

Cornell Village Public School

September 8, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The first day of school is an exciting beginning for all students, parents and staff. It is the start of what will be an exciting and prosperous year of learning and engagement at Cornell Village Public School. Welcome back to all the families who attended CVPS last year and a special greeting to all new students and their families, especially all of our new junior kindergartens beginning their school careers here at Cornell Village P.S. I look forward to meeting our new families and getting re-acquainted with those returning.

There are several important items that I would like to emphasize at this time. A lot of mail will come home during the first week of school...all very important, so please take the time to review it. Our web site is also a great source of information so save it to your favourites.

**Money Collection and Fundraising**

There are many costs associated with the beginning of the school year, so I would like to assist you with your financial planning by letting you know some of the expenses that you might expect over the course of the year. The money raised through our fundraising efforts does go to subsidizing activities and services for our students. Many families are experiencing tough economic times, and we recognize that this may be a hardship for some, so please always feel free to break fees into instalments if necessary.

***All students in grades 1-8 need to submit a \$35.00 fee (payable to Cornell Village P.S.) for the following items that will be for all students:***

Agenda Book	\$ 7.00 (no subsidy)
Arts Program (performances in school)	\$11.00 (subsidized \$3.00 per student)
Hip Hop Dance Program	\$ 5.00 (subsidized \$1.50 per student)
Music/Art Fee (music, copyright, materials)	\$12.00 (subsidized \$3.00 per student)

***Fundraising activities help to support school activities and enhance the educational experiences of our students and, in some cases, help the community. Participation in fundraising activities is always optional. You can expect the following fundraising activities this year:***

- Terry Fox Run/Walk (Sept. 23)
- Magazine Fundraiser (October)
- Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser (February)
- Legacy Run Fundraiser (April)

***Field trips and overnight trips provide students with hands-on experiences that cannot be duplicated in the classroom. Some of these costs have increased because our fee for busses is now close to \$200.00 per bus. Below are some expected field trips and an approximate cost per grade.***

Most Grades	Scientists in the schools	\$10.-\$15.
Grades 1-2	Skating	\$55.-\$60. (6 weeks with instructors)
Grade 3	Skating	\$35.
Grade 3	Heritage School House	\$15.
Grade 4	Medieval Times	\$45.
Grade 4	Recorders	\$ 8.
Grades 4-8	Ski Days ( 2 or 3)	\$85.-\$125. Total
Grade 5	Lake St. George (3 days)	\$150.
Grade 6	JUMP Trip (3 days)	\$190.
Grade 7	Lake St. George (3 days)	\$150.
Grade 8	Trip TBA	< \$300.

Other small trips will be organized as well.

### **Agenda Books**

There is a great deal of information in the front of the agenda book that must be read and signed by students and parents. This is now in the agenda book so that parents and students have access to it at all times. In the past it came home in a series of letters and pamphlets. It contains important information several important school/Board policies, including Safe Schools and Computer use agreement. Please review with your child (as will we), and sign page 23. This page, once signed, will be removed from the agenda and kept in the school.

### **Newsletters**

In a continued effort to be environmentally friendly and cut costs of paper and photocopying, all of my newsletters will be posted on line again this year. Our web master, Deb Larsen, revamped our web page last year to make it more user- friendly for parents, so please mark it as one of your favourites. We will post school letters and info on the site and as the year progresses many teachers will also link to the site and post specific info for their classes. We will let you know when the Newsletter is posted, and if you require a hard copy, please let your child's home room teacher know. Our web address is:

**[www.cvps.ca](http://www.cvps.ca)**

On behalf of all the staff at CVPS, we wish you a great start to this new school year. We will see at our Meet The Teacher/Curriculum Night on Sept. 24 (details to follow).

Sincerely,



D. Wilton  
Principal