollution around schools.

It's never too early to start to teach road safety. Your child will become a safe, responsible and independent pedestrian by experience and practice. Starting them as young as kindergarten will equip them with the skills they need to walk on their own in all seasons at an earlier age.

If you are driving, please follow road rules. Remember that our school zones are busy with students and families. It is important that we all follow the rules to ensure student safety.

- Use the kiss and ride. Do not use dedicated bus lanes.
- Consider parking near the school and walking the rest of the way (obeying all neighbourhood parking rules).
- Obey all speed limits and road traffic signs in school zones.
- Focus on the road and watch for crossing guards and students crossing the road.

Working together, we can all help to keep students safe. For more information about how you can help to create a safe school transportation zone, please visit our [website](#).

## Toonies for Tummies

The Toonies for Tummies campaign starts today in Ontario with Longos! *This weekend, they will match the donation, so better to give on matching days!*

Anyone can go to any Longos and donate a toonie. 100% of funds stay local and go to student nutrition programs. *Metro/Food Basics/independent stores* starts February 1, *Sobeys/Freshco* starts February 15, etc. Visit the official website here: <https://groceryfoundation.com/pages/toonies-for-tummies>.



## Cornell Village P.S. Fundraiser – Final Weekend!

This is the FINAL WEEKEND to sell the BIG BOX of CARDS for our fundraiser! Please be sure to return all order envelopes and payment on Monday, January 29th to your child's teacher. Please see a few reminders below:

- Money raised will 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. Please indicate that you have kept the box on your order form.

**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!**

**Big BOX FUNDRAISING**

Sample Boxes will be sent home on January 12th.

Orders will be accepted until January 29th.

**Box of Birthdays**

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



## Writing Instrument Recycling Program

School Council has graciously set up a writing instrument recycling collection program here at Cornell Village PS. Pens, markers and other writing instruments are not considered recyclable in our municipality but thanks to Terracycle and Staples, they can collect ANY writing instrument for proper recycling.

### 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



Classes will be collecting their unusable writing instruments and we're asking that families may also bring theirs in as well! Collection boxes will be in front of the library with our other (snack pouch and battery) eco-initiative recycling bins are.

**Interesting tidbit:** Through in-store collection at over 300 locations across Canada, Staples and Terracycle have successfully diverted over 2 million writing instruments from ending up in landfills. If all writing instruments recycled through this program were connected, they could travel up the CN Tower nearly 700 times! (Credit: Staples Canada)

## Tamil Heritage Month Elementary Student Conference

Students in grades 5 to 8 are invited to the Elementary Student Conference for Tamil Heritage Month on February 3, 2024, at Milliken Mills High School. Please see the registration [flyer](#) in This Week's Attachments.

# Check your Email! CVPS Spirit Wear is Available to Order on SchoolCash Online!

## CORNELL VILLAGE SPIRIT WEAR CATALOGUE 2023-2024

### T-Shirt (Print Screen) - \$18

Colour Options:  
Black, Charcoal, Red

Size Options:  
Youth S - Adult XXL

\*Rendering only. Actual design may differ slightly.



### Long Sleeve Tee (Print Screen) - \$25

Colour Options:  
Black, Red

Size Options:  
Youth S - Adult XXL

\*Rendering only. Actual design may differ slightly.



### Hoodies (Print Screen) - \$40

Colour Options:  
Black, Charcoal, Red

Size Options:  
Youth S - Adult XXL

\*Rendering only. Actual design may differ slightly.



### Zip Up Hoodies (Embroidered) - \$50

Colour Options:  
Black, Red

Size Options:  
Youth S - Adult XXL

\*Rendering only. Actual design may differ slightly.



**1/4 Zip Up Sweatshirts (Print Screen) - \$35**

Colour Options:  
Black, Charcoal

Size Options:  
Adult S - Adult XXL \*\*\*NO YOUTH SIZES

\*Rendering only. Actual design may differ slightly.



**Crewneck Sweatshirt (Print Screen) - \$30**

Colour Options:  
Black, Red

Size Options:  
Youth S - Adult XXL

\*Rendering only. Actual design may differ slightly.



**Sweatpants (Embroidered - No Pockets) - \$40**

Colour Options:  
Black, Red, Charcoal

Size Options:  
Youth S - Adult XXL

\*Rendering only. Actual design may differ slightly.





# CORNELL VILLAGE SPIRIT WEAR DRIVE

Return your gently used CVPS Spirit Wear for a sustainability rebate towards your new order\*.



## Collection Dates:

January 29 -  
February 16

**Drop Off At  
School Office**

(Only when the School is open)

8:45 AM -  
3:30 PM

February 13

**Drop Off At  
Staff Room**

6:15 PM -  
8 PM

\*Every item returned will earn \$5 cash back that can be used towards your next Spirit Wear purchase. Any uncollected funds will be donated to the School if not picked up by June 19, 2024. All donated items must be laundered, cleaned and free of any holes or tears. These items will be re-sold at a reduced price to the Cobra community.



# 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 8, 2024	A Discussion for Families of Black Children on Pathway Opportunities for Students and Families. <a href="#">Register Here</a>	Dr.Bette Stephenson Cafeteria
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 <a href="#">Register Here</a>	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. <a href="#">Register Here</a>	Dr Bette Rm 113

**15% OFF WITH CODE YRDSB**

Code must be entered in all capital letters



**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](http://lunarnights.ca)



## 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.



## 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](http://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](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten) at [www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://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) Registration

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](https://edgeimaging.ca/order)

### Remember the Whole Class

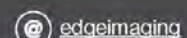
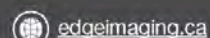
In addition to your photo day portrait session, you have the option to purchase a 13x9 Class Composite in a customized folder.

Go to [edgeimaging.ca/mycomp](https://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.



FY23 Junior Comu





Thank you to Mrs. Crouse for arranging for the loan of snowshoes from the YRDSB depot this week! We couldn't have chosen better weather to have them here. Many classes were able to get out and enjoy some snowshoeing in our schoolyard this week.



## 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](mailto:heather.purcell@yrdsb.ca) or [joanne.trim@yrdsb.ca](mailto: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/](http://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/](http://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,

Sarah Lacharity  
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1 (888) 937-3382



Niagara Falls, Canada





## Session # 3 School Lunches:

**Pizza Mondays** - Feb. 5, 12, 26, March 4

**Subway Wednesdays** - 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!

## 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 down 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](http://bit.ly/edsbyabsence) ([bit.ly/edsbyabsence](http://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.