



## Cobra Communicator

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

May 24, 2024.

Hello Families!

Next week is **Bike to School Week**. We have many students who ride their bikes to school and use our bike racks. We hope to see many more students bike, walk or scooter to school. Please see important information included in this Communicator, regarding safety and biking. We are reminding all students and their families that you should walk your bike on school property as there are many pedestrians using the path.

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, May 27	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pokemon Club - am recess</li> <li><b>Accessibilities Assembly 2:00 p.m.</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday, May 28	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swiss Chalet lunch for those who ordered</li> <li>Coding club - am recess</li> <li>Presentation Club- am recess</li> <li>Badminton intramurals-lunch recess</li> <li>Sewing club-junior</li> </ul>
Wednesday May 29	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subway lunch for those who ordered</li> <li>Student Mental Health Team- am recess</li> </ul>
Thursday, May 30	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Origami Club (gr. 4 &amp; 5) - am recess</li> <li>Sewing Club- junior</li> <li>fire Drill</li> </ul>
Friday, May 31	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Volunteer Tea 8:15-9:00 a.m.</b></li> <li>Hero Burger lunch for those who ordered</li> <li>Eco Club - am recess</li> <li>Snack Shack - lunch</li> <li><b>KARATE- paid programme</b></li> </ul>

Mark your calendars:

June 3-6	Primary EQAO	June 14	Indigenous Recognition- assembly
June 4	Kindergarten visits- new students	June 18	<b>Soccer area tournament</b>
June 5-6	Junior EQAO	June 19	<b>Amaya James-</b> author visit
June 5-6	Grade 8 Trip	June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
June 12	<b>Fun Fair 4:00-7:00 pm</b>	June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS
		June 24	<b>Primary Playday</b>
		June 25	Graduates luncheon
		June 26	Year end assembly
		June 27	<b>Last day- early dismissal 12:00</b>

Caregiver Evening Offering:

**Date:** May 29, 2024 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

**Topic:** “Mental Health and Technology” - [register here!](#)

- Please find attached a [pdf Flyer](#) for this event and share widely with caregivers!

## Attachments for this week:

- Approved Elementary 2024-2025 updated Feb 2024.pdf
- Love Gelato Fundraiser.pdf
- Chapel Place Sports Camp.pdf
- May 29 2024 Embracing Diversity, Celebrating the East Asian Heritage
- YRDSB Indigenous Languages and International Languages - Flyer 2023-2024.pdf

## Bike to School Week is May 27-May 31



Let's get wheeling! The annual Bike to School Week rolls in from May 27 to 31, 2024.

Bike to School Week provides an opportunity for students to try riding a bike to school for the first time, learn new skills, connect with others, or have fun exploring the neighbourhood and nature.

When cycling, remember to:

- Wear a properly fitting helmet. Every cyclist under 18 must wear a bike helmet.
- Air Brakes Chain – Check your bike's tires, brakes and chain before you start riding.
- Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light or reflector at the front, and a red light or reflector at the back. For information and to learn more visit the [Government of Ontario's bicycle safety information](#).
- **Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.**
- **Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.**
- **Lock your bike in bike racks.**
- **Be visible and dress for the weather.**

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution around your school.

### **Benefits of Biking to School**

- Promotes physical and mental health
- Students arrive energized and ready to learn
- Improved safety in school zones
- Good for the environment
- Convenient, bicycling is often faster than sitting in traffic
- Good for the community, encourages social interaction
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future
- Just plain old simple fun!

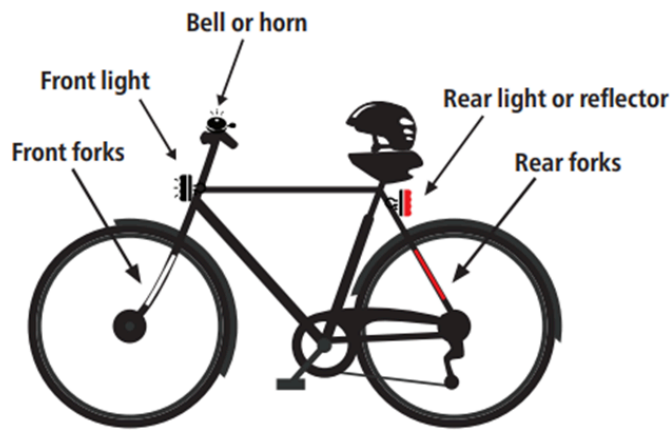
# Cycling Safety Factsheet

Be Seen - Be Heard - Be Safe

## Did you know?

Ontario law requires that you equip your bike with:

- ✓ White reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on the rear forks
- ✓ A white front light and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between 1/2 hour before sunset and 1/2 hour after sunrise
- ✓ A bell or horn that works



Every cyclist under 18 years of age must wear an approved bicycle helmet

Graphic and more information can be found at [York Region Cycling education webpage](#).



# SEWING CLUB

## PYJAMA PANTS!!

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## Grade 7 Trip to Markham Stouffville Hospital



## 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.

## LOST & FOUND

Please take a look at the photos below to see if you recognize any of your child's belongings. Our Lost & Found tables are overflowing with mitts, hats, jackets, snow pants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, water bottles and more! Next week will be the final chance to claim lost items before they are donated to families in need.

This may be a good time to remind you of our Mabel's Labels fundraiser...enter **Cornell Village Public School (MARKHAM)** in the search bar.







## The Month of May is Armenian Heritage Month

Armenian Heritage month was given Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2022 through Bill 105 Act to proclaim the month of May as Armenian Heritage Month.

Ontario is home to more than 100,000 people of Armenian heritage. Armenians began migrating to Canada in the 1880s. The first Armenian to do so was Garabed Nergarian, who settled in Port Hope, Ontario in 1887. Approximately 37 Armenians came to Ontario in 1892 and 100 more settled in the province in 1895. After the Hamidian massacres of the mid-1890s, Armenian families began settling in greater numbers in Ontario. Decades later, approximately 2,000 survivors of the 1915 Armenian Genocide — mostly women and children — came to Canada as refugees.


May is a significant month for the Armenian community. May 28, 1918, is widely celebrated by Armenian people around the world as the day Armenians regained sovereignty over their historical territory. The 1918 Armenian Declaration of Independence is a symbol of Armenians' aspiration for freedom, democracy and independence. May 28th is one of the most important Armenian holidays, and many parades and festivities take place during the month of May.



## Family Engagement Evening - Embracing Diversity, Celebrating East Asian Heritage

This event will feature:

- Captivating cultural musical and instrumental performances by talented students, along with interactive cultural demonstrations and activities
- The “Standing in the Doorway” traveling exhibition that explores the history of Chinese immigration to York Region
- Exploring community resources that support East Asian students and families

To register:  May 29 2024 Embracing Diversity, Celebrating the East Asian Heritage

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:uplands@yrdsb.ca) for more info.





[CLICK HERE](#)



# CRAVING FOR GELATO?

Love Gelato & CVPS Partnership


**\$28.75**  
per box



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 [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.

## 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 [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://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](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.

## 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 \(bit.ly/edsbyabsence\)](https://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.