



## Cobra Communicator

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

September 29, 2023.

Dear families,

It was wonderful to meet so many families on Wednesday evening. Thank you for visiting Cornell Village P.S. and engaging with staff to support the school experience for your child(ren). We loved being able to welcome you into our classrooms, library, gym and hallways. A special thank you to our School Council who organized the pizza and helped promote our spirit wear.

We had a fabulous afternoon for our Terry Fox run on Tuesday! It was amazing coming together for such an important cause.

We honoured the second National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and "Orange Shirt Day" today. The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. The learning throughout the building has been rich. For those students who were unable to wear orange today due to the field trip or cross country, we invite them to wear orange on Monday.

Monday is National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day. We have the most incredible team of caretakers here at Cornell Village P.S. They know our students and support them in so many ways every day. We are truly grateful for Jim Georgiou, Dan Wilton, Dave Tremeer and Kishan Sriganeshan. Our staff and students will be recognizing their contribution to our school on Monday.

Sincerely,

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### Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
October 2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Pizza Lunch for those who have ordered</li><li>● Intermediate Volleyball tryouts- boys- lunch recess</li><li>● <b>School Council Meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m. (link)</b></li></ul>
October 3	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Cricket Club (grades 4-8) starts -lunch</li><li>● Lockdown Drill</li></ul>
October 4	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Sub sandwiches for those who ordered</li><li>● Intermediate Volleyball tryouts- boys- lunch recess</li></ul>
October 5	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Intermediate Volleyball tryouts- girls- lunch recess</li><li>● Hold and Secure Drill</li></ul>
October 6	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Hero Burgers for those who have ordered</li><li>● Intermediate Volleyball tryouts- girls- lunch recess</li></ul>

### Mark your calendars:

October 18 School Photo Day

October 20 P.A. Day

### Attachments for this week:

- 📎 [Elementary School Year Calendar.pdf](#)
- 📎 [GIVE-Get Involved Volunteer in Education](#)
- 📎 [IB-2023-Save-the-Date](#)
- 📎 [Imagining Muslim Futures](#)
- 📎 [Markham Lions Club Food Booth Coupon](#)
- 📎 [MLL Welcome Session - Flyer 2023](#)
- 📎 [MLL 欢迎会议 - 2023 年简化传单](#)
- 📎 [MLL 歡迎會議 - 2023 年簡化傳單](#)
- 📎 [Latin Herigate Meet and Greet October 2023.pdf](#)



## October is Islamic Heritage Month

The York Region District School Board proudly recognizes Islamic Heritage Month during the month of October and honours Muslim identities all year round.



### Indoor Shoes

A reminder that all students should have a pair of shoes that they leave at school. These shoes should be non-marking (no black soles).

### Agenda Money

If sending cash for your child(ren)'s agenda, please send the exact change.



The fall weather is now coming. Please be sure that your children come to school in layers and prepare for the change in weather that typically comes at this time of year.

## International Walk to School Month (IWALK)



International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual celebration of active transportation that takes place around the world throughout the month of October.

When walking to school, here are some important safety tips to remember:

- Look all ways before you cross the street. Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing.
- Cross at intersections and crosswalks, when possible.
- Always make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street.
- Obey traffic signals and signs.
- Use a sidewalk if there is one.

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 and improve safety around your school. If you choose to drive, please be mindful of students who walk and cycle, drive slowly and be highly vigilant of your surroundings.

### *Benefits of Active School Travel:*

- Improves student academic performance by making students more alert and better prepared to learn.
- Improves both physical and mental health.
- Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones and around our school community.
- Improves air quality.
- Encourages social interaction and improves social skills.
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.
- It's fun!

## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was a **HUGE** success! Thank you for your support! We sold almost \$5000 worth of product. **We raised \$2400 toward books for our school library!** A huge thank you to Mrs. Worthington and the team of teachers who worked at the book fair throughout the week!





## Terry Fox Run/Walk

**Our Terry Fox Run/Walk was a huge success!**

The Terry Fox Foundation has created an online fundraising page for our school as well as provide student/classroom “Terry” activities. Here are some of the ways you can support your child for this year’s Terry Fox event:

**Donate online at:** <https://schools.terryfox.ca/CornellVillagePSMarkham>

- Click the link above to donate or search for our school name at [terryfox.org](https://terryfox.org)



- There is no minimum donation, every dollar counts! · Receipts are issued immediately to donors by email
- We will also be accepting cash donations in the office. If every student and staff member brought in \$2, we would meet our goal!

Last year, we raised \$1828.90 for the Terry Fox Organization! Our goal this year is to raise \$2000!




### Hot Lunch Program Dates:


Mondays - Regino's Pizza	Wednesdays- Subway Subs	Fridays - Hero Burger
Oct. 2	Oct. 11	Oct. 6
Oct. 16	Oct. 18	Oct. 13
Oct. 23	Oct. 25	Oct. 27
Oct. 30	Nov. 1	Nov. 3
Nov. 6	Nov. 8	Nov. 10




**FREE**





## Sankofa Mentoring Cultural Identity Programs



**Sankofa Mentoring  
Program Grades 7-12**




**Sankofa Identity Program  
Grades 6-8**






**Storytelling Program  
Grades 4-6**

The Sankofa Mentoring Program provides Black students in grades 4 to 12 with a powerful African-centered curriculum founded on the Ngozi Saba principles. Students can participate in various activities such as cultural games, drumming, creating storybooks for children, field trips, listening to guest speakers, learning about Black Heroes and Sheroes, as well as studying African languages. This program allows students to explore their racial and cultural identity, enhance their self-esteem, develop critical thinking skills, engage in self-reflection, foster teamwork, and promote the building of a stronger community. The program is available both online and in-person and includes tutoring/homework help for students registered in the program. Additionally, we offer programs for parents to encourage their engagement. Embark on a life-changing adventure by becoming a part of our community.



Scan for more information:



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## Screening Tool

Families are still asked to screen their children using the [screening tool](#) for the 2023-2024 school year. 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.

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