



“Cornell Develops Character”

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 Newsletter # 1

WELCOME CORNELL STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS!

The entire staff has worked hard to prepare for our first day with students and we are eager and excited about working with your children this school year. A hearty welcome is extended to our new students and parents. This newsletter is designed to give you some initial information on the routines and procedures at Cornell Village Public School and answer some of your fundamental questions, as your child begins the school year.

STAFF INTRODUCTION:

John Hopkins	Principal	Lori Hall	Vice Principal
Maureen Green	School Office Administrative Asst.	W. Garner	Lead Caretaker
Deb Gammie	Receptionist/Secretary	J. Cobb , M. Geer	Caretakers

Teaching Staff:

M. Gray/M. Edgar	Kindergarten Rm. 104	S. Cockburn	Grade 5 Port. 2
M. Bergerson	Kindergarten Rm. 131	L. Wallace	Grade 6 Port. 6
B Peters	Kindergarten Rm. 129	P. O’Sullivan	Grade 6 Rm. 225
D. Brand	Kindergarten Rm. 132	H. McQueen	Grade 7 Rm. 223
M. Balkos	Grade 1 Rm. 110	S. Saunders/K. Carberry	Grade 7 Rm. 222
C. Hammonds	Grade 1 Rm. 112	L. Melnichuk	Grade 7/8 Rm. 204
K. Vaisanen	Grade 1 Rm. 113	M. Bernstein	Grade 8 Rm. 203
D. Bergerson	Grade 1/2 Rm. 109	A. Hugh-Sam	ELL Rm. 102
B. McNaughtan	Grade 2 Rm. 208	T. McFadden	Int. SERT Rm. 107
J. D’Angelo	Grade 2 Rm. 209	B. Hood	Pr. SERT Rm. 103
V. Barratt	Grade 2 Rm. 106	H. Collier	Jr. SERT Rm. 221
K. McCreight	Grade 2 Rm. 206	S. Giovannetti	Reading Recovery Rm. 102
N. MacDonnell/C. Lee	Grade 3 Rm. 200	J. Hachey	Reading Recovery Rm. 107A
C. Tyler	Grade 3 Rm. 201	E. Penrose	French Rm. 224
T. Frolic	Grade 3 Rm. 205	L. Holmes	French
J. Develiadis	Grade 3 Port. 4	S. Stewart-Krever	Teacher Librarian
G. Dool	Grade 4 Port. 3	N. Richardson	E.A.
C. Pisani	Grade 4 Port. 5	J. Jang	E.A.
T. Cordi	Grade 5 Port. 1	J. Giffin	E.A.

SCHOOL HOURS:

8:55	Entry Bell (attendance)
9:00	Classes begin
10:40 – 11:10	Recess (with snack time) <i>(AM Kindergarten class ends at 11:30 am)</i>
12:50	Lunch <i>(PM Kindergarten class begins at 1:00 pm)</i>
1:50	Re-Entry (attendance and classes resume)
3:30	Dismissal (or remedial help)

FIRST DAY PROCEDURES:

TRAFFIC SAFETY PROCEDURES:

As you are likely aware we have grown rapidly as a school population with even more very young children. Our first floor of the school will house our Kindergarten and Grade 1 students (Grades 2 – 8 upstairs and in the 6-Pack). As a result, the safety of our younger students will be paramount. Mixing young students and traffic puts safety at risk. The school ground areas/sidewalks adjacent to our large driveway loop will see much pedestrian traffic.

We want to make it a school community priority to have students (with parents if necessary) walk to and from school every day. Besides improving safety on the school site, this priority will address student needs for daily exercise.

Also, all automobile traffic will be restricted from entering the school driveway entrances:

- from 8:45 – 9:00 am
- from 3:30 – 3:45 pm

The Town of Markham has placed a crossing guard at the corner of Donald Sims and Country Glen Road. Please ensure to use the crossing guard if you are crossing Country Glen Road. Teachers will be on duty at the front entrances re-directing traffic to drop-off in the ‘indented’ areas of Country Glen Road (west side only).

PARKING:

If you wish to enter the property during these times, please park in the ‘indented’ parking on Country Glen Road (west side only) or Christian Reesor Park Ave. There is room for a total 45-50 cars in these ‘indented’ areas.

IDENTIFICATION OF YOUNGER STUDENTS:

Please ensure that you place an identification label on the clothing of your younger children (K, Grade 1) including: name / phone number. We recommend this procedure through the 2nd week. The teacher will affix a Bus I.D. sticker to the back pack of all new K/Grade 1 students taking the bus.

OTHER INFORMATION**BUSSING:**

We will have one bus arrive from our northern area with Primary students only. All Junior and Intermediate students are within walking distance from the school. Parents are advised to check the website:

www.schoolbuscity.com for up-to-date information on stops and times.

- Notes:
1. For the first few days, please arrive at the bus stop at least 10 minutes before your scheduled time.
 2. Kindergarten students must be accompanied by an adult to and from the bus stop.

KINDERGARTEN:

The Kindergarten staff will be meeting with new students and parents for a scheduled interview during the first 3 days of school (especially all JK students). If you do not have an appointment, please call Deb Gammie at the school. First school day for all SK students will be Friday, September 7th (at their assigned time). The first school day for all JK students will be the week of Monday, September 10/11th (depending on Alternate Day Schedule).

SCHOOL SECURITY AND ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL THROUGH THE DAY:

During the regular school day, only our front main doors will be open to access for parents and visitors. All visitors and parents must check in at the office and wear identification before entering the school. At 9:00 am the entrance access through the second main doors (entering the hallways) will be locked. To access the school from 9:00 – 3:30, visitors/parents/volunteers will need to report to the office, sign-in, ask for permission to enter the school, pick-up an identification tag and move through the Office to enter the building. We hope you appreciate and support this added security measure.

Port-a-Pack Security:

A Pass-card Security System has been installed on the North/East doors of the school. The Port-a-Pack doors are locked at all times. Parents must report to the Office and receive permission before approaching the classrooms in the Port-A-Pack. Our outside video cameras will also provide Office monitoring of the movement of students between the Port-a-Pack and the school. During class time, Port-a-Pack students use the following procedure:

1. Receive teacher permission to exit the Pack and enter the school.
2. Grade 3 students will travel to the main building and back with a class partner.
3. Students take a pass-card with them to enter the main building.
4. Students return to the Port-a-Pack and re-enter through the classroom emergency door.
5. Pass-card returned to its hanger.

STUDENT SUPERVISION:

We have supervision for our students at all recesses and lunch times. Our supervisors include teachers, educational assistants and school assistants. We have supervision in the yard beginning at 8:43 am and ending at 3:42 pm. Parents are responsible for students who arrive at the school before 8:43 am or who remain in the school yard after 3:42 pm.

MORNING SNACK TIME (10:40 – 10:50 AM):

From 10:40 – 10:50 am, students will begin their recess break with a ‘healthy snack time’ (10 minutes). *Since lunch begins at 12:50 pm, it will be imperative that students eat a substantial, healthy snack for this break.*

LUNCH ROUTINES (12:50 – 1:50):

All bus students are expected to eat lunch at school. We encourage Cornell students, who can walk to school, to go home for lunch during the lunch hour. If you live in the immediate community and would like your child to eat lunch at school each day or for part of the week, please send a note to the homeroom teacher.

LOCKERS AND LOCKS:

All grade 2 to 8 students on the 2nd floor will have the use of a locker for their personal materials/coats/boots. All Grade 2 students will be issued a clip for their locker (no lock). All Grade 3-8 students must provide a ‘Dudley’ quality lock before they are assigned a locker. This will be a new routine for our grades 2 students. Parents should check with the homeroom teacher if they have questions.

STUDENT AGENDA PLANNERS AND PROFESSIONAL DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES:

Again this year we are collecting \$20.00 from each grade 1 to 8 student (\$7.00 per JK/SK student). These funds provide for:

1. Student Agenda (for homeroom tracking and parent-teacher communication) (\$7.00)
2. Professional Dramatic Performance in the school year and Pediculosis screening (\$13.00).

Please send in the \$20.00 to the homeroom teacher by Wednesday, September 12th.

Parents/students also need to read, sign and retain page 23 in the Agenda, to acknowledge school expectations.

GYM CLOTHING/INDOOR SHOES:

Please ensure that your child has shorts/track pants, T-shirt and white soled running shoes to be used for activities in the gym. These runners are to be used as your child’s indoor shoes in the classroom.

SCHOOL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

If concerns arise during the school year, please feel free to contact the school directly. If it’s a classroom issue, I encourage you to contact the teacher first. If it’s a general school issue, please contact John Hopkins, Principal or Lori Hall, Vice Principal. Clear, open, honest and sincere communication can often overcome concerns or issues in an expedient manner.

UPCOMING DATES:

Sept. 7	First School Day for SK students
Sept. 10/11	First School Day for JK students (depending on schedule)
Sept. 17	School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept. 20	Grade 7 Hep B Immunization
Sept. 21	P. A. Day (no classes)

John Hopkins **Lori Hall**
Principal Vice Principal

Ruth Lambert
Superintendent of Schools

Bill Crothers
Trustee