



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

June 7, 2024.

Hello Families!

This week, we welcomed our new kindergarten students and their parents as they came and explored what it is like in a kindergarten classroom, while meeting some of our educators.

We also had our grade 8 Graduation Trip to Niagara Falls. This was a truly memorable experience and the students had a fantastic time! They were outstanding at representing CVPS everywhere we went! Many thanks to Mrs. Melnichuk, Mr. Saunders and Ms. Ho, who accompanied the students. I really enjoyed going and spending time with all of the grade 8s. What a fantastic group of students!

Our **School Fun Fair** is coming up on June 12th. Please see the flyer below for details. We will have 2 food trucks, a hot dog cart, pizza, candy floss, an ice cream truck and some other food options. Be sure to come hungry! Please note that cash will be required for most of our food vendors. The **Fun Fair** will run from **4-7 p.m.** We will have many sports stations, face painting, mural drawing, giant lego, balloon animals and much more! We hope to see you there!

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, June 10	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pizza lunch
Tuesday, June 11	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Swiss Chalet lunchZoo to You presentation - Kindergarten & CC class
Wednesday, June 12	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Subway lunchStudent Mental Health Team- am recessKnitting & Crocheting club - am recessPokemon Club - am recessFun Fair - 4-7 pm
Thursday, June 13	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Throwback Thursday (80s, 90s, 00s)Indigenous Learning Assembly 11:10 am - 12:45 pm
Friday, June 14	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indigenous Celebration AssemblyHero burger lunchEco Club - am recessPokemon Club - am recessSnack Shack - lunch

Mark your calendars:

June 18	Soccer area tournament	June 25	Graduates luncheon
June 19	Amaya James- author visit	June 26	Year end assembly
June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet	June 27	Last day- early dismissal 12:00
June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS		
June 24	Primary Playday		

Attachments for this week:

[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - June 2024 | York Region District School Board](#)

Attention current and former students and parents...

Mr. Saunders is retiring!

Please feel free to drop by the library after school on June 18 to celebrate Mr. Saunders!





June is National Indigenous Month

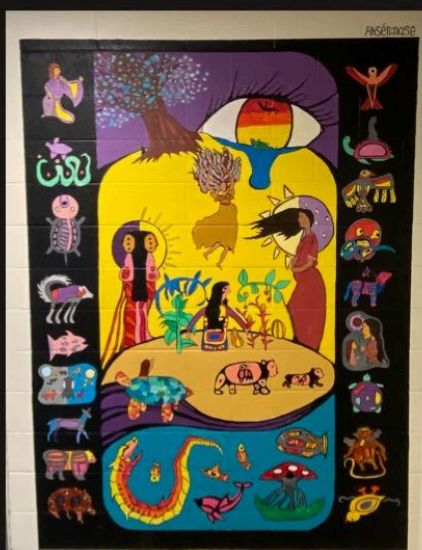
Over the course of the month, we at CVPS will be recognizing, honouring and celebrating the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people and communities in Canada.

On *Tuesday June 4th*, the school took part in a run/walk around the school to honour Tom Longboat an Onondaga runner born at the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ontario. Longboat is one of Canada's best runners, and the first Indigenous athlete to win the Boston Marathon in 1907 at the age of just 19.

On *Friday June 14th*, the grade 4s will be hosting an Indigenous Celebration Assembly which will be followed by school-wide activities to learn about and acknowledge the rich, diverse histories of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples' in Canada.

Friday June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples' Day

The week leading up to this day, we will be asking classes to complete a water droplet activity. This activity is part of a *Water is a Human Right: Call for Action* that the Grade 4s will be sharing at the June 14th assembly. This is a short art-based activity that will take no longer than a period with your class. Materials and resources will be shared with your students after the assembly.



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

June is Pride Month

Pride Month is an opportunity for schools to embrace inclusion and celebrate diversity. On Tuesday June 4th we held a flag raising ceremony at the school to honour the beginning of Pride Month.





CVPS Fun Fair 2024

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Admission is FREE!



FOOD



Curbside Dogs Food Truck (H)
Delight Bite Food Truck (H,V)
Ice Cream Truck
Hot Dogs (H)
Pizza (H,V)
Sour Keys (H)
Candy Floss

H = halal options V = vegetarian options

SPORTS



Soccer
Rugby
Volleyball
Floor Hockey/Ball Hockey
Gaga Ball

ACTIVITIES



Obstacle Course
Face Painting
Playdough
LEGO/STEM Room
Sketch & Draw
Taylor Swift Friendship Room

AND MORE ACTIVITIES



Just Dance/Karaoke
Balloon Animals
Collaborative Mural
Photo Booth/Selfie Wall
Barry Hutt Piano
Giant Jenga & Connect 4



...AND EVEN MORE!

Silent Auction
Markham Fire Department



BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

CVPS Staff
CVPS School Council



- Admission and activities are FREE!
- Food Trucks - Cash/Debit/Credit accepted
- Hot dogs, pizza & candy - cash only
- Silent Auction Items - cash or SchoolCash Online payment



Last call for Lost & Found items. Anything unclaimed by the end of the next week will be taking a trip to the donation bin.





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LOST and FOUND

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

Free Bike Safety Event June 8th 2024

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AND MUCH MORE!

FREE bicycle lights and bicycle bells* - Courtesy of CAA * while supplies last.

Early Dismissal June 27

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 27, 2024**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 27, 2024 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **12:00 p.m. (noon)**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Families whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

Program Registration - Indigenous Languages & International Languages

Elementary Classes (SK to Grade 8)

Registration opens Thursday, May 30, 2024, and will close on Monday, September 9, 2024. Classes will be held in-person at various YRDSB school locations and online.

Secondary Credit Courses (Grades 9 to 12)

Registration will open mid-July and will close the 3rd week of class. Remote learning will be in real-time using Google Classroom to deliver both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

If you have any questions, please email ILIL@yrdsb.ca.

Summer Adult English Classes

Adult Non-Credit English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are available on an ongoing basis including the summer semester from June 17 to July 26, 2024. Online and in-person classes throughout York Region are available from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. & 6 to 9 p.m.

Please contact 905-731-9557 or uplands@yrdsb.ca for more info.

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

Summer Institute Registration

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at nine school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute webpage](#).

Registration opens March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Families can register online.



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.

Indoor Shoes



We ask that every student have a pair of shoes they wear outdoors and one pair they use indoors. This helps to keep the floors safe for walking inside the school.



Walking and Wheeling to School

We strongly encourage all of our students who are not on the bus to walk or wheel to school. Walking or wheeling to school allows you to get exercise and fresh air before starting the school day. We even have bike racks for your use. Please be sure your child has a proper fitting helmet!

FUNDRAISER

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!

mabel's labels.

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



Worth Repeating:



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.

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.

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.

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.