



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

November 24, 2023.

We hope that you all had the chance to read and review the Progress Reports that were sent home last week. As well, we hope that you found the parent-teacher interviews/conferences informative. We truly value the partnership with our families with our strong focus on student achievement and well-being. Please reach out to your child's teacher at any point, should you have questions, comments or concerns. Please know that student well-being is of utmost importance to all of us at Cornell Village P.S.

Over the past two weeks, many of our students participated in the Intermediate Area tournament for volleyball. We are proud of all of our players who represented our school so well. They demonstrated positivity, amazing sportsmanship and solid improvement during the course of the season. We are also extremely grateful for all of our staff who coach and run our teams and clubs. It takes a village!

If you have any comments, questions, concerns or compliments, please reach out!

Thank you for all of your support and partnership!

Sincerely,

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Current Clubs and Activities

Thank you to the amazing Cornell Village P.S. Staff! There are so many opportunities to be involved in life around the school. Here is a snapshot of what is going on:

Junior Boys' Volleyball: Tryouts Monday, November 27 and Thursday, November 30.
Teachers: Ms. Mac and Mr. Primiani (students grades 4-6)

Junior Girls' Volleyball: Tryouts Wednesday, November 28 and Friday, December 1 (students grades 4-6) Teachers: Ms. Nikolovski and Ms. Haggart

Eco-Team for students in grades 1-8: For those students who care about the Environment and want to make a difference at CVPS. See teachers Mr. Primiani, Mrs. Crouse or Ms. Cheung for details!

Junior and Intermediate Knitting and Crocheting Club: For those students in grades 4-8 interested in crocheting and knitting. See teachers: Ms. Tigert and Ms. Cheung for details!

Cricket Club- Grades 4-8: Happening every Tuesday at lunch recess. No experience necessary! Teacher: Mr. Harnum

Student Council-Grades 6,7,8: First Meeting is on Monday November 27 at morning recess! Room 205. Teachers: Ms. Haggart and Ms. Nikolovski

Pickleball- Grades 7 and 8: Intramural Pickleball will be happening soon. Sign up now! Teacher: Ms. Dobben

Primary Choir: Grades 1-3 See Mrs. Kennedy for details!

Junior and Intermediate Choir: See Mrs. Perritt for details

Junior and Intermediate Orchestra: See Mrs. Perritt for details

School Musical: (auditions have happened) See Mrs. Perritt, Ms. Vaisanen, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. McQueen for details

Youth Mental Health Committee: The group is open to students in grades 6-8 who are interested in being part of the school Youth SPACE team. Youth S.P.A.C.E stands for (Students Promoting Awareness Connection & Empowerment for Mental Health and Well-being). This leadership opportunity is to provide a safe and inclusive space for student leadership and engagement in support of mental health and well-being. They will be part of creating fun mental health activities and resources for all students at Cornell.

Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
November 27	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Day for those who ordered • Dental Screening • Student Council- first Meeting (Students in grades 6,7,8) Room 205 • Knitting & Crochet Club - morning recess • Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment)
November 28	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) • Grade 3 Gifted Screening - Mrs. Crouse's class • Photo Retake Day
November 29	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub sandwiches for those who ordered • Gr. 4-8 choir- snack recess • Primary (Gr. 1-3) choir - lunch recess • Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment) • Grade 3 Gifted Screening - Ms. Tigert's class
November 30	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment) • Eco Team meeting - morning recess • Grade 3 Gifted Screening - Mrs Kennedy's Class
Dec 1	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hero Burgers • Year 1 Kindergarten Observation visits (by appointment)



Photo Retakes

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Edge Imaging will be back at your school for retake photos. If you would like your child to have a retake photo done, please fill in the information below and submit to the classroom teacher.


Students Name: _____ Grade: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Mark your calendars:

Dec 5	Outdoor Ed. field trip-Saunders	Jan. 15	School Council Meeting
Dec. 6	Outdoor Ed. field trip- Carvery	Feb. 1	Grade 8 Graduation Photos
Dec. 7	Outdoor Ed. field trip- Nissen	Feb. 5	School Council Meeting
Dec. 8	Outdoor Ed. Field Trip- Harnum/Crouse 4s	Feb. 6	Jr. Girls Volleyball Regional Meet
Dec. 11	Outdoor Ed. Field Trip-Harvey/Schmidt 2s	Feb. 8	Jr. Boys Volleyball Regional Meet
Dec 12	Outdoor Ed. field trip- Primiani/Tigert 2s	March 4	Int. Girls Basketball Regionals
Dec 13	Kindergarten Concert	March 5	Int. Boys Basketball Regionals
Dec 13	Primary Concert	April 30	Jr. Girls Basketball Regionals
Dec 14	Junior-Intermediate Concert	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

 Edge Imaging Retake Permission Slip.pdf

SAVE THE DATE!

We have booked the dates for our Winter Concerts! The Kindergarten Concert will be Wednesday, December 13th at 5:30 pm followed by our Primary Concert at 6:45pm the same evening. The Primary Concerts includes students in grades 1 to 3 – including Ms. Crouse’s grade 3/4 class.

Our Winter String Showcase for our Junior and Intermediate Ukulele and Orchestra Classes will be Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm. Tickets will be available to purchase on School Cash Online next week. See Flyers below!



Last year, we were able to use the money raised through concert sales to purchase 3 additional instruments for our program - a new cello, a violin, and a viola! This year, we are raising money to purchase a new piano keyboard as well as some additional orchestra instruments of smaller sizes. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Here are the amazing instruments we purchased last year thanks to your donations!



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](#)

www.rawmaterials.com



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



CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

OUR

KINDERGARTEN

Winter Concert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

5:30 PM

CVPS GYMNASIUM



TICKETS \$3 EACH

**BUY YOUR TICKETS ON
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE!**



CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS



FLAKES

The Musical



FEATURING GRADES 1 - 3/4
& THE PRIMARY CHOIR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

6:45 - 7:30PM

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CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

- WINTER -

STRING *Showcase*

FEATURING THE J/I CHOIR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

6:30 - 7:30 PM

CVPS GYMNASIUM

TICKETS \$3 EACH

**BUY YOUR TICKETS ON
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE!**

**INCLUDES ALL GRADE 4-8
CLASSES**

Intermediate Boys Volleyball - Area Meet



Firefighter Visit # 2 with our Grade 3 and 4 Classes



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		Dec 4, 11, 18
Subs #2 Wednesdays		Dec 6, 13, 20
Burgers #2 Fridays		Dec 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 EDBSY.

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.