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**“Cornell Develops Character”**

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***PRINCIPAL AND SOAA CHANGE AT CORNELL (Dec. 31, 2007)***

John Hopkins, Principal, and Maureen Green, School Administrative Office Assistant (SOAA) are both retiring from their roles as of December 31, 2007. In a later December newsletter will include more personal comments and reflections from John and/or Maureen. The Cornell School Advisory Council and the Cornell staff were informed of these changes on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The YRDSB is in the process of deciding on the new Principal and SOAA for Cornell. The Cornell School Advisory Council has forwarded an up-to-date Principal Profile to be referenced within the selection process of the new Principal. We expect that the new Principal will be appointed on Dec. 13, 2007. Cornell’s new SOAA will likely be appointed during the last week of December. If you have any questions, please contact John Hopkins at the school.



To celebrate the contribution of John Hopkins and Maureen Green to Cornell Village Public School, the staff and students along with the School Advisory Council will be organizing a celebratory assembly on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3 pm in the afternoon. We welcome parents in our community who are able to attend.

Later from 4 – 6 pm, the school community and regional colleagues will be continuing the celebration of John and Maureen’s career contributions to the York Region District School Board. You can arrange to attend this part of the celebration through contacting Lori or Deb in the office.

*Note to Cornell Parents/Guardians: After you have read this newsletter and recorded the important dates, please give this newsletter to a family in the neighbourhood who may have a child attending Junior Kindergarten next fall.*

***KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – JAN. 8, 2008 (for Sept. 2008)***

If your child was born in the year 2004, you may register them for Junior Kindergarten. Please pick up registration forms at the school, or on-line at [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) . To register, parents need to present the original birth certificate of the student or immigration papers and proof of residence. Parent new to Canada must register at the YRDSB Reception Centre.

We have two types of Kindergarten Programs at Cornell:

- (a) The main Program is the **Full Day – Alternate Day Program**, where students attend on Monday, Wednesdays or Tuesday, Thursdays and every other Friday. It is a full day Program from 8:55 – 3:30 pm.
- (b) We also have a **Half Day, Every Day Program** where students attend either in the morning (8:55 – 11:30 am) or in the afternoon (1:00 – 3:30 pm) each day. The morning Program has a tendency to be more popular to parents.

When you register for JK, you can express your interest in either Program.

**Caution:** If you are interested in the Half Day, Every Day Program, you need be prepared to *take either morning or afternoon*. If you must have only morning or only afternoon, I would advise you to request Full Day Alternate Day instead.

***MINISTRY REPORT CARDS:***

**Report Card Comment Qualifiers**

The Ontario Ministry of Education has standardized a range of procedures and language terminology with respect to these report cards. Common phrases are used as ‘qualifiers’ depending on the ‘Level’ of progress and the grade/mark given. These ‘qualifiers’ will be used in most subject areas.

<u>Grade/Mark</u>	<u>Level of Progress</u>	<u>Common Qualifiers</u>
A (or 80+)	Level 4	<b><i>high degree or thorough</i></b> (understanding)
B (or 70-79)	Level 3	<b><i>considerable</i></b> (understanding)
C (or 60-69)	Level 2	<b><i>some</i></b> (understanding)
D (or 50-59)	Level 1	<b><i>limited</i></b> (understanding)

### Report Card 'Next Steps' Comments

At Cornell, teachers are asked to convey 'Next Steps' comments in English and Mathematics, as well as in the final Learning Skills Comment. Our goal is to *engage* parents/guardians in the learning of our students at home. Therefore, the 'Next Steps' comments in the report card will give parents/guardians *practical suggestions to focus learning at home*. If you are not sure of how to implement the suggestions, please contact your child's teacher.

### **PARENT – TEACHER (AND STUDENT) CONFERENCES - NOV. 29/30<sup>th</sup>**

Today, we sent home the Parent – Teacher Conferences Confirmation Forms with the Report Card for the conferences we have planned for Thursday evening, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday morning, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. We also encourage you to involve your child in the Conference, especially in Grades 4 – 8. Optimum student achievement is realized with the commitment of all three learning partners, *student, teacher* and *parent*.

### **PR. HOLIDAY CONCERT - THURSDAY, DEC. 13<sup>TH</sup> ( at 2pm and evening at 7pm)**

The Primary Division will be offering a *Holiday Concert* on Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. Please mark this important date on your calendar. We encourage parents, who can arrange to attend on the matinee performance, to do so. We'll have a 'tight fit' in the gym for the evening performance. More detailed information will be forthcoming in a special notice.

### **GINGERBREAD HOUSE \$2.00 RAFFLE FOR THE CVPS LIBRARY**

A Gingerbread House was donated to the school by Sandra Reed from **The Cornell Crier News Magazine** to be used to raise funds to buy books and supplies for C.V.P.S. Library. It measures about 20 in. wide x 20 in. high x 17 in. deep and was made by the **Gingerbread Ladies of Cornell**. (Christine Miller, her sisters Tina & Carol and her friend Neda) The house is made of real gingerbread and is almost totally edible and is wrapped in clear cellophane. **Raffle Tickets for \$2.00 can be purchased in the Library by students all this week.**

### **GRS. 4 – 8 SKI PROGRAM – THURS. JAN. 31<sup>st</sup> AND WED. FEB. 6 & 13, 2008**

We are again offering a Ski Elective Program to our Grades 4 to 8 students, on Thurs. January 31<sup>st</sup> and Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 2008. This program allows for students to learn to ski or snowboard through a 3-day successive program. As part of the Physical Education program, we hope that parents will consider this program for their children. It is safe and well supervised by school staff and the staff of Skyloft Ski Resort. At \$120, for 3 full days of skiing, including travel, lift ticket, lesson and rental, it is an excellent Physical Education program at an affordable cost. The school will assist families in the funding for families with 2 or more children signing up for the Ski Program. The children not involved in the Ski Program will be receiving an Alternate Program at school on the Ski Days. This program will include core subject studies and arts activities.

We will be collecting permission forms and a \$50 deposit in early December.

*All Ski Permission Forms (deposit cheques) need to be back to the homeroom teachers by Fri., Dec. 14, 2007.*

### **UPCOMING DATES**

Nov. 27	1 <sup>st</sup> Term Reports go home
Nov. 29	Photo Re-takes (one day only) (M/W JK/SKs will need to come in this day if they want a re-take)
Nov. 29-30	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences (Nov. 30 is a P.A. Day)
Dec. 13	<b>Primary Holiday Concert</b> (matinee 2 pm and evening 7pm)
Dec. 14	Upper Canada Daycare Christmas Concert (afternoon)
Dec. 21	Last School Day before the Christmas Break
Jan. 7	School resumes after the Break
Jan. 8	Kindergarten Registration for Sept. /08 (Office opens at 8:15 am)

**John Hopkins**  
Principal

**Lori Hall**  
Vice Principal

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Superintendent of Schools

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