



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

October 4, 2024.

Dear Families,

What a fabulous week we have had at Cornell Village P.S. Our grade 1-6 students went to the Markham Fair. The students loved the fair and for many of our students, this was their first time on a school bus! So many of our students had their artwork displayed at the Fair. Cornell Village P.S. came 3rd overall in the art competition! 3 of our students received top awards! Congratulations to: Kayla Meiboom in grade 8, Saghana Thusyanden in grade 5, and Abby Jeyaveeran in grade 8. Many other students received ribbons but we do not have a full list of these awards. Congratulations to all of our artists!

This week our intermediate students worked with coaches from Markham Irish Rugby Club. They learned many aspects of the game and had a great time! The coaches have agreed to come back and work with our younger grades as well! The beautiful fall weather has allowed us to take advantage of many activities outdoors!

Save the date for a parent/guardian/caregiver engagement evening you won't want to miss! **Paul Davis** will be coming to the school to share information about social media and internet safety on **October 23**. This presentation is valuable for all - even if your child(ren) do not yet access social media or the internet on their own. See the flyer below for more information, mark your calendars and **register for your spot**. This is also open to families from our surrounding schools.

If we can support you in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We value our parents/guardians as valued partners in education.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Heather Purcell

Joanne Trim

Principal

heather.purcell@yrdsb.ca

Vice Principal

joanne.trim@yrdsb.ca

Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Monday, October 7	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Intermediate Girls' Volleyball- lunch recessPizza Day for those who ordered
Tuesday, October 8	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Intermediate Boys' Volleyball- lunch recess
Wednesday October 9	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Intermediate Girls' Volleyball- lunch recessCross Country practice- snack recessSubway Subs for those who ordered
Thursday, October 10	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cross Country Area Meet- Milliken Mills ParkGrade 7 Immunizations
Friday, October 11	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hero Burgers for those who orderedIntermediate Girls' Volleyball- lunch recess

Mark your calendars:

Oct. 23 - Paul Davis presentations
Oct. 24 -School Photo Day
Oct. 29- Space/STEM Presentation 4-8
Nov 6 - Take Our Kids to Work Day
Nov. 8 - Intermediate Boys Volleyball Areas (MDHS)
Nov. 18 - Intermediate Girls Volleyball Areas (Bill Hogarth SS)
Dec. 2 & 3 - Dental Screening
Feb. 3-5 - Lake St. George - Grade 7
March 6 & 7 Milne - Grade 2
March 17 & 18 - Milne - Grade 4
March 19 & 20 - Milne - Grade 7

School Holidays

Thanksgiving Day - Mon., Oct. 14
Winter Break - Dec. 23, 2024 to Jan. 3
Family Day - Mon., Feb. 17
Mid-Winter Break - March 10, to March 14
Good Friday - April 18
Easter Monday - April 21
Victoria Day - Mon. May 19

P.A. Days

Monday, October 21, 2024
Friday, November 15, 2024
Friday, January 17, 2025
Friday, January 31, 2025
Monday, June 9, 2025
Friday, June 27, 2025

In This Week's Communicator

1. EQAO
2. Space Presentation - Grades 4-8
3. Scholastic Book Fair - Thank you!
4. Terry Fox Run
5. Hot Lunches
6. Paul Davis Social Media and Online Safety Presentation - Registration
7. Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser
8. Love Gelato Fundraiser
9. Photo Day
10. Sankofa Mentoring and Program Registration
11. Islamic Heritage Month Celebration
12. Coffee with Tamil Social Worker
13. Photo Highlights
14. Always Good to Know
 - a. Lunch at Home Permission
 - b. EDSBY
 - c. Reporting Lates & Absences for your Child
 - d. Family Vacations
 - e. Health Forms
 - f. [School Cash online](#) - please ensure you are signed up ASAP

EQAO

The Ministry published last spring's EQAO results last week (www.eqao.com). While Cornell Village's results are very good and we are proud of the results, we want to remind our community of some key messaging:

- EQAO assessment data provide one small source of information to support the improvement of student learning
- The Board does not support the use of results to rank or compare schools

The table below shows the percentage of students in grade 3 and 6 who scored at or above the Provincial Standard (Level 3 and 4).

EQAO Results 2023-2024 Percentage of Students Achieving Level 3 and 4:

Primary (grade 3)	Cornell Village P.S.	Board	Province	Junior (grade 6)	Cornell Village P.S.	Board	Province
Reading	89	75	71	Reading	87	87	82
Writing	85	70	64	Writing	87	88	80
Math	80	71	61	Math	66	64	50

Space Presentation - Grades 4 - 8



On October 29, CVPS is pleased to welcome Markham resident, Emaad Paracha. He currently works at IBM as a Cloud Solutions Architect and AI Specialist.

Emaad Paracha is a PhD candidate in physics at the University of Toronto and currently works with NASA and the Canadian Space Agency on building and launching balloon-borne telescopes that rival current space-based telescopes like Hubble. His PhD research involves both building and developing telescopes and using the data from telescopes to detect dark matter in clusters of galaxies. As a

PhD student, he is passionate about helping promote astrophysics research in schools and actively mentors students in bringing up the next generation of space researchers and explorers. Media release forms are being sent home with students.

Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! We raised almost \$2000.00 worth of books from Scholastic. These new titles will soon be available for students to sign-out from the library. Thanks again to all the students, families and staff for supporting the fair.

Happy Reading!!!

Terry Fox Run



We are still collecting for our Terry Fox Run!

Please see the link below for on-line donations. This link can be shared with family and friends. **Our goal this year is to raise \$4000!** Donations in cash will also be accepted.

Donate online at: **Cornell Village Public School Online Fundraising Page:**

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/CornellVillagePSMarkham>

Receipts are issued immediately to donors by email. We will also be accepting cash donations in the office. We currently have raised \$150. If every student and staff member donated \$2, we would meet our goal! If you bring in cash and would like a tax receipt, please send money in with your contact information. Please remember though, there is no minimum donation, every dollar counts!

Hot Lunches




		
Mondays October 7 October 28 November 4	Wednesdays October 9 October 16 October 23 November 6	Fridays October 11 October 18 October 25 November 8

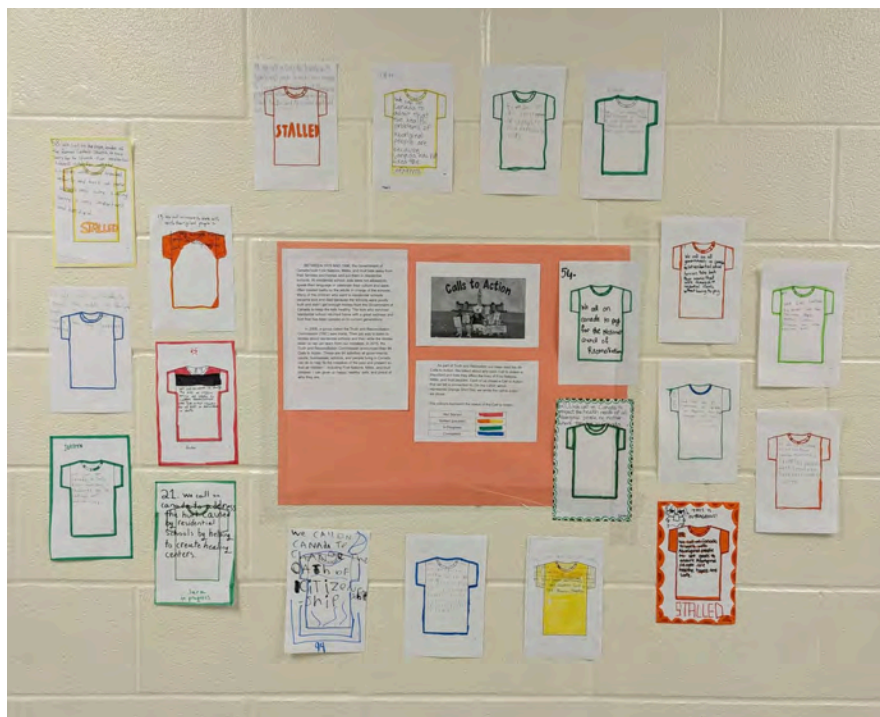
Photo Highlights

Orange Shirt Day

September 30



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Social Justice Work

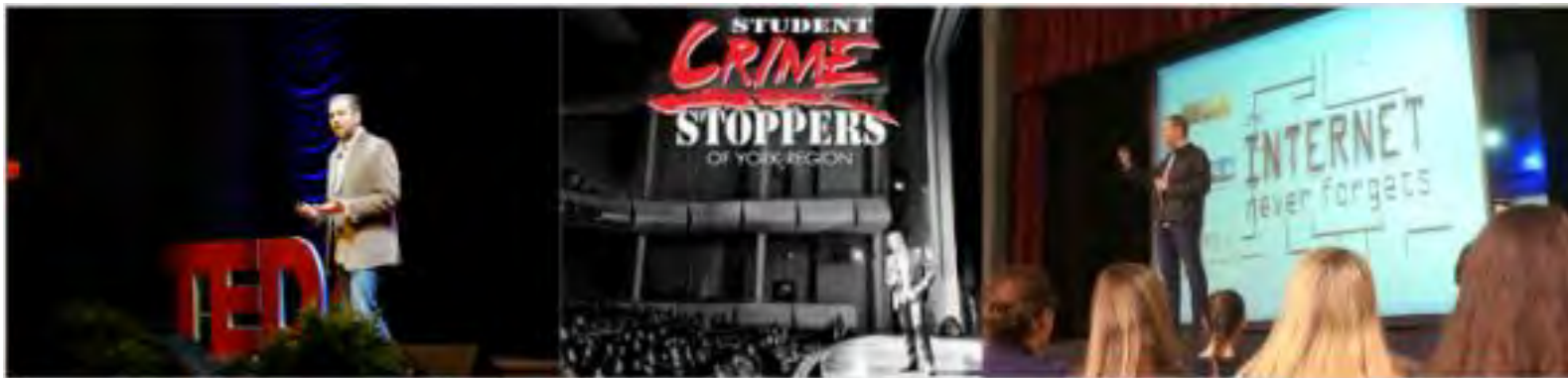




Making
Memories

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SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE SAFETY

An evening for parents/guardians/caregivers with

Paul Davis



Where: Cornell Village P.S. - Gym

When: October 23, 2024
6:30 pm-7:30 pm
(followed by Q&A period)

RSVP: Click [here](#) or scan the QR code below to register. Registrations accepted until October 16.

Childcare will be available for school-age children.

Topics include:

Snapchat / TikTok / Instagram / Discord
Smartphones and Digital Trails
Cyberbullying / Sextortion
Privacy & Online Security

**You're
invited!**

Empowering Parents in the Digital Age



SCAN TO REGISTER



Healthy Fundraising
for Ontario Schools

A fresh take on school fundraising

Since Fresh from the Farm's launch in 2013, 2,600 schools have sold over \$5.5 million of Ontario grown fruits and vegetables, equating to over 4.6 million pounds of product. This has resulted in \$2 million raised by schools and \$3.2 million being returned to local farmers.

14lb Vegetable Bundle

\$22.00

LESS THAN
\$1.60/lb

Includes

- 5 lb bag White Potatoes
- 3 lb bag Sweet Potatoes
- 3 lb bag Yellow Onions
- 3 lb bag Orange Carrots

8lb Apple Bundle

\$24.00

ONLY
\$3.00/lb

NEW - 8 lb bag Ambrosia apples

Ambrosia apples are a beautiful bright pinkish red and light yellow coloured apple. They are crisp and juicy with a distinct sweet aroma and sweet low acid flavour. Excellent for eating fresh.



Thank you for supporting school based initiatives and Ontario farmers

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CRAVING FOR GELATO?

Love Gelato & CVPS Partnership
Order until Oct. 11

\$28.75

per box incl tax

DEADLINE

EXTENDED



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



The Sankofa Mentoring Program offers an African-centered curriculum focused on activities and weekly workshops for Black Students to explore their racial and cultural identity, self-esteem, critical thinking, self-reflection, teamwork, and community building.

Our after school programs cater to registered students from grades 4 to 12 online and in person. We are currently offering tutoring/homework help Sunday to Friday.

Additionally, we offer workshops for parents to encourage their engagement. Embark on a life-changing adventure by becoming a part of our community. By volunteering your time and efforts, you can make a difference in your community.

"A person without culture is
like a ZEBRA without stripes"



Scan Barcode
for Registration



<https://yorkregionaacc.ca/>



647-425-5700



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Storytelling Program
Grades 4-6

Identity Program
Grades 6-8

Mentoring Program
Grades 7-12

Tutoring Program
Grades 4-12

Parents Engagement
& Workshops

Workshops for African Canadians, evoking
healthy and cohesive families.





York Region Alliance of
African Canadian Communities

Sankofa Programs Registration September 2024-2025



**Sankofa Storytelling
Program
Grades 4-6**



**Sankofa Identity Program
Grades 6-8**



**Sankofa Mentoring Program
Grades 7-12**



**Parent Engagement
& Workshops**

**Please join us
and Share with
your Network**

Scan Here to Register:



**Tutoring Program
Grades 4-12**

Contact Us:

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www.yorkregionaacc.ca



Sankofa Programs

Registration

September

2024-2025

Through this program, students can engage in various cultural activities, including drumming, cultural games, attending field trips, listening and guest speakers. The program encourages students to delve into their racial and cultural identity, boost their self-esteem, develop critical thinking skills, engage in self-reflection, build teamwork, and contribute to a stronger community. The program alternates between online and in-person each week. Along with providing tutoring and homework assistance for registered students. Additionally, we offer programs designed for parents to foster their active participation. Join us on a transformative journey and become a vital part of our community.



YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.





Get Together Celebrating Islamic Heritage Month

Join York Region District School Board in celebrating Islamic Heritage Month this October! Together, we'll honor the rich cultural, historical, and religious contributions of Muslims to society. This celebration is all about fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement while building a deeper understanding of our diverse society.

Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: H G Bernard Public School

Address: 245 Bernard Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1E1

Please register

Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff

Please register by Thursday, Oct 24, 2024



For more information, please email Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS): iscs@yrdsb.ca





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Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Emily Carr Secondary School

Address: 4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

Please register

Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff

Please register by Sunday, Oct 27, 2024



For more information, please email Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS): iscs@yrdsb.ca



தமிழ் சமூக சேவகருடன் உரையாடுதல்

*இது தமிழிலும் ஆங்கிலத்திலும் வழங்கப்படும்



புலம்பெயர்ந்த தமிழருக்கான எங்கள் சமூக சேவகர் நிஜாதா
சுப்ரமணியத்துடன் பின்வருவன பற்றி
பேசுவதற்கு இணையத்தளத்தில் இணைந்து கொள்ளவும்:



- உங்கள் பிள்ளையுடன் இணைந்து செயற்படுவதற்குரிய உதவிக்குறிப்புகள்
- உங்கள் பிள்ளையின் நல்வாழ்வு மற்றும் உணர்ச்சிரீதியான ஏற்றத்தாழ்வுகளில் உதவுவதற்கான வழிமுறைகள்
- பாடசாலை அமைப்பிலுள்ள விடயங்களைத் தேடிக் கண்டுபிடிப்பதுடன் கிடைக்கக்கூடிய ஆதரவுகள் குறித்தும் தொடர்பில் இருப்பது எவ்வாறு என்பதையும் கற்றுக்கொள்ளல்
- உங்கள் பிள்ளை எதிர்கொள்ளும் தற்போதைய சவால்கள் மற்றும் கரிசனைகளுக்கான வழிகாட்டுதல்
- உங்கள் பிள்ளையின் தேவைகளுக்கு உதவுவதற்கு யோர்க் பிராந்திய சமூகத்தில் உள்ள வளங்கள்

வீடியோச் சந்திப்பு அல்லது தொலைபேசி மூலம்
ஆலோசனை அமர்வுகள் வழங்கப்படுகின்றன.
மேலதிகத் தகவல்களுக்கு மற்றும்/அல்லது
ஆலோசனைக்கு முன்பதிவு செய்ய,
நிஜாதா சுப்ரமணியத்தை nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca
அல்லது 905-727-0022 இணைப்பு 4138
இல் தொடர்பு கொள்ளவும் (குரல் அஞ்சல் மட்டும்)





Coffee with Tamil Social Worker

*Service in English and Tamil

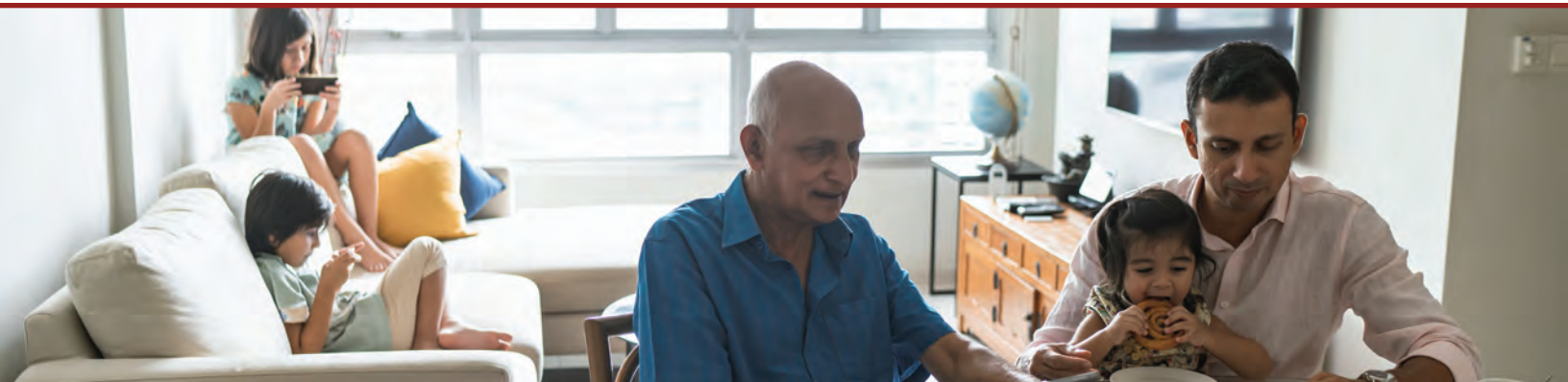
**Join our Social Worker for the
Tamil Diaspora, Nijatha Subramaniam
virtually to chat about:**



- Tips to engage and connect with your child
- Ways to support your child's well-being and emotional ups and downs
- How to request and navigate getting support for your child at school
- Guidance for current challenges and concerns experienced by your child
- Resources in the York Region community to support your child's needs

Consultation sessions are offered by
video conference or telephone.

For more information and/or to book a consultation,
please contact Nijatha Subramaniam at
nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca
or 905-727-0022 ext. 4138 (voicemail only).



Always Good to Know...

Lunch at Home Permission

If you are requesting your child return home for lunch, email the school office at:
cornell.village.ps@yrdsb.ca.

We will be creating a **master lunch list** of those students who will regularly go home for lunch. If you are picking your child up at lunch, please let the classroom teacher and office know. In order to ensure the safety of our students, students may leave immediately at the beginning of the lunch hour, and should return at the end of the lunch hour. They may not leave after eating lunch nor any other time. Once they have returned to school, they must stay on property and not leave again. This will help us ensure all students are safe. Students should be eating at their own homes if they are going home for lunch. This is not the opportunity for them to visit friend's houses, the Hasty market or gas station with friends, or hang out with friends at a different playground, unless prearranged with parents and plans shared with the office.

EDSBY SIGN UP - Please sign up ASAP if you have not already done so.

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. by 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).

Please DO NOT email your child’s teacher or the Cornell Village PS email address to report lates/absences. The office will inform teachers if your child will be away or late.

Family Vacations

All families going on vacation outside of the Winter Break or March Break must come to the school to pick up the form to complete. Some parents have added their vacation to the start-up forms that have been returned; however, the board requires you to fill in a form.

If they are absent more than 15 days they also have to contact us to confirm that they will return.

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.

Health Forms

Fillable Health Care forms are now available for families who have children with asthma, seizure disorders, anaphylaxis, diabetes, and/or other prevalent medical conditions. This also applies to children who require the administration of medication at school. These forms can be accessed through the links below and/or a paper copy can also be requested from the office.

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

[Self Administration of Medication Form](#)

[Staff Administration of Medication Form](#)

Once you’ve completed the appropriate Health Care Plan, please return it WITH the appropriate medication to school with your child. The form and medication can be placed in a sealable bag, with the student name marked on the bag and left at the office.

Cornell Village PS is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.



Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to

<http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

Follow the easy steps at [this link](#) to register and get started!