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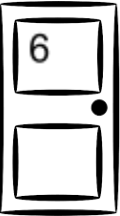







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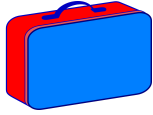
September 12, 2022

Important Dates	Important Links
<p><b>EARLY RELEASE (1:50 PM Dismissal)</b> September 14</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b> September 2, 5 and 26</p> <p><b>Fall Picture Day</b> September 21</p> <p><b>OPS Homecoming</b> September 23</p>	<p><u><a href="#">DISTRICT CALENDAR</a></u>  <u><a href="#">SUGGESTED SUPPLY LISTS</a></u>  <u><a href="#">FREE &amp; REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION</a></u>  <u><a href="#">LUNCH MENU</a></u>  <u><a href="#">ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART CHALLENGE</a></u>  <u><a href="#">WEEKEND SURVIVAL KITS</a></u>  <u><a href="#">OHS BAND CARWASH-A-THON</a></u>  <u><a href="#">BOND 2022: SAVE THE DATE!</a></u>  <u><a href="#">FALL PICTURE ORDER INFORMATION</a></u></p>
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School Hours	
<p>Full Day: 8:50am-3:45pm    Half Day: 8:50am-12:00pm    Early Release: 8:50am-1:50pm</p>	
PTO Information	
<p>Join our Cornell team! Our first PTO Meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, <b>September 14th</b> from <b>6-7pm</b> in the Library!                      Learn more about the Cornell PTO by visiting: <a href="#">Cornell PTO Website</a></p>	

News and Updates	
<p><b>Student Attendance</b></p> 	<p>If your child will be tardy or absent for any reason, please inform the office in advance, by calling the Attendance Line: 517-706-5305.</p> <p>Any changes in dismissal routine should be communicated to your child's teacher and the main office as early as possible and especially before 3:00pm. This will give school staff ample time to communicate changes to students!</p>

<p><b>Practice Cornell's PAW PLEDGE!</b></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><b>2022-2023 Schoolwide Theme</b></p> 	<p>Our 2022-2023 Theme is <b>Growing Together!</b> 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><b>Afternoon Carline</b></p> 	<p>If you need to stop and assist your child with a buckle, please pull ahead as far as you can before doing so! This will allow the line behind you space to pull out and continue driving.</p> <p>Once the buses have loaded and departed, we will move all car riders down the sidewalk towards the south end of the school! Even if you see your child along the way, pull down as far as possible &amp; we will walk your child down to you safely!</p>
<p><b>Breakfast &amp; Childcare Entrance/Exit Update</b></p> 	<p>Beginning Monday, September 12th, students who attend before school Childcare at Cornell will enter through Door 6. The procedure will be the same for afternoon childcare sign out. Parents are asked to knock on the door to obtain entrance and sign-in/out purposes. Door 8 will remain locked at all times.</p> <p>Students who participate in Breakfast at Cornell, may continue to buzz in at Door 1 or utilize Door 6 for AM Breakfast entrance. Again, students should knock on Door 6 for Breakfast entrance at 8:30am. The doors are a full glass panel for ease of visibility. Door 8 will remain locked at all times. Thank you for understanding as we implement these slight changes. Our purpose is to ensure the safety of our staff and students, as well as the security of our school.</p>
<p><b>Fall Picture Day</b></p> 	<p>Mark your calendar: September 21st if Fall Picture Day at Cornell Elementary. We are using a new company this year:</p> <p><a href="#">Fall Picture Order Information</a></p>

<p><b>Message from the PBIS Team</b></p> 	<p>PBIS, or Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, is an approach we use to promote positive student behaviors at Cornell. Staff teach students building wide expectations and strategies for being successful in every part of the day. Our goal is to be proactive! We know that students are more successful when expectations are clear and students have the tools needed to meet them! Stay tuned for PBIS updates and ways you can help at home!</p>
<p><b>Fall Benchmark Assessments 9/19-10/7</b></p> 	<p>Okemos Public Schools will implement the NWEA MAPGrowth Reading Fluency Assessment for BK-1 and MAPGrowth Reading &amp; Math Assessment for K-8 students this Fall. This is a change from the benchmark tool we have used in the past (FastBridge), though the purpose remains to gather information about your child's progress in Literacy and Math. NWEA data, along with other forms of achievement data, will inform ongoing teacher instruction, as well as assist teachers with differentiated lessons &amp; Best Fit Groups for intervention/support. More information to come!</p>
<p><b>Cornell Used Book Giveaway</b></p> 	<p>We will continue to offer gently used books that are looking for a good home to our K-4 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 <a href="#">donate them to a CADL branch near you!</a> Happy Reading!</p>
<p><b>Employment Opportunity</b></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>We are also looking for a Special Education Paraprofessional!</p> <p>If you or someone you know are interested, please call us at 517-706-5300 or email me directly: <a href="mailto:tracy.ojerio@okemosk12.net">tracy.ojerio@okemosk12.net</a> Thank you for your consideration and for passing the word along!</p>
<p><b>Message from the Cafeteria</b></p>	<p>Golden Spoon Awards—The following classes earned the Golden Spoon Award for excellence in the Cafeteria between 9/5 &amp; 9/9:</p>



- K- Casson
- 1 - Hall
- 2 - Pignataro
- 3 - Tousignant
- 4 - Sinila

Special shout out to Kindergarten! They all did a great job following expectations of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe!!

Reminder: Students who order a school lunch may *not* switch their choice as they move through the line! Review menu items each night to be sure students are familiar with the choices for the following day!

### Weekend Survival Kits

Don't Let Hunger be a Barrier to Your Child's Success at School! Cornell Elementary will be offering the opportunity for our K-4 families to participate in the Weekend Survival Program this school year. There is NO qualification needed this year to sign up. This is offered to any family who wants it. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please see the link here:

[Weekend Survival Kits](#)

### May We See Your ID?



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 & Found by the gym before or after school if they are missing items! We already have several with no identification.

**Thank you for your support as we continue Growing Together! We are off to a fantastic start this year! Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with our staff!**

*~Mrs. Ojerio, Principal*