



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING COUNT DAY

February 8

EARLY RELEASE

(1:50 PM Dismissal)

No Early Release in February!

NO SCHOOL

February 20

IMPORTANT LINKS

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A Message from the Principal

Semester 1 Report Cards went home in Friday Folders on January 27th. Please take time to review the report with your child(ren) and highlight areas of success & positive growth. This is also a great time to set small or short-term goals for continued growth with your child(ren). Cornell Staff is committed to being your partner in education. Feel comfortable reaching out to your child's teacher for clarification or additional information needed for continued achievement and support! ~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 **February 15** from **9-10am** 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 20

K: Milo G, Cameron H, & Lilly D.

1: No students submitted

2: Riona M, Isabelle A, Vivaan B, & Danielle B.

3: Max S, Ethan L, & Max R.

4: Nolan H, Wanting Z, & Adele V.

January 27

K: Sophia A, Kirra M, & Brandon L.

1: Zoey T, Suzy P, & Serena Z.

2: Emmie K, Akhil K, Evelyn R, & Andrew S.

3: Henrik H, Kennedy L, & Emmy Z.

4: Adam A & Kenny G.

Golden Spoon Awards

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

K: Stephens

1: Gutierrez

2: Pignataro

3: DeLadurantaye

4: Sinila



February Character Trait

Perseverance

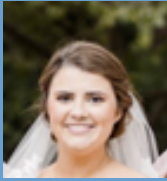
At Cornell Elementary, having perseverance means that you show effort to do or achieve something despite difficulty, challenge or failure. Simply put, to persevere is to never give up! Students will participate in lessons and be exposed to literature about perseverance in February!

DEI Tidbit

February is Black History Month. In 1926, historian Carter G. Woodson and his organization, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, named the second week of February as "Negro History Week" to celebrate and honor the contributions of Black Americans to U.S. history. This week was chosen because it included the birthdays of both abolitionist Frederick Douglass and former U.S. President Abraham Lincoln. Woodson hoped that because many Black communities already celebrated these two birthdates, adding more structure and significance to the week would help extend the study of Black history. In 1976, then-President Gerald Ford broadened the event to become [Black History Month](#). This month-long celebration is intended to promote and reinforce the learning of Black history that occurs throughout the year.

Staff Member Showcase

The Cornell Kindergarten Team



Kindergarten Teachers: Mrs. Casson & Mrs. Petersburg Mrs. Schoen & Miss Stephens

Our Cornell Team is amazing! During instructional hours you will find this dynamic team surrounded by curious 5 and 6 year olds, exploring literacy and numeracy concepts, dancing, singing, laughing and learning about our world together. After visiting our kindergarten classes, you are sure to leave with a renewed hope for our future, many hugs and a huge smile on your face!



Kindergarten Aides: Mrs. Gupta, Mrs. Hegde & Mrs. James

Cornell Elementary has 3 Kindergarten Aides who partner with our kindergarten teachers to support youngest Cornell Learners in the classroom! They ensure our students have opportunities for small group learning, 1-1 support, and assist our teachers in immeasurable ways! Thank you for all that you do to support the success of our Cornell Wolves!

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Student Spotlight

Shout out to our 3rd grade students in Mrs. DeLadurantaye's class who had a great experience learning about the Lunar New Year from some of their classmates and made awesome paper lanterns to hang in our classroom!

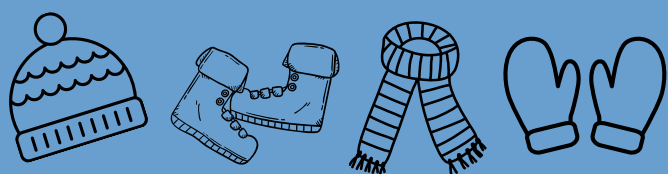
Mrs. Schoen's kindergarten students had excellent conversations about the red zone and belly breathing after a lesson with Ms. Adams! This helped us better understand self-awareness and self-management!

2nd Grade participated in "Kindness" week! Students explored different ways to be kind in their lives. They talked about how to be kind to themselves, classmates, friends and neighbors. Students even started a kindness challenge. They are encouraged to write a note to someone who was "caught being kind" and add it to our classroom heart chart.

Thank you to all students for improving quiet and safe hallway behavior! We applaud your efforts!

Winter Weather Gear!

Our play areas are now fully snow-covered! 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!



OMP Spaghetti Dinner Returns!

It's Spaghetti Dinner Time! After a two-year hiatus, Okemos Music Patrons is excited to once again bring together our community for this long standing tradition. The Spaghetti Dinner, a lively evening of music, food and fun, will be held on: THURSDAY, MARCH 9th, 2023 @ 4:30-7:30 pm.



[Event Information](#)

[Volunteer Information](#)

OPS Happenings

Tentative 2023-2024 Calendar

OPS is pleased to share a *tentative calendar* for the 2023-2024 school year to assist our families and staff in planning. We expect an official ratification later this winter. Thank you to the collaborative efforts between the administration and OEA in providing this to our community well in advance!

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, parapro, 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.