



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

NO SCHOOL

April 29 District PD
May 27 Memorial Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22 MSTEP Begins (Grade 3/4)
April 24 PTO Mtg
May 6 K-1 Spring Concert @ OHS

IMPORTANT LINKS

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

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A Message from the Principal

April 24th is Administrative Professionals Day! We consider ourselves very fortunate to have 2 amazing professionals in the Cornell Office: Jennifer Darjes and Nisreen Abulibdeh! Their dedication to our students, staff, and the Cornell Community is unwavering. We appreciate everything they do every day to make Cornell so special!

THANK YOU and We LOVE you!

~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 April 24 @ 9am 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!

April 12 & 19

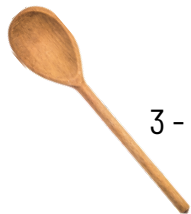
- KDG: Landon M, Seoyeon K, Isa M, Riya B, Mason K & Yiseo K.
1: Owen C, Cameron H, Emerson B & Gabby Z.
2: Lin T, Maksym K, Sam C, Manuel E & Emily R.
3: Sevinch M, Aidan D, Jagadeesh C, Riona M, Gavin H & Olly H.
4: Jeremiah M, Ethan A, Samaira R, Selim Y & Bob F.

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!

April 12 & 19

- K - Casson & Schoen
1 - Gutierrez & Fesko
2 - Malkus & Andersen
3 - Tousignant & Deladurantaye
4 - Sinila & Price



April Character Trait

Integrity

At Cornell Elementary, integrity means doing what is right even if it is difficult or no one is monitoring you! We use integrity when we turn in items we find that do not belong to us, make the right choice when our friends are not, or choose to be truthful if no one is there to see a choice we make.

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

We Planted a Tree
by Diane Muldrow



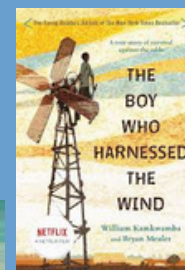
Here Comes the Garbage Barge
by Jonah Winter



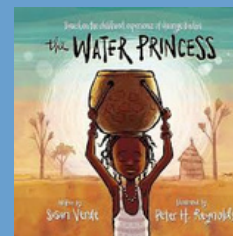
Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth
By Oliver Jeffers



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
by William Kamkwamba



The Water Princess
by Susan Verde



Message from the Office

Kindergarten Registration is OPEN!

Register Here!

Current K-4 students will not need to re-enroll for the 2024-2025 school year! They will automatically be rolled over to the next academic year, however, do confirm that your child will return to Cornell, transition to Kinawa as a 5th grader, or share future plans here:

Confirmation of 2024-2025 K-3 Enrollment Survey

If you would like Cornell Staff to know more about your child as we begin the classroom placement process for 2024-2025, please use this form:

Current K-3 Parent Input Form

Thank you!

Save the Date!

The end of the year performance for Kindergarten and First grade students is Monday, May 6th at 6:30pm in the Okemos High School auditorium. Students should arrive at 6:15pm to meet with their class.

The performance will be about 45 minutes 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! If your child is unable to attend, please email Ms. Chase at kelly.chase@okemosk12.net.

We cannot wait to share our music with you!



News and Updates

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Student Spotlight

Shout out to our Carline and Bus Safeties! They have been handing out CBGs to students at arrival and dismissal. Students recognizing each other for positive and safe choices--this is a "level up" for Cornell! ❤️

Shout out to Kdg students in Mrs. Schoen's class! They were excited to hear their classmate's name announced as a Wolf of the Week and celebrated for her!

Shout out to our 3rd grade students who are working very hard on their animal reports! We cannot wait for you to share your knowledge with us!



Cornell Mileage Club

Mileage Club began on April 10! Volunteers are needed! Please click the image below to sign up!

We run M, W, & F @ lunchtime!



It's time to order your 23-24 Cornell Yeakbook!

ORDERS DUE BY: APRIL 30th.

Please use the link below to order your yearbook.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

If you would rather not submit an online order, please call the studio 989-227-8441 and we will take your order via phone.

Directions: Simply search for your student by name. You can type either their first or last name and you will see student names pop up. If you have multiple students please submit separate orders for each child. If you do not see your student's name, choose "New Person" and add their information during checkout.

Record of payment is recorded in our database!

Order Link: ospgo.com/1UHA

If you have any questions please call the studio 989-227-8441 or email Andrew@Canfieldjenkins.com

Cornell Happenings

Solar Eclipse and Science Night!

Check out our Cornell Scientists!



Messages from OEF

Okemos Education Foundation APPLE Awards

Teacher/staff appreciation week is just around the corner, May 6-10, followed by the end of the school year, just one month later. Many families choose to give a small gift to a teacher, support staff or administrator as a thank you for the work they have done with their child/school. As we have done in the past, the Okemos Education Foundation is offering APPLE Awards to honor these teachers, support staff and administrators. This is a wonderful and long-lasting way to say 'thank you'. 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)...teachers, para-professionals, support staff, administrators...who have touched the life of your student? Proceeds from this help the Okemos Education Foundation give financial support to all seven of our schools as well as those at Community Education. To order an APPLE Award, visit www.oefsite.org/apple. Thank you for recognizing an Okemos educator and for your support of the OEF.

Annual Okemos Education Foundation Golf Fundraiser

Last year the OEF hosted its first annual golf fundraiser. It was a wonderful success with positive feedback from sponsors and participants alike. This year the OEF will host this event on June 1, 2024, again at College Fields in Okemos. This is a great community event as well as a fundraiser for the Foundation as they work to support excellence and innovation in the Okemos schools. The event includes continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, and dinner during the awards presentation. There is also a 50/50 raffle along with many community business gift certificates and even a chance to win \$10,000! This is a scramble so golfers of all levels are welcome. We invite you to join us on Saturday, June 1, as a sponsor/participant. For more information please visit oefgolffundraiser.com or email questions to chair@oefsite.org.

Commitment to Excellence Awards

Each fall, the OEF recognizes excellence in the district by honoring classroom staff, support staff, and a volunteer at our awards banquet. We invite parents to nominate someone they feel exhibits excellence within the district. Information on each of these awards can be found at oefsite.org. Nomination forms should be sent electronically to grants@oef.org by June 30, 2024.

OPS Happenings



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](#)

Okemos High School Graduation!

OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2024
COMMENCEMENT

MAY
29
2024

MSU BRESLIN CENTER
PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:30
NO BAGS OR PURSES PERMITTED
CEREMONY STARTS AT 7

VENUE IS WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSIBLE.

SAVE THE DATE