



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

NO SCHOOL

February 16 & 19
Presidents' Day Weekend

Grade 2-4 Music Performance

February 7 @ 6:30pm at OHS
Students should arrive at 6:15pm

IMPORTANT LINKS

- DISTRICT CALENDAR
- LUNCH MENU
- CORNELL STAFF DIRECTORY
- ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES
- CARLINE SIGNS
- PTO WEBSITE
- 2023-2024 FLYERS

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A Message from the Principal

Our students continue to amaze us with their dedication to learning and their remarkable achievements. From mastering new math concepts to expressing themselves through creative writing, each day is an opportunity for growth. We're proud of the hard work and enthusiasm our students bring to the classroom! February is the perfect time to emphasize the importance of kindness. Our school will be participating in various activities throughout the month to promote acts of kindness and empathy. Together, let's create an environment where every child feels valued and supported.

~Mrs. Ojerio, Principal

Cornell Elementary Information

School Hours

Full Day: 8:50am-3:45pm
Half Day: 8:50am-12:00pm

PTO Information

Our next PTO Meeting will be held on February 28 @ 6pm 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, Cornell Wolves! You are being acknowledged as a Wolf of the Week! Thank you for showing others what it means to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe at Cornell!

January 26 & February 2

KDG: Isa M, Ozzy H, Lara C, Izora M, Armin K & Lavyansh J.

1: Arizona F, Michael W, Elliot L & Isabella S.

2: Serena Z, Lyla J, Harrison S & Keshav D.

3: Gabriel G, Akhil K, Ellie G, Ryan G & Gwen P.

4: Clara M, Kennedy L, Zoe Z, Lucas S, Vivian C, Advith M
Narain V & Madelyn G.

Golden Spoon Awards

Congratulations to the following classrooms who are being acknowledged for being a shining example of what it means to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe in the Lunchroom!

February 2

K - Petersburg

1 - Fesko

2 - Andersen

3 - Tousignant

4 - Harnick



February Character Trait

Perseverance

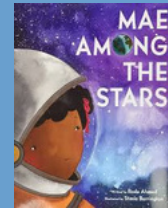
Perseverance is continuing to work toward a goal, even if there is a delay or difficulty in achieving it. Sometimes we say that when things get tough, never give up! Encouraging our students to persevere contributes to fostering a positive school culture at Cornell Elementary.

The following children's literature selections focus on themes of perseverance:

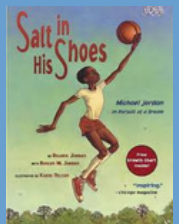
The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read
by Rita Loraine Hubbard



Mae Among the Stars
by Roda Ahmed



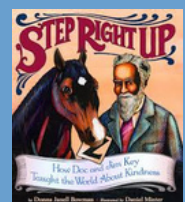
Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream
by Deloris Jordan



Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosa Yeboah
by Laurie Ann Thompson



Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World About Kindness
by Donna Janell Bowman



Message from the Office

Over the past 2 weeks, we have seen an increase in cases of strep throat, influenza, stomach flu, and fevers in multiple classes/grades at Cornell. If your child complains they are not feeling well, please err on the side of caution and evaluate the situation. If a child has been diagnosed with illness or if fever/symptoms persist, do keep them home. Remember to contact the main office to report absences when your child is not attending school. Please reference the [Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook](#) for specific guidelines about student illness.

CR-PBIS Assembly: Mr. Basketball Jones!

Just a few snaps from our CR-PBIS Assemblies in January! Everyone enjoyed the positive energy of the presentation and the positive message, "We do right thing, the right way, at the right time! That's how we roll!"



Strong Wolf, Strong Pack!

News and Updates

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Student Spotlight

Mrs. Gutierrez's class had Model Behavior at the Assembly. The Guest Art teacher said we were well-behaved and even cleaned up the mess another class had left!

Shout out to Mrs. Andersen's 2nd grade students! They are working so hard to be respectful in the hallway! The class received 9 hallway compliments this past week!

Shout out to Ms. Tousignant's 3rd graders! Their class has adjusted to the new pilot furniture SO well over the last week and a half! Students have shown so much respect, self-control, and new engagement during lessons while using flexible seating options. Proud of their flexibility to new change :)

Shout out to our ALL students for your effort in the Cafeteria last week! We were short-staffed most of the week with lots of rotating support AND we have 3 wonderful new Food Service staff members who are getting to know students and building positive relationships with them! Students have been so patient and kind--just another reason we love our little school with a big HEART!

OEF APPLE Award

Looking for a way to tell your child's teacher or another staff member that you care about them on Valentine's Day? Once again the Okemos Education Foundation is offering the

APPLE Award:

(Amazing Performance in Promoting Learning and Education)

This is a simple way to recognize a teacher, paraprofessional, admin assistant, principal, custodian, food service worker, bus driver, etc. For a \$20 donation, this person will receive a 5x7 color certificate with their name, your (child's) name, and the reason for the award.

Proceeds from these help the Okemos Education Foundation give financial support to all seven of our schools.

To order an APPLE award visit www.oefsite.org/apple.



OPS Bond Updates!

Interested in the progress of the 2022 Bond?

Scan or click to learn more!



Here are some FAQs that might also address your wonderings!

[FAQs](#)

Cornell Happenings

DEI Tidbit

Celebrate Black History Month by learning more about [African American Heritage](#) in the Lansing area. Lansing has been home to many Black innovators over the years who have positively impacted their communities. For example, Lansing-born Dr. Alexa Canady was the first black female neurosurgeon in the United States. She was the chief of neurosurgery at the Children's Hospital of Michigan from 1987 until her retirement in 2001. Visit the [Greater Lansing Website](#) to learn about other influential people, Black-owned establishments, sites of interest, and much more.

Grade 2-4 Music Performance

This year's music performance for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students is Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30pm in the Okemos High School auditorium. Students should arrive at 6:15 to meet their class.

The performance will be about an hour long, and students are encouraged to dress nicely! This is a once-a-year event and we hope all students will be able to participate!

To open more seats for families, 4th grade students will meet in the **HS Choir Room** and watch the livestream of the concert until it is their turn; 3rd grade students will go backstage to the choir room during the 4th grade performance. Parents should pick up 3rd grade students from the **HS Choir Room** after the performance concludes.