


CORNELL ELEMENTARY CHRONICLES









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Important Dates	Important Links
<p>EARLY RELEASE (1:50 PM Dismissal) September 14</p> <p>NO SCHOOL September 2, 5 and 26</p>	<p><u>DISTRICT CALENDAR</u> <u>BUS ROUTES/SCHEDULE</u> <u>SUGGESTED SUPPLY LISTS</u> <u>FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION</u> <u>LUNCH MENU</u> <u>EXTERNAL FLYERS</u></p>
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PTO Information	
<p>Join our Cornell team! This year, PTO Meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month and rotate between in-person and virtual meetings. Learn more by visiting: Cornell PTO Website</p>	

News and Updates	
<p>Student Attendance</p>	<p>School Hours are 8:50am-3:45pm for the 2022-2023 school year! If your child will be tardy or absent, please inform the office in advance, by calling the Attendance Line: 517-706-5305.</p>
<p>Practice Cornell's PAW PLEDGE at home!</p> 	<p>Cornell's PAW PLEDGE...</p> <p>Today I will do my best to be my best. I will listen. I will follow directions. I will be kind and honest. I will respect the rights of others. I can learn and I will learn. I am proud to be me!</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">2022-2023 Schoolwide Theme</p> 	<p>Our 2022-2023 Theme is Growing Together! As we move through the year together, Cornell teachers and support staff will weave our theme into our schoolwide expectations, character education, school/classroom events and learning experiences, while recognizing student growth in so many different areas. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote school spirit and one of the best ways to UNIFY both staff and students.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Drop Off/Pick Up for Walkers</p> 	<p>If you are walking to drop off or pick up your child, please go to the Magic Square located in the back of the school. Here you will find your child's grade level line in the AM and PM. This will help keep the front sidewalk clear for unloading/loading students in the carline! Thank you!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Leave Room for Buses</p> 	<p>Thank you for taking turns during arrival/dismissal and for keeping our children safe!</p> <p>In front of the building: Please stop at the main door (Number 1) to allow room for four school buses.</p> <p>At the right turn into the traffic loop: Please leave this area free of vehicles so buses can make the wide turn from Cornell Road into the front traffic loop.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Message from the Library</p> 	<p>Cornell 4th grader Kelsey Bills was a winner in the 2022 Book Song Challenge hosted on Instagram! Not only did she compose and perform an original song based on the Harry Potter series, but she won the Book Club Award. Congratulations, Kelsey! This amazing Cornell student won a gift certificate to Bookshop.org, but also chose our school library to receive a gift certificate for new books as well! On behalf of the school and the library, a huge thank you to Kelsey. 14 new books have been purchased for Cornell students to enjoy, and behalf of everyone, we are so grateful!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cornell Used Book Giveaway</p> 	<p>As teachers clean out their classroom and all staff struggle to find storage space in our building, some gently used books are looking for a good home. The staff would love to offer these books to your students TO KEEP! There are two bookshelves located just directly inside the main entrance of the school labeled "free books." Your student may choose 1 or 2 books to take home as needed. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE BOOKS TO SCHOOL. You may donate them to a Little Free Library near you, share with friends, or donate them to a CADL branch near you! Happy Reading!</p>

<p>Employment Opportunity</p> 	<p>Cornell Elementary is looking for 1-2 employees to serve as members of our Lunch crew! No experience necessary. If you are a reliable and trustworthy person that would like to serve the students of Cornell, please consider applying for a Lunch Supervision position. You can work a schedule that fits within your child's school hours. No evenings or weekends! Lunch hours are from 11:15am to 1:35pm. Positions include supervising students in the cafeteria and on the playground during lunch.</p> <p>If you or someone you know are interested, please call us at 517-706-5300 or email me directly: tracy.ojerio@okemosk12.net Thank you for your consideration and for passing the word along!</p>
<p>Message from the Cafeteria</p> 	<p>Lunch from Home: When considering items to pack for school lunch, please be mindful to choose those that are "ready to eat." If your child enjoys items that need to be heated, please do so at home and use a thermos to keep items warm in their lunchbox.</p>
<p>May We See Your ID?</p> 	<p>Please put your child's name on everything they wear or bring to school, including coats, backpacks, shoes/boots, lunchboxes, water bottles, folders/books, etc. Please have your child check the Lost and Found before or after school if they are missing anything! We already have several items with no identification.</p>
	<p>Thank you for keeping us informed when your child tests positive for Covid. This enables us to quickly contact trace and to notify the parents/guardians of children who may be considered a close contact.</p>
<p>Thank you for your support as we continue Growing Together! It is an honor to be part of the Cornell Elementary Family and I look forward to many wonderful years with you in Okemos.</p> <p><i>~Mrs. Ojerio, Principal</i></p>	