



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

November 17, 2023.

It has been quite a week with the IT outage and resulting shutdown of email and board websites. We are hoping everything will be back up and running as soon as possible but for now, we will rely on communicating with you by posting things through Edsby. If you have tried emailing us and have not received a response, it is because we are still not receiving any mail that is external to our school.

Last Friday we had a very moving Remembrance Day assembly. It was very special to have the entire school together to commemorate and honour this important day. We hope that Remembrance Day, and the stories it evokes for each of us, will continue to encourage us to work towards a future where kindness prevails, where humanity triumphs over hatred, and where the sacrifices of the past inspire a legacy of enduring peace. We are collecting donations for the Royal Canadian Legion, up until next Friday.

The November weather has arrived! Please remember to send your child to school with layers. They will enjoy the outdoors much more if they are dressed for the weather. We have had to remind students to leave their coats on when it is cold outside. This may be a good conversation to have at home (especially with our youngest students).

Thank you for all of your support and partnership!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
November 20	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pizza Day for those who ordered- session 2 ● Intermediate Boys' volleyball area tournament at Cornell Village PS -a.m. ● Bullying Prevention Week ● Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits begin (by appointment)
November 21	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cricket Club (grades 4-8) -lunch ● 7/8 Orchestra- lunch recess ● Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment) ● Fire Safety Visit - Grades 3 & 4
November 22	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sub sandwiches for those who ordered-session 2 ● 4-8 choir- snack recess ● Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment)
November 23	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits begin (by appointment)
November 24	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hero Burgers- session 2 ● Dental Screening ● Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment) ● Grade 1-3 Field trip to theatre

Mark your calendars:

Nov. 27	Dental Screening
Nov 28	Photo Retakes/Grade 8 photos
Jan. 15	School Council Meeting
Feb. 1	Grade 8 Graduation Photos
Feb. 5	School Council Meeting
Feb. 6	Jr. Girls Volleyball Regional Meet
Feb. 8	Jr. Boys Volleyball Regional Meet
March 4	Int. Girls Basketball Regionals
March 5	Int. Boys Basketball Regionals
April 30	Jr. Girls Basketball Regionals
May 1	Jr. Boys Basketball Regionals
June 12	SODA Track & Activities Meet
June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS

Attachments for this week:

GoGoSqueez - Accepted Waste Poster



CVPS is Eco-friendly!

CVPS is working towards achieving an Ecoschool certification this year! As part of the certification process, we will be participating in some recycling programs. We will be collecting batteries and squeeze pouches such as GoGo Squeeze and Applesnax type food pouches for recycling.

GoGo Squeeze-type pouches: Just bring in any empty pouches with caps on to be placed in the box in front of the library. All brands of plastic squeezable snack food pouches and caps are accepted. For more information: <https://www.terracycle.com/en-CA/brigades/snack-pouch-en-ca>

[GoGo squeeZ® Snack Pouch Free Recycling Program](https://www.terracycle.com/en-CA/brigades/snack-pouch-en-ca)



TerraCycle® and GoGo squeeZ® have partnered to create a free national recycling program. Send in your plastic snack pouches and caps waste, and we'll recycle them.

www.terracycle.com

Batteries: Some batteries need to be prepared before placing in the bucket. Please see the link with instructions and details about what batteries are accepted.

Learn how to properly prepare and store your batteries prior to recycling.

[How to Prepare Your Batteries for Recycling](https://www.rawmaterials.com)

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Changemakers' Food Drive



Mr. Harnum's and Ms. Nissen's Grade 4 classes have been working on an initiative called "The Changemakers". These two classes have been working very, very hard to help the hungry citizens in our home area. We will be collecting food and personal hygiene donations from November 13 to December 8. Some of the most needed food items are: bags of rice, individually wrapped snacks, hot cereal, instant coffee, and jam. The most needed personal hygiene items are: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes. If you can donate we would really appreciate it.



Dear Parents, Students, and Teachers,

The Changemakers' Food Drive is happening now! 164 pieces of food have been collected so far. Remember we will be collecting non-perishable foods, and personal hygiene items, for the Markham Food Bank until December 8. Fun facts about the Markham food Bank:

- The Markham Food Bank is a registered non-profit charity working to alleviate food insecurity for Markham community members.
- With the help of volunteers and donations, the Markham Food Bank offers food supplies and other basic necessities to community members.
- The Markham Food Bank has been assisting the Community Since 1984.
- The Markham Food Bank is committed to creating a welcoming environment of fairness and equality for everyone who walks through their doors.

If you want to donate money instead of food items, you can donate directly to the Markham Food Bank. Thank you for supporting our initiative to change our world.

From,

The Grade 4 Changemakers

Hindu Heritage Month

Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario. Hinduism is considered by some as one of the world's oldest religions, dating back over 10,000 years. With over 900 million followers worldwide, Hinduism is the third-largest religion.

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 just purchased new prayer mats

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.

School Lunches

Pizza #2 Mondays		Nov 20, 27, Dec 4, 11, 18
Subs #2 Wednesdays		Nov 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20
Burgers #2 Fridays		Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22

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 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](#) (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.