



# The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## IMPORTANT DATES

### HALF DAY DISMISSAL

March 8 (12 PM)

March 14 (12 PM)

### NO SCHOOL

March 21-29 Spring Break

## IMPORTANT LINKS

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## A Message from the Principal

2024 Sprig Parent/Teacher Conference dates for Cornell Elementary are March 12, 13, and 14. [MyConferenceTime](#) will open for scheduling on March 1! You will receive an email this week with more detailed information regarding the sign-up process. Please note that some classroom schedules will offer additional times outside of the dates you see above due to professional commitments.

We are excited to share your child's growth with you during conferences!

*~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!

### February 9 - February 23

KDG: Connor S, Musa M, Matthew S, Luna L, Everett W, Jayden K, Maliyah L, Amelia R, Ananya B, & Pranav K.

1: Aarohi H, Manogna R, JT C, Jackson F, Lily G, Advent H, Lillian D, Ethan M, Gregory G, & Lena Z.

2: Veda, Kavya, Paquita M, Dexter D, Simon B, Maven R, David D, Lillian A, Michael A, Rowan K, Charlotte R, & Jon V.

3: Emma F, Juliette L, Imani B, Sathvik G, Neveah M, Nylah M, Kaylee S, Ava F, Ashvik A, Nikhil K, Owen S, & Ellie K.

4: Ellis H, Ethan A, Kayla C, Oliver B, Els S, Wenzel K, Turgay A, Max S, Kaleb M, Anika B, & Zaid S.

## 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 9 & 23

K - Casson & Schoen

1- Gutierrez (times 2)

2 - Malkus & Andersen

3 - DeLadurantaye & Hixson

4 - Coy & Sinila

We skipped 2/15  
due to the shorter week!



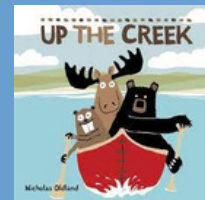
## March Character Trait

### Teamwork

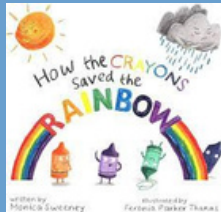
At Cornell Elementary, teamwork means cooperating with others to meet a goal. If you are using teamwork, you might be listening, taking your turn, contributing your strengths and your ideas, considering the strengths and ideas of others, or cheering on your teammates when they are trying something new or challenging. We are better together!

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

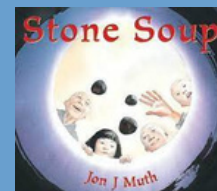
*Up the Creek*  
by Nicholas Oldland



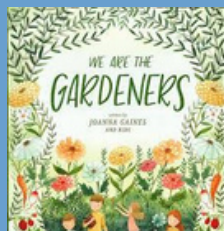
*How the Crayons Saved the Rainbow*  
by Monica Sweeney



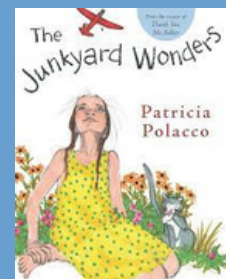
*Stone Soup*  
by John J. Muth



*We are the Gardeners*  
by Joanna Gaines



*Junkyard Wonders*  
by Patricia Polacco



## Message from the Office

Spring Carline Reminder:

Do not hold up the carline in the morning! Have your child exit the vehicle as soon as you stop along the straight-away. Turn off child door locks to allow students to exit independently. Members of the Safety Patrol cannot open car doors! Parents should never exit the vehicle to assist children. If you feel that your child needs adult help, please park in the lot and walk your child to the Magic Square behind the school! Thank you!

## CR-PBIS Woof Pack Visit: February 28

In celebration of all the CBG tickets and classroom goals that have been achieved by students, the CR-PBIS team scheduled a visit from the Okemos Woof Pack! Dogs and handlers will visit all Cornell classrooms on the morning of February 28 and deliver our books for Reading Month! If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate due to an allergy or fear, please fill out this [form](#). If you would like to know more about the Okemos Woof Pack, you can visit their website: <https://www.okemoswoofpack.com/>

## Okemos Music Patrons



Help Needed!

Adult Sign-Up

Student Sign-Up (Grades 9-12)

# News and Updates

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## Student Spotlight

Mrs. Schoen's kindergarten class reviewed the story in their reading curriculum and students had thoughtful conversations about how people with disabilities can do the same things that able-bodied people do!

Shout out to Mrs. Gutierrez's 1st grade who completed their Lego Tower for positive classroom behavior and compliments received around the building from staff.

Shout out to 3rd-grade students who represented Cornell SO well at Potter Park Zoo this week! They explored and learned so many cool facts about animals. We cannot wait to further our research and present our Big Animal Projects to the school soon!

Shout out to Mrs. Andersen's 2nd grade who earned their classroom reward and celebrated with an ice cream treat!

Mrs. Petersburg's Kindergarten class had a great Valentine's Day celebration. They were so calm and model citizens throughout, earning marbles in their class marble jar for their manners and responsible choices.

**Strong Wolf, Strong Pack!**

# March is Reading Month

Read Together, Grow Together!

Every student and teacher at Cornell Elementary will receive a copy of a book free of charge based on their grade level to read with their families at home. The school will provide a reading calendar, activities, and guidance throughout March 2024 to celebrate March is Reading Month and encourage family literacy. Books were purchased by the Cornell PTO through Schuler Books in Okemos.

Grades K-2



**Fenway  
and the  
Bone Thieves  
by Victoria Coe**

Grades 3-4

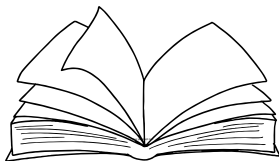


**A Rover's Story  
by Jasmine Warga**

Our focus will be on two separate books this year. We believe that two separate titles have many benefits, such as allowing for deeper conversations with older students and more age-appropriate content for younger students.

March 18 Author Visit!

Cornell Elementary School is excited to host Michigan author, illustrator, and puppeteer Kevin Kammeraad on March 18th! He will meet with all grade levels and share his expertise with our Cornell students, both as a writer, illustrator, and puppeteer! Click [here](#) to learn more about Kevin Kammeraad and his work!



# Cornell Happenings

## DEI Tidbit

March is Women's History Month, during which we celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history. You can learn more about Women's History Month on the following websites:

- National Endowment for the Humanities
- National Archives
- National Park Service
- Smithsonian Education
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

## 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](#)





## REVIEW OF CR-PBIS

School-wide Culturally Responsive - Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (CR-PBIS) is a proactive, team-based framework for creating and sustaining safe and effective schools. Emphasis is placed on prevention of problem behavior through the development of prosocial skills, and the use of data-based problem solving for addressing existing behavior concerns. School-wide CR-PBIS increases the capacity of schools to educate all students utilizing research-based school-wide, classroom, and individualized interventions.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN AT CORNELL? THE TIERS OF SUPPORT IN CR-PBIS

Tier 1 support is about getting busy before there is a problem. Much like learning to wash hands to prevent getting sick, expected behavior is taught and modeled to *prevent* unexpected behaviors. We use SCHOOL WIDE behavior lessons to teach behavior expectations, ensuring that all staff and all students are "on the same page!" We give students opportunities to practice desired behaviors, and we have scheduled and as-needed reteaching of these throughout the year - because everybody needs a refresher now and then!

We know that we get more of what we give attention to! That's why we recognize positive behavior intentionally! At school, we have a positive acknowledgement plan that includes high frequency acknowledgments, intermittent acknowledgements, and school wide celebrations!

In Tiers 2 and 3, adults provide additional support for specific behaviors that are getting in the way of relationships or how the child functions. Much like when a student needs extra support in an academic area, these supports are more intensive, and focus on specific areas of need.

### How you can help:

- Stay connected with your child's classroom! Be sure to read emails coming from the classroom and school
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep, and gets breakfast either at home or at school
- Frame questions in a positive way - Examples: What was the BEST part of your day? What made you smile today? How did you help someone today?
- Assume good intentions and recognize that children learn at different rates and in different ways

# FUNDRAISER

AT LAUNCH!

**YOUR SCHOOL PTO GETS UP TO  
22% OF TICKET SALES**

**WHEN YOU MENTION  
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**MARCH 8 | 12:30PM-8PM**



Half-day FUN!  
Skip the line and  
purchase 2 hour  
Launch admission  
online by scanning  
the code to the left.

## UPCOMING PTO EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 28

PTO MEETING

LIBRARY

6-7PM

MARCH 8

LAUNCH FUNDRAISER

12:30-8PM



MARCH 14

TEACHER POTLUCK

10:50AM~2PM

MARCH 20\*

PTO MEETING

LIBRARY

9-10AM

\*MIGHT GET MOVED\*

LOOKING AHEAD:

MILEAGE CLUB

CULVER'S NIGHT

SCIENCE NIGHT

## TEACHER POTLUCK DURING CONFERENCES MARCH 14, 2024, 10:50AM-2PM

During spring conferences, the PTO partners with parents to provide a lunch for teachers while they're meeting with parents over zoom. If you can contribute, please scan the code to the right to help by setting up, providing food/drink, or cleaning up.

