



The Cornell Chronicles

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE
CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPORTANT DATES

NO SCHOOL

May 27 Memorial Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6 K-1 Spring Concert @ OHS

May 17 Family Fun Night

May 31 Field Day

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A Message from the Principal

May 6-10 is National Teacher Appreciation Week! At Cornell Elementary, we extend this to include all of our educational professionals! We appreciate everything our staff does every day to make Cornell so special! See our PTO Facebook Page or check your email for information about how we are celebrating them this week!

THANK YOU CORNELL STAFF ❤️

~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 May 22 @ 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 26 & May 3

KDG: Ava G, Aine M, Chenhao X, Henry H, Olivia Y, Zarina T, Ozzy H, Alayna H & Weston M.

1: Noah W, Margot P, Jasper R & Zach S.

2: Jingxiu Z, Michael S, Noora A & Chane M.

3: Soren T, Kaavya V, Liv G, Alia H, Vittoria D, William M, Min S & Emma F.

4: Emmy Z.

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 26 & May 3

K - Nahat & Petersburg

1 - Schuesler & Hall

2 - Hughey & Andersen

3 - Hixson & Tousignant

4 - Coy & Harnick



May Character Trait

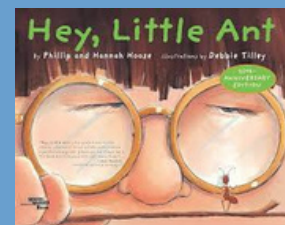
Empathy

At Cornell, empathy means being able to understand how someone else is feeling! Empathy is being able to know how someone else is feeling, even when you aren't in the same situation. Sometimes, in more simple words, we call empathy being able to "put yourself in someone's shoes" and see things from their view.

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

Hey, Little Ant

by Phillip & Hannah Hoose



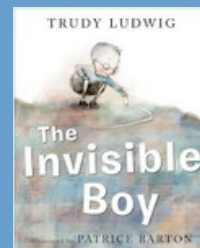
Be Kind

by Pat Zietlow Miller



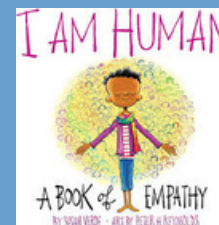
Invisible Boy

By Trudy Ludwig



I Am Human

by Susan Verde



We're All Wonders

by RJ Palacio



Message from the Office

Kindergarten Registration is OPEN! If you know someone with a kindergarten-age child, please share!

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

Thank you!

K-1 Music Performance: May 6

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 Wolves for cleaning up our campus on Earth Day! Many classes went outside for lessons to enjoy the beautiful day ❤️

2nd Graders worked hard to finish their History of Okemos Timelines and started learning cursive!

Shout out to Kdg students in Mrs. Schoen's class! Their class had some thoughtful conversations about the literature they read during a study of plants and animals.

Mrs. Petersburg's class spent much of their Choice Time this week using items from the recycling bin to build and create various items in honor of Earth Day. They created guitars, gifts, jewelry, and so much more!



Special shout out to our 3rd and 4th graders for completing the 2024 MSTEP Assessment! It's a long assessment for math and literacy, but they persevered! Way to go!

Family Fun Night

Join us for our annual Family Fun Night on May 17th!



Cornell Happenings

Congratulations, Mrs. Schoen!

After 32 wonderful years of teaching with Okemos Public Schools, Mrs. Schoen has announced her retirement! We thank her for her dedication, passion, and love for our students and their families. While we will miss her smile and cheerful presence at Cornell, we wish her much joy in her future plans ❤️

2nd Grade Trip: Historical Village!



"The kindergarten kiddos keep me on my toes and I am forever grateful for their love of learning and the endless questions about the world around them. I'll miss the smiles, the sparkle in their eyes, and the connections I've made with all of my students, past and present."

Half-Way Through MSTEP Celebration & a game of marbles after reading Time for Andrew!



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

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 6-10

You "red" our minds: thanks for all you do!

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The PTO will provide a huge tub of snacks for teachers and staff to grab at their leisure throughout the day and week! Parents can help show appreciation by bringing small treats or snacks to their students' teachers, aides, lunch helpers, etc!

We'd be so "blue" without you!

PTO has created a seed starting kit for our teachers and staff because they truly help our students grow. Parents, you can help by having your student bring a flower to school - it can be created from pipe cleaners or paper, picked from the garden or wild flower patch, or purchased - feel free to get creative!

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"Orange" you glad you work here? We are!

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Sweet baked treats for all staff available in the lounge! Parents - scan or click here to sign up to bring baked goods (to school by Tuesday afternoon, please!)



We all a "green" you're the best!

Teachers can always use stationary and pens! PTO is giving some post-its and pens. Parents, today is the day to bring in your teacher's favorite pens, thank you cards, papers, etc - or bring in a student drawing to really make their day!

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Mellow Yellow" - relax, it's almost the weekend!

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To properly thank all the staff and teachers at Cornell, PTO is hand-writing notes to everyone. Parents, you can join by writing a nice note, purchasing gift cards, or having your student download this template and write a note themselves.



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Family Fun Night

- FINISH MILEAGE CLUB • LIVE MUSIC •
- FOOD TRUCKS • RAFFLE • FREE POPCORN •
- OBSTACLE COURSE •



[cornellpto.org](https://www.cornellpto.org)

Friday, May 17, 6-8pm

rain date is Monday, May 20, 6-8pm

**Finish Mileage Club strong and
join the party at Family Fun Night!**

Read more about this event on our website

[\(<https://www.cornellpto.org>\)](https://www.cornellpto.org)

or on our Facebook page

[\(<https://www.facebook.com/CornellPTO>\)](https://www.facebook.com/CornellPTO)

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Link to pre-purchase raffle tickets:

25 tickets for \$20

50 tickets for \$40

**Please send
donations to
teachers ASAP!
Themes and
ideas on
website!**

Teacher Raffle Basket Theme

Casson . Mmmmm...Breakfast
Petersburg . Pet Lovers
Schoen . Potting Around the Garden
Nahat . Curl up with a good book

Fesko . Summer Fun
Gutierrez . Getting Crafty
Hall . Road Trippin'
Schuesler . BBQ Blitz

Andersen . Beach Bums
Hughey . Legos
Malkus . Ice Cream Social in a box
Pignataro . Little Bakers

DeLadurantaye . Coffee Lovers
Hixson . MSU Tailgate
Dykeman . I want S'more
Tousignant . Italian Dinner Night

Coy . All Star Sports
Harnick . Family Game Night
Price . Movie Night
Sinila . Taco Tuesday Night

PLEASE BRING
DONATED ITEMS
TO TEACHERS
BY 5/16 FOR
PACKAGING!

VISIT CORNELLPTO.ORG FOR DONATION IDEAS



Raffle Basket Ideas

Pet Lovers: toys, treats, bowls, collapsible water bowl, treat container, lint roller, nail clippers, dog and cat decor

Taco Tuesday Night: hard and soft shells, tortilla chips, salsas, refried beans, large bowl/container, taco seasoning, taco shell holders, queso

Movie Night: Popcorn, bowls, candy movie boxes, popcorn seasoning, classic movie dvds, gift cards

Beach Bums: chair, sand toys, sunscreen, sunglasses, beach ball, towels, beach bag

Family Game Night: various board and card games

Coffee Lovers: mugs, coffee grounds and beans, coffee bean grinder, Keurig coffee pods, coffee gift cards, filters, coffee spoons, travel mug

Little Bakers: pans, aprons (adult and child), hot mitts, utensils, measuring spoons and cups, cookie cutters, cake or brownie mixes

BBQ Blitz: spices, sauces, bbq utensils, bbq cookbook, grilling baskets or pans

Potting Around the Garden: dirt, plants, seeds (vegetable and flowers), kneeler, gloves (adult and child), shovel, rake, pots

Ice Cream Social in a Box: cones, sprinkles, cherries, sauces, plastic bowls and spoons, ice cream scooper

Summer Fun: outdoor games, sunscreen, cooler, floats, water bottles, chalk, pool, bubbles and bubble machine

Getting Crafty: markers, crayons, scissors, glue, playdoh, stencils, paint and brushes, construction paper, stickers, craft box

Legos: variety of LEGO sets, LEGO merchandise etc...

Road Trippin: gas gift cards, fast food gift cards, fun snacks, car board games, gum, coloring books and crayons, activity books

I Want S'more: fire pit, marshmallows, graham crackers, chocolate bars, roasting sticks, apple cider and hot chocolate packets, mugs

Italian Dinner Night: pasta bowl, towels, aprons, spoons, olive oil dispenser, pasta (various types), spaghetti sauce (various types), olive oil, spices

MSU Tailgate: balls, coolers, cups, table cloths, flags, hats, tatoos, tailgate games, chairs

Curl up with a Book: books of all reading levels, mugs, throw blankets, bookmarks, journals, fun pens, reading light, Audible gift card, Schueler's gift cards, book basket

All Star Sports: anything sports related, basketball, soccer, baseball, football, tennis, golf

Mmmm..... Breakfast: waffle maker, spatula, large mixing bowl, waffle mix, syrup, chocolate chips, sprinkles, coffee mugs, ground coffee

