



This week Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

March 28, 2024.

Hello Cornell Village Families,

It doesn't feel much like spring but April is arriving! Your children are amazing and they bring smiles to our faces each and every day. Thank you for your continued support in sending them to school on time, ready to learn. If your child ever has a difficult morning and you think they will need some support at school, please email us and we will ensure they are fed, watered, and feeling okay! We are here to help.

Be sure to see the flyers in the Communicator, so you can see all of the incredible things happening this spring! Please mark your calendars for the **Fun Fair which will be held June 12!** We will need a lot of parent volunteers to help organize and supervise this event. Please send us your name if you are able to help out. As well, we are always looking for connections or donations. If you have connections to food vendors or any companies that would be suitable for a fun fair, please send us an email. We are also looking for donations for our silent auction. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead.

As always, please reach out if we can help with anything at all!

Sincerely,

Heather Purcell
Principal
heather.purcell@yrdsb.ca

Joanne Trim
Vice Principal
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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Monday, April 1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No School - Easter Monday
Tuesday, April 2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swiss Chalet lunch Wear RED for Autism Acceptance Month Coding club - am recess Jr. Boys Basketball - 8am Wonka Musical Rehearsal- 1:10 p.m. Intermediate Basketball Intramurals - am recess
Wednesday April 3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subway lunch Anime Dance Club - am recess Student Mental Health Team- am recess Gr 7/8 orchestra - lunch recess Badminton Team - am recess Pokemon Club - am recess Jr. Boys Basketball - lunch recess Primary Choir - lunch recess
Thursday, April 4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chess Club - am recess - library Origami Club (gr. 4 & 5) - am recess Games club - am recess Wonka Musical Rehearsal- am recess Jr. Girls Basketball - lunch Badminton Team - after school
Friday, April 5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hero Burger lunch Eco Club - am recess Pokemon Club - am recess Jr. Boys Basketball - am recess Snack Shack - lunch Jr. Boys Basketball - lunch recess

Mark your calendars:

<p>April 8</p> <p>April 11</p> <p>April 15</p> <p>April 17</p> <p>April 22-26</p> <p>April 24</p> <p>May 1</p> <p>May 6</p> <p>May 7</p> <p>May 8</p> <p>May 15</p>	<p>Early dismissal at 12:30</p> <p>Youth SPACE workshop</p> <p>School Council</p> <p>Boys' Junior Basketball areas-CVPS</p> <p>Pause to Play</p> <p>Wonka Musical</p> <p>Welcome to Kindergarten Evening</p> <p>School Council</p> <p>Junior-Intermediate Strings Showcase and Art Nights</p> <p>Kindergarten/Primary concert</p> <p>7&8 Immunizations</p>	<p>June 5-6</p> <p>June 12</p> <p>June 12</p> <p>June 19</p> <p>June 19</p> <p>June 20</p>	<p>Grade 8 Trip</p> <p>SODA Track & Activities Meet</p> <p>Fun Fair</p> <p>Amaya James- author visit</p> <p>Track & Field Regional Meet</p> <p>Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS</p>
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Attachments for this week:

📄 Chapel Place Sports Camp.pdf

📄 CNE Rising Star.pdf

Dear families,

On Monday, April 8, 2024, a full solar eclipse will occur, which will block the sun's light in some areas.

In York Region, we will experience effects of the eclipse between roughly 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., which coincides with the scheduled dismissal times for our schools. We have heard concerns regarding the potential for students being outside and inadvertently looking at the sun, which may cause serious health problems, such as loss of eyesight. We have also heard concerns of traffic and students walking home during peak darkness.

Out of concern for student safety, on April 8, 2024, all students in elementary and secondary schools will be dismissed early. Student after school activities will also be cancelled for that afternoon. Students at Cornell Village P.S. will be dismissed at 12:30 pm.

Transportation services such as busing and taxis will be adjusted for the early dismissal. The schedule for student transportation in the morning of April 8 will remain the same. Transportation in the afternoon will be modified to align with the early dismissal time and will be communicated to families.

As you may have seen, some Ontario school boards moved a preexisting April PA Day to coincide with the eclipse on April 8. This is not possible for our board due to contractual obligations, prior commitments and because there is no preexisting April PA Day.

We are working with child care providers to determine their plans for the day. If you have questions about child care, please contact your child's child care provider directly.

The [Government of Canada website](#) has additional information related to solar eclipses that you may review.

Please know that this decision was made with student safety at its centre. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

YRDSB

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.



Class Placement for the 2023-2024 School Year

As we organize for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account Ministry and Board guidelines, individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, behaviours, Multi Language Learners and Special Education needs, and work habits. We appreciate that parents/guardians have valuable information to share with us in this regard. If you have information or suggestions, which will assist us in making appropriate placement, **please write a brief note to Heather Purcell by Friday, May 3, 2024**: heather.purcell@yrdsb.ca. Please put **CLASS PLACEMENT INPUT** in the subject line of the email. Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure which you feel would be the most appropriate for your child's success. When teachers along with school administration get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions.

Supports for Students with Autism and their Families

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5

Please [register](#) by Apr. 28, 2024.

This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board. For more information, please email shani.blake@yrdsb.ca or pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca

Please note that Childcare will not be provided.

Neurodiversity Resource Fair

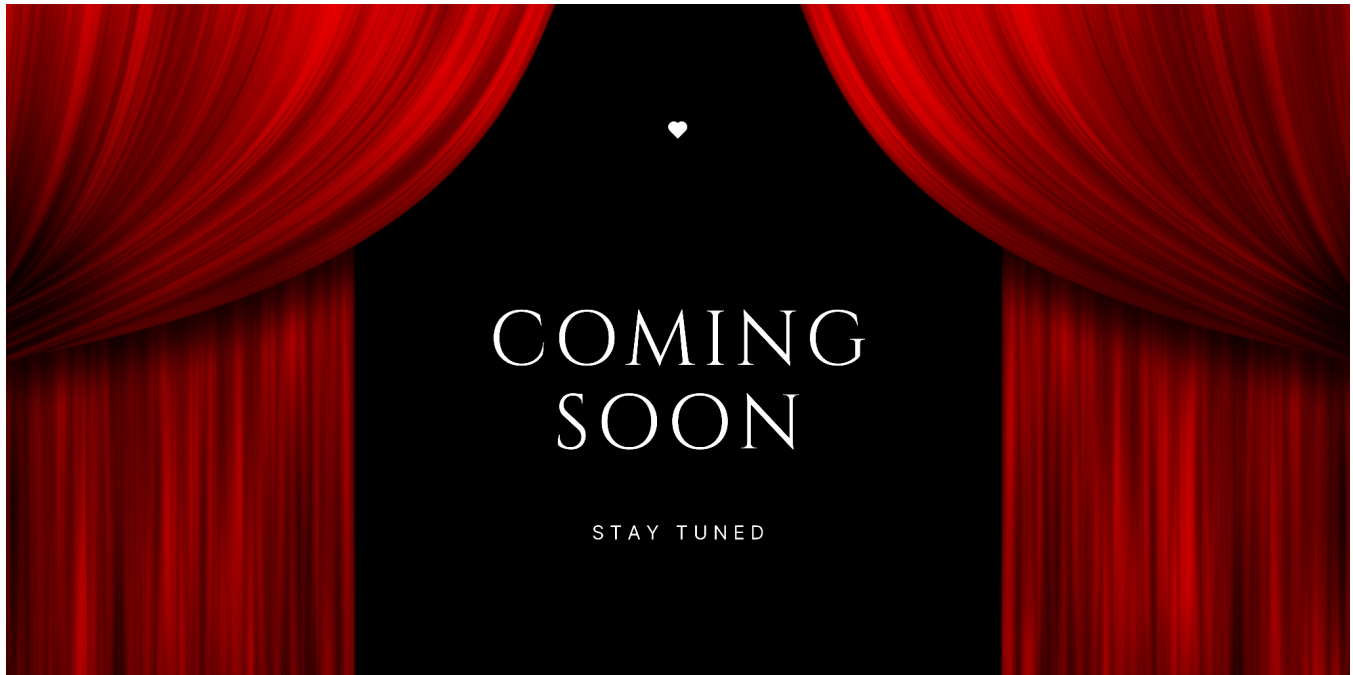
Sat. April 6 | 1 - 4 PM
Angus Glen Library

Join us for our Neurodiversity Resource Fair at the Angus Glen Library on Saturday April 6th from 1-4pm!

This event is free to all and will provide you the opportunity to **connect with organizations** who **specialize in supporting children with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, speech/language and more.**



REGISTER NOW



Hello Families!

The Willy Wonka Kids cast has been busy rehearsing on stage! We are 5 weeks away from our show and we are so excited to perform for you!! Tickets will go on sale on School Cash online in a couple weeks. We will be giving an evening performance here at CVPS on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00pm.

Also, save the date for our CVPS Spring Concert Series! Our theme this year is Music From Movies! The Junior/Intermediate String Showcase and Art Gallery Show will take place Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30pm. It will feature ukulele and orchestra classes from grades 4-8 (not including the 3/4 split class.) Your ticket includes entry to the art gallery as well as the concert. More details to come soon!

Then, on Wednesday, May 8th, our Kindergarten classes will take the stage at 5:30pm. Our Primary Concert will follow that same night beginning at 6:45pm. This Primary Concert will feature all grade 1 - 3 classes - including our grade 3/4 split class.

Ticket info will follow soon. We look forward to sharing our many talents with you as we bring music from movies to the live stage!

Coming soon...
WONKA



CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOW SHOWING

**STRING
SHOWCASE** 

*Tickets \$3 each
School Cash Online*

TUESDAY, MAY 7TH, 2024 @ 6:30PM

FEATURING GRADES 4-8



**CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRESENTS**

**MUSIC
FROM
THE MOVIES**

Wednesday, May 8th, 2024

6:45pm

**BUY YOUR TICKETS
TODAY ON SCHOOL CASH
ONLINE - \$3 EACH**

FEATURING GRADES 1 - 3/4



**NOW
SHOWING**

**KINDERGARTEN
CONCERT**



WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH, 2024

@ 5:30pm

A CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRODUCTION

CVPS GYMNASIUM

TICKETS \$3 EACH
SCHOOL CASH 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.

Ramadan

During Lunch, as an option for Muslim students, a quiet, comfortable space away from food sources for students who are fasting will be provided. At CVPS, our students are invited to use the art room, room 224. We have a designated prayer room as well.

If there are religious accommodations that your child needs, please fill in the Request for Faith Accommodations form.

 [FOR-ReligiousAccommodationsRequest.pdf](#)

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

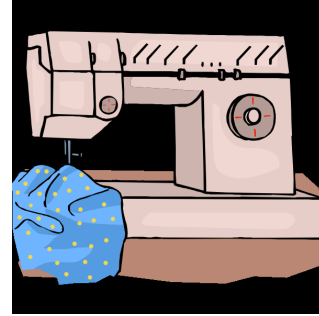
We strongly encourage all of our students who are not on the bus to walk or wheel to school. Walking or wheeling to school allows you to get exercise and fresh air before starting the school day. We even have bike racks for your use!

Sewing Club is Coming Back!

Donations Accepted!

Materials:

- Fleece
- 100% cotton, cotton-flannel
- Good quality thread (Guterman)
- Iron**
- Portable ironing board**
- Fabric scissors
- Ribbon
- Zippers (14") or longer



Please note we have 5 sewing machines at the school so we may have to divide the groups into different sessions depending on numbers. Returning members will have an opportunity to try new projects out. New members will learn the basics of operating the sewing machine and create some exciting projects TBD.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions:

Ms. Schmidt

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.

Welcome to Kindergarten Night is on May 1st at 6:30 p.m.

📄 Camp Black Brilliance 2024 - Flyer - JK/SK Entering School September 2024

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.



Please remind your children that students should not be sharing snacks or lunches. We have many students with allergies and food sensitivities. Please speak to your children at home and ask them not to offer or ask for food from others. If students are in need of snacks, we have many healthy options available in our Healthy Snack Programme bins.

Canadian Tire Grant- See link below

(for Students in need of financial support for sports)



To be eligible for funding for one or more children, families must first meet specific financial criteria as per Revenue Canada's Low-Income Cut-Offs (LICO) chart. Jumpstart uses the furthest column to the right of the chart for eligibility.

Other Funding Requirements

- Children must fall between the ages of 4 - 18 years old.
- Funding is allocated to sustained programs that involve a sport or physical activity.
- Programs should be a minimum of five weeks in duration and include at least one session per week. In the case of sports camps, the program must last at least five consecutive days for consideration.

<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grant>

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 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.