

Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

May 10, 2024.

Hello Families!

What a fantastic week at CVPS! On Tuesday, we had our **Arts Exhibition** followed by our **Junior-Intermediate Strings Showcase.** On Wednesday, we had our **Kindergarten Concert** followed by our Primary- grade 1-3 (including the 3/4), *Music from the Movies concert*! Photos to follow next week!

Yearbooks are on sale starting today! You will not want to miss this opportunity to capture the amazing 2023-2024 school year! Each class will have many photos in the yearbook. As well, all of the clubs, activities, sports and shows are included. It is an excellent quality yearbook that your child will treasure for years to come! Please see the flyer included below. The opportunity to purchase the yearbook is up on School Cash On-line now. Get yours today!

We have noticed some unsafe driving and walking habits with arrival and departures to and from school. There are a number of students jaywalking (not crossing at the intersection). This is very unsafe as our school is in a high traffic zone. We have also been told that many young children are not wearing seatbelts and/or are sitting in the front seat of vehicles. This is not safe and very concerning. We care about the safety of your children and your families. The warm weather is here! Please walk, bike or scooter to school and back.

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, May 13	1	 Pizza lunch for those who ordered knitting and crocheting club- snack recess Sticker club Sewing Club- after school School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. 	
Tuesday, May 14	2	 Swiss Chalet lunch for those who ordered Coding club - am recess Presentation Club- am recess Badminton intramurals-lunch recess Mental Health Workshop- grades 2 and 3 Primary sewing club 	
Wednesday May 15	3	 Subway lunch for those who ordered Student Mental Health Team- am recess Soccer tryouts-lunch recess Grade 7&8 Immunizations Sewing- junior Tuesday group 	
Thursday, May 16	4	 Chess Club - am recess - library Origami Club (gr. 4 & 5) - am recess School Track and Field Meet Sewing Club- primary 	
Friday, May 17	5	 Hero Burger lunch for those who ordered Eco Club - am recess Pokemon Club - am recess Snack Shack - lunch Soccer tryouts-lunch recess KARATE- paid programme 	

Mark your calendars:

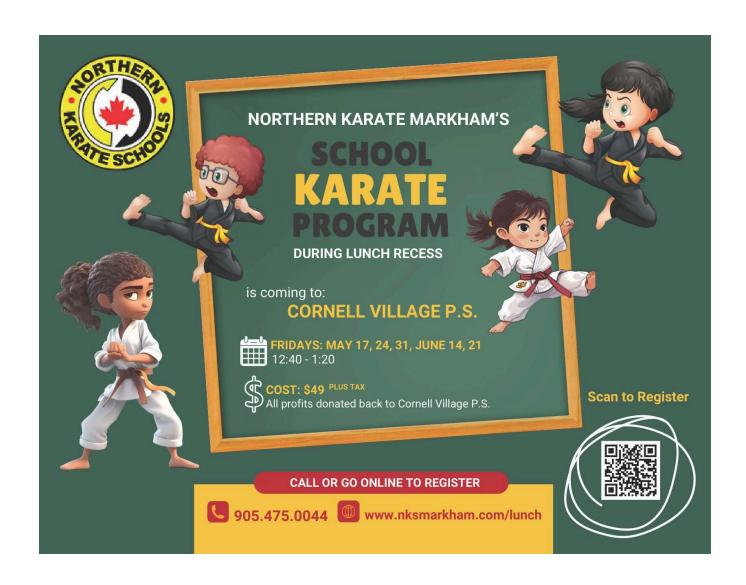
May 27 May 27-31 June 4	Accessabilities Assembly Bike to School Week Kindergarten visits- new students	June 5-6 June 12 June 12 June 14 June 19 June 19	Fun Fair 4:00-7:00 pm Indigenous Recognition and celebration- assembly Amaya James- author visit
		June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS

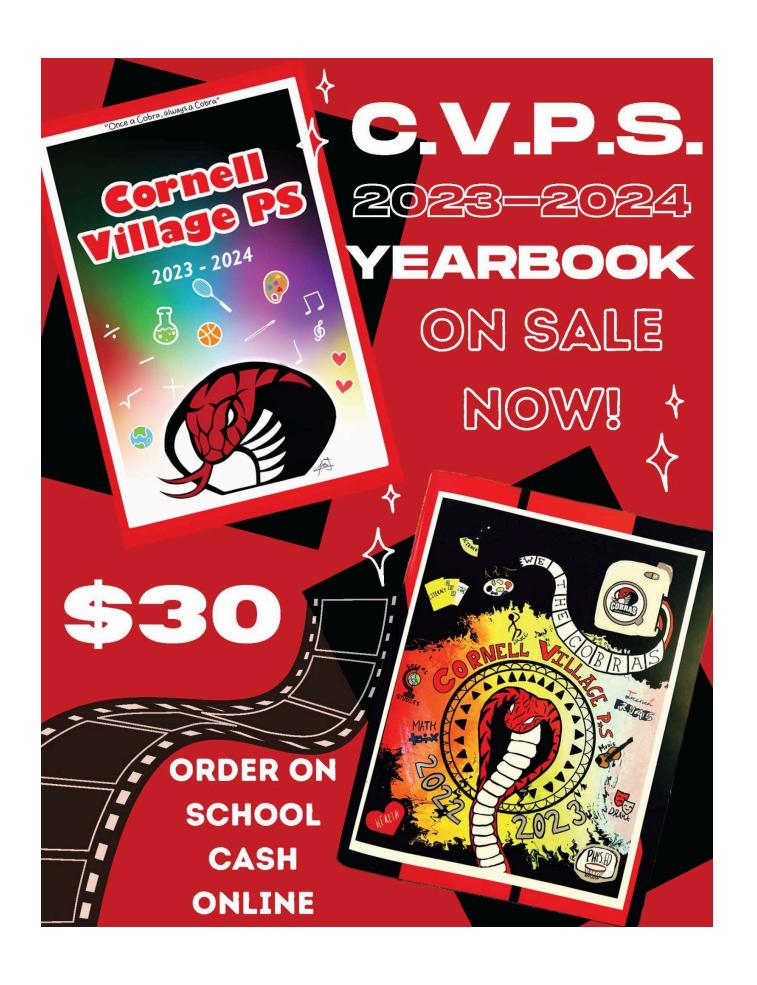
Attachments for this week:

Approved Elementary 2024-2025 updated Feb 2024.pdf

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - May 2024

- Cornell Village P.S_Northern Karate.pdf
- Love Gelato Fundraiser.pdf
- CVPS 2023-2024 year book.pdf
- Chapel Place Sports Camp.pdf







Asian and South Asian Heritage Month

The YRDSB takes pride in recognizing Asian and South Asian Heritage month. This month provides a vital opportunity to explore, understand and affirm the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Canadians of Asian and South Asian descent. The Government of Canada officially declared May as <u>Asian Heritage Month in 2002</u>, while the Legislative Assembly of Ontario designated May as <u>South Asian Heritage Month in 2001</u> and <u>Asian Heritage Month in 2005</u>.

Throughout this month, communities across York Region and across Canada will be coming together in solidarity to appreciate the vibrant and significant heritages of Canadians of the Asian and South Asian diasporas. As part of an unwavering commitment to creating inclusive learning and working environments, throughout the year, it is important to design meaningful opportunities to learn more about the social, ethnic, cultural and religious diversity and histories of Canadians of Asian descent and honour their ongoing contributions to Canada.

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month

<u>Canadian Jewish Heritage Month</u> was given Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (Jewish Heritage Month Act, 2012, S.O. 2012, c. 1 - Bill 17) on April 24, 2012, and in the Senate of Canada on March 29, 2018. As we approach the month of May, staff and students are encouraged to engage in opportunities that celebrate and affirm Jewish histories and the achievements of the Jewish community.

Canada is home to the fourth largest Jewish population in the world. There are close to 400,000 Jewish residents in Canada, and almost half of that number reside in Ontario. Jewish immigrants in Canada can be traced as far back as 1760. Jewish Canadians have proudly contributed to Canadian heritage in all of its facets including the military, the arts, government, business, academia, law, medicine, culture, and sports. Throughout the month of May, we celebrate the contributions Jewish Canadians make in communities across the country.







CRAVING FOR GELATO?

Love Gelato & CVPS Partnership



Purchase a Love Box with 9 individual servings of gelato for a discounted price. Dairy and nut free options available.



Kindergarten Registration for September is Now Open!

Children born in 2020 are eligible for kindergarten in September. Please visit the <u>YRDSB</u> <u>Kindergarten page</u> 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.

Parent/caregiver series supporting learning about mental health.

The YRDSB Central Mental Health Team is proud to be offering the *Learning about Mental Health Presentation Series (LAMPS).* The objective of the series is to promote and enhance mental health literacy.

The second session is "Technology Use and Mental Health, a Presentation for Parents and Caregivers" and will occur virtually on May 29th from 6 - 7 p.m. The presentation will focus on the characteristics of anxiety, and some general strategies that may be beneficial in supporting your children and their anxiety.

These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian. Translation will be provided in a limited number of languages. If your preferred language is not offered, we recommend watching with a friend or family member who is able to translate.

To register please visit this link.

Please Register by May 28th, 2024



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 <u>campaigns.mabelslabels.com</u> 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!

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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.
- 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.

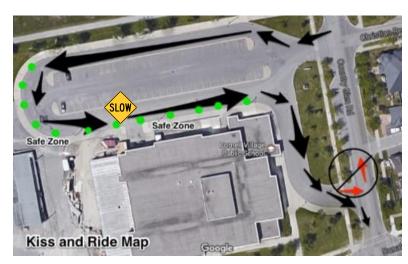
Donations can be made by clicking on the Donate button on School Cash Online or by sending a cheque made out to Cornell Village Public School. Charitable donation receipts can be emailed to you directly for any amount \$20 or greater. Your donation will go towards all three greas of need.

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 <u>screening tool</u> 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.

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 <u>online video tutorial to learn more</u>
(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.

