



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

EARLY RELEASE

(1:50 PM Dismissal)

January 25

WINTER ASSESSMENT WINDOW

January 9-27

SPRING COUNT DAY

February 8

NO SCHOOL

February 20

IMPORTANT LINKS

[DISTRICT CALENDAR](#)

[LUNCH MENU](#)

[CORNELL STAFF DIRECTORY](#)

[CARLINE SIGNS](#)

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A Message from the Principal

Let's talk about Carline! A few reminders to mitigate AM & PM congestion: Please pull ahead as far as you can to drop off without blocking buses! Students may exit cars anywhere along the front sidewalk, not just in front of the door. We also want drivers to pull up as far as they can during pick up without blocking the Cornell Rd entrance for buses. Carline signs are very helpful to staff. The link to print a new one is located to the left if you need to replace yours!

Watch your speed in the lane! ~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 **January 18** from **6-7pm** in the Library! Learn more @ the [Cornell PTO Website](#)

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

News and Updates

Wolf of the Week!

Congratulations to our Cornell Wolves who were acknowledged for being Respectful, Responsible!

January 6

K: Owen C, Delaney B, & Aarohi H.

1: June C.

2: Isabella G, Joey S, Zuri H, & Minseok S.

3: Grace C, Louis F, Dhruvi T, & Hanna A.

4: Aarika J, Harrison G, Cecily H, & William S.

January 13

K: Margot P, Lily G, & Addison S.

1: Wesley S, Walter H, & Eliana J.

2: Claire D, Adi N, & Allie, S.

3: Kate R, Madeline C, Ellis H, & James T.

4: James D, Nihaal P, Reilly S, & Judah H.

Golden Spoon Awards

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

K: Casson

1: Hall

2: Pignataro

3: DeLadurantaye

4: Sinila



January Character Trait

Honesty

At Cornell Elementary, when you are honest, you speak the truth, you present yourself in a genuine and sincere way, and you take responsibility for your feelings and actions.

DEI Tidbit

The seventh annual National Day of Racial Healing will be celebrated on January 17, bringing people together to build relationships and take collective action to create a more just and equitable world. Racial healing is a process that repairs the harm caused by racism, celebrates our common humanity, and acknowledges truths from our shared history. [One Love Global](#) in Lansing is hosting local events - visit their website for more information. Also, here is a conversation guide that has helpful tips if you want to talk about racism, racial equity, and racial healing with your family, friends, and/or colleagues.

While some of us celebrate the start of the new year at the beginning of January, many other cultures and countries celebrate at other times during the year. For example, January 22 marks the Lunar New Year, which is widely celebrated in East Asian countries. The Hindu lunar celebration, Diwali, usually falls between mid-October and mid-November. The Jewish New Year - Rosh Hashanah - is also celebrated in the fall. For more information about these and other new year traditions throughout the world, check out this article on the [National Geographic](#) website.

Staff Member Showcase



The Cornell Lunch Crew:

Ms. Gladys, Ms. Andrea, Ms. Cain, Ms. Kotaru, Ms. Puppala, Ms. Arakelian and Ms. Kotyk (not pictured)

Our Cornell Lunch Crew is amazing! During the lunch periods, our lunch supervisors not only assist students with the procedures, opening food items and supervising on the playground, but they also build positive relationships with each lunch bunch! Because of their commitment to our students, we have seen a significant decrease in unwanted lunchtime behaviors. Thank you for all that you do for our Cornell Wolves!



The At-Risk Aide Crew:

Ms. Pulter, Ms. Cain, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Bussa & Ms. Ghose

Cornell Elementary has 5 At-Risk Aides who work with Mrs. Berridge and classroom teachers to support our Cornell Learners in the Learning Lab! They ensure our students have extended opportunities for learning including Lexia Club, Best Fit Groups, small groups breakouts for assessments, 1-1 literacy supports and more! Thank you for all that you do to support the success of our Cornell Wolves!

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Student Spotlight

Shout out to 1st grade who showed Safe, Responsible & Respectful behavior in the library with Mrs. Keller's awesome new furniture!

Shout out to our 3rd grade students for trying their best on the NWEA testing! We were very impressed with your positive attitude & efforts last week!

4th Graders rocked NWEA this week! What wonderful perseverance!

Mrs. Schoen's kindergarten students welcomed Mrs. V to our classroom and made her feel an important part of our learning community!

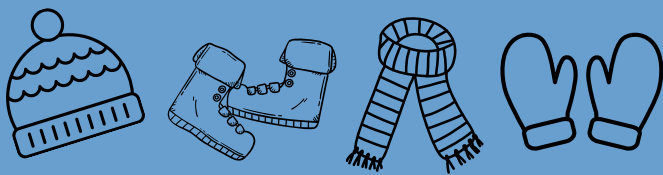
Mrs. Stephen's class practiced "whole body breathing" this week! SHout outs to all of you for your great work to create a peaceful space in the classroom!

4th grade Safeties have been doing an amazing job helping staff monitor for student safety during arrival and dismissal! Thank you for all that you do!

Return to School

As the snow melts & returns, our play areas can be very wet & muddy! Please continue to send your child to school with a winter coat, hat, gloves, snow pants and boots. Extra socks and a change of clothing are great to keep in the locker, too! All K-4 students will go outdoors daily for AM/PM Recess and Lunch Recess unless it is raining or too cold! Label EVERYTHING--

Thank you!



Knob Hill Fire: Community Support Info

On 12/21/22 members of our OPS Family experienced a devastating loss due to fire damage in the Knob Hill Apartment Community. In response, our greater Okemos community wrapped around in a tremendous effort to support! Click on an icon below to learn more or consider continued support in the weeks and months to come. Thank you!



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OPS Happenings



OEF APPLE Awards

February and Valentine's Day, a perfect time to say 'thank you' to those who have impacted our lives in a meaningful way. A perfect time to say 'thank you' to the teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, administrator assistant, custodian, librarian, food service worker, bus driver, specialist, etc. who has impacted your child and/or family in a meaningful way.

The Okemos Education Foundation is offering APPLE Awards to honor all staff. For a \$20 donation to the OEF, families can purchase a 5x7 color, personalized certificate for their honoree. An APPLE award recognizes those who show an Amazing Performance in Promoting Learning and Education (APPLE) This can be any of the Okemos Public School staff who has touched the life of your student and/or your family. Proceeds help the Okemos Education Foundation give financial support to all seven of our schools. To order an APPLE Award, visit www.oefsite.org/apple.

Orders must be received by Wednesday, February 8, in order to be delivered by the 14th.