



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

NO SCHOOL

October 18, 21, 24

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

October 26

EARLY RELEASE

(1:50 PM Dismissal)

October 26

IMPORTANT LINKS

DISTRICT CALENDAR

LUNCH MENU

BOND 2022: SAVE THE DATE!

CORNELL ELEMENTARY VIDEO:

THE FUTURE OF CORNELL

TRUNK OR TREAT FLIER

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A Message from the Principal

Thank you for your support as we continue Growing Together! Our staff appreciates your participation in Fall Parent Teacher Conferences! It has been a pleasure getting to know all of our Cornell Wolves. If you need to schedule a conference, there is still time! Contact your child's teacher via [email](#)! Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us! They are simply magnificent!

~Mrs. Ojerio, Principal

Cornell Elementary Information

School Hours

Full Day: 8:50am-3:45pm

Half Day: 8:50am-12:00pm

Early Release: 8:50am-1:50pm

PTO Information

Our next PTO Meeting will be held on **November 16** from **6-7pm** in the Library! Learn more @ the [Cornell PTO Website](#)

"Together...educating with excellence,
inspiring each learner for life."

News and Updates

Mental Health Support

Okemos Public Schools has partnered with Child and Family Charities to provide a mental health clinic within Okemos High School. This opportunity is made possible because of the Expanding, Enhancing Emotional Health (E3) grant through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Adolescent Health Center Division.

The clinic will provide on-site comprehensive mental health services from mild to moderate severity of need.

There will be a full-time therapist at the OHS clinic five days a week and will be able to serve all OPS youth ages

5 to 21 years. If you're interested in services for your student, please complete this referral form. If you have additional questions, please contact:

Dr. Lara Slee, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (lara.slee@okemosk12.net, 517-706-5011).

Golden Spoon Awards

Congratulations, Cornell Wolves! You are being recognized for excellent Cafeteria manners:

K: Mrs. Petersburg's Class

1: Mrs. Fesko's Class

2: Mrs. Andersen's Class

3: Ms. DeLadurantaye's

4: Mrs. Godette's Class

October Character Trait

Inclusion

Every student has the right to feel safe, happy, affirmed, and encouraged as a part of their OPS experience. We believe that our learning community must provide spaces in which all individuals can safely be their authentic selves and reach their full potential.

DEI Tidbit

Indigenous Peoples' Day & Columbus Day
October 10, 2022

From "Rethinking How We Celebrate American History: Indigenous Peoples' Day" (Smithsonian Magazine, October 2020): The first documented observance of Columbus Day in the United States took place in New York City in 1792, and the holiday began as an annual celebration of Italian-American heritage in San Francisco in 1869. Celebrating Columbus is problematic for many Indigenous Americans, however. Colonization in the United States started with Columbus and led to the deaths of millions of Indigenous Americans, while those who survived were forced to assimilate. In 1977, it was proposed at the United Nations that Indigenous Peoples' Day replace Columbus Day. Indigenous Peoples' Day recognizes the authentic history of Indigenous Americans, their resilience, and their diverse culture. Columbus Day is still a federal holiday.

Staff Member Showcase



**Ms. Joanna Adams,
School Social Worker**

Ms. Adams is the School Social Worker at Cornell. She thinks our school is the absolute best! There are hundreds of reasons to love Cornell: every student, teacher, and staff member! It makes her heart extremely happy to see everyone learning, growing, and caring for one another every day. When she is not at Cornell, Ms. Adams enjoys working on home improvement projects, gardening, and spending time with friends, family, and her fluffy dog, Benny. She loves going up north to Torch Lake and taking road trips to explore the United States.



**Mrs. Megan Lloyd,
School Psychologist**

Mrs. Lloyd is the school psychologist at Cornell and Chippewa. She and her husband met in graduate school at Michigan State University, Go Green! They have three children, and their family likes to keep busy with many sports and activities. They also recently got their first puppy! Cornell is an amazing school with such a supportive community and Mrs. Lloyd feels very fortunate to live and work in Okemos.

News and Updates

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Student Spotlight

4th Grade students in Mrs. Sinila's class are taking action to start a school news broadcast! We were able to view a "first cut" last week and look forward to sharing their first official news broadcast with the Cornell School Community in the near future!

Kindergarten students are heading to Barkham Farms on October 26th! We wish them a beautiful day of learning, exploration and fun!

Kelsey Bills, a 4th grader in Mrs. Sinila's class, was honored at school this week for her contribution to the Cornell Library! Kelsey donated a portion of her Book Song Challenge prize winnings to the school & Mrs. Keller was able to purchase 14 new books for the library!

CR-PBIS: Coming Soon!



Cornell Wolves will be acknowledged for their positive behavior on a weekly basis. Teachers will draw 3 "Caught Being Good" tickets (CGBs) & a *Wolf of the Week* from each classroom on Fridays. Students will be recognized on the Morning Announcements each Monday. Our first drawing is on October 28th!

Halloween at Cornell

Halloween Parades and Fall Activities will be held on Monday, October 31st: 1:45-3:45pm

Upper Elementary Parade, Grades 3 & 4 @ 1:45pm
Lower Elementary Parade, Grades K-2 @ 2:00pm

Outdoor Plan: Parents welcome! We will parade once around the north portion of the outdoor track and return to classrooms for afternoon activities.

Rainy Day Plan: In the event that it rains, we will not be inviting parents into the building to view the parade due to limited space.

OHS Theater News

OHS THEATRE DEPARTMENT presents

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown

November 10, 11, 12 @ 7:00 pm

November 13 @ 2:00 pm

Charles Schulz's beloved comic comes to life in this classic musical. The whole gang's here: bossy Lucy is hopelessly in love with piano prodigy Schroeder who doesn't give her the time of day, perfectionist Sally is still mocking blanket-toting Linus, Snoopy is in the doghouse, and the loveable "blockhead," himself, Charlie Brown, is in rare form. We've also included a Peanuts ensemble made up of over 70 high school and elementary students. You're not going to want to miss this Okemos community event that is fun for the whole family.

Purchase tickets: www.okemostheatre.com

OPS Happenings

2022 OEF Banquet

The Okemos Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that promotes and supports excellence and innovation in the OPS classrooms. In addition, we recognize excellence each year at our Awards Banquet where we celebrate that excellence in our staff and community.

We invite you to attend this year's OEF Commitment to Excellence Banquet to be held on Thursday, November 17 at the Kellogg Center. Social hour begins at 5:30pm and the program typically ends around 9:15pm. Tickets may be purchased at any school office or through [OEF!](#)

Employment Opportunity

If you or someone you know are interested in serving as members of our Lunch crew, please call us at 517-706-5300 or email me directly: tracy.ojerio@okemosk12.net

Thank you for considering & for spreading the word!

Bond 2022

How would the 2022 bond impact Cornell Elementary?

Scan or click to learn more from Okemos Superintendent, John Hood!

[The Future of Cornell](#)

