

### SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# **Cornell Elementary School**

Big City Opportunities, Small Town Commitment for Students

### May 2018 Newsletter

### **Upcoming Events**

### Cornell Elementary

MAY 11, 2018 Music Concert at Saydel High School, 5:30 PM

MAY 14, 2018

- Regular School Board Meeting, 6 PM
- Saydel Retirement Reception at Saydel District Office, 5 - 6 PM

MAY 17 & 18, 2018 Preschool End-of-Year Celebrations

MAY 21, 2018 4th Grade Track & Field Day

MAY 22, 2018 K-4 Field Trip to Big Creek State Park

MAY 25, 2018 Last Day of School

MAY 30, 2018 Eagle's Nest Summer Program Begins at Cornell Elementary

JUNE 4, 2018 Summer Food Program Begins at Cornell

JUNE 11, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting, 6 PM



### **School Hours**

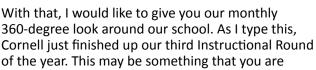
CORNELL ELEMENTARY 8:35 AM - 3:30 PM Wed.: 9:35 AM - 3:30 PM

NOTE: Each Wednesday school begins one hour later for teacher in-service.

MISSION: Serving the Unique Learning Needs of Each & Every Student

### Principal's Message

can't believe that May is already upon us and that I am about to finish my third year as your proud principal of Cornell Elementary. I have learned so much in the last few years from our students, families, and staff, and I am excited for our future together. We will continue to grow and strengthen the supports we all provide to our kids on a daily basis together.



**Principal Brian Vaughan** 

unfamiliar with. Instructional Rounds are a process for school improvement that are based on the medical rounds model. It brings a group of our Saydel teachers and administrators together to look at what is happening in our schools, develop a collaborative learning environment, and improve student learning. Rounds are about understanding what's happening in classrooms, how we as a system produce those effects, and how we can move closer to producing the learning we want to see. This time has validated many of the positive aspects that are happening in our classrooms on a daily basis. We know through the data that Cornell students are growing as thinkers and problem-solvers, they are highly engaged in their work, and teachers are providing our students with choices that challenge them at their levels of learning.

A couple weeks ago we held our annual Cornell Family Fluency Night. Again this year we had over 300 students and family members attend. Thank you to all who participated. I hope you found this time to be valuable and that it provided you with the opportunity to be "unplugged" so you could spend time with your children. It was awesome that every singe student who attended was able to spend time with their family and go home with a brand new book!

Finally, I would like to give a shout-out to our fourth graders. Each year I talk to our fourth graders about being the leaders of our school. This is a huge responsibility that all of them carry as the oldest kids in our school. We talk at the beginning of the year about leading by example in all you do. This year's class has been great role models for the rest of our students and have come to school ready to learn and lead every day. I could not be more proud of them and the work they put in this year!

In closing, thank you to all of you for the trust and support you provide our great school every single day. Our partnership in educating our students goes hand-in-hand. I hope that you have a great month and summer ahead.

Go Eagles! ~ BE AWESOME TODAY!

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Thank You

# Preschoolers Finish Pet Study

By the Preschool Team

Preschool students learned about pets in the month of April using our Creative Curriculum Pet Study! Morning threeyear-old students created their own Harry the Dirty Dog after listening to the story. Afternoon four-year-old students turned letter D into a Dalmatian dog. All students enjoyed sharing pictures of their own pets from home and telling us about them. We also made graphs about what our favorite pet was and drew a picture of which pet we would like to have if we could choose any pet!

We are ready to celebrate a great year of learning in preschool at our year-end Preschool Celebration in May! All sections



of preschool will celebrate by singing songs and having an ice cream social. Dates and times for celebrations are as follows: Mrs. Byrd's and Mrs. Singletary's three-year-old morning students will have their celebration on May 17 at 9:30 AM. Mrs. Bader's four-year-old students (both AM and PM sections) will celebrate on May 18 at 9:30 AM. Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. Singletary's four-year-old afternoon students will celebrate on May 18 at 2:15 PM.



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# Kindergarten Students Celebrate The Alphabet

#### By the Kindergarten Team

Kindergartners are wrapping up the year by celebrating the Alphabet! Each day we have been enjoying a special activity that starts with the corresponding letter of the alphabet. For example, "F" day was spent reading with Flashlights, "S" day will be Saydel and Sunglasses day, on "T" day we will have the fire trucks visit Cornell and plant a tree, and on "Z" day we will be taking our year-end field trip to the zoo.

Each student will be receiving a free book from Scholastic, courtesy of Cornell PTO. Students looked through the book orders and picked a "just right" book that they will be bringing home. We have worked so hard on our reading this year, and we hope families will make time each day during the summer to read to and with their children.



# End Of Year English Language Learner Recap

#### By Nicole Temeyer, ELL Teacher

t seems like it's always at this time of the year where I find myself (and my students) thinking, "Where has the time gone?" It has been a full and eventful year for our English Language Learners (ELLs), and we are working hard through the final push of the school year and looking forward to celebrating our growth and successes. With our older students (third and fourth graders), we have been working on vocabulary development and learning about prefixes, suffixes, homophones, and other fun language nuances. Ask your student if they knew the new term "homophones" prior to this past month and if they can explain it to you now.

Many of our younger students have been continuing to work hard on foundational literacy skills, and we are starting to see it reflect in their Spring testing scores. We are still awaiting the results of our English Language Proficiency test (ELPA21) that all students completed in March and are hoping to receive those results from the state before the end of the school year. If you are the parent of an English Language Learner, I will let you know as soon as I receive the results through a printed copy of the results and a note sent home as well as a phone call. Thanks for all you do as parents, families, and community members. I hope you all are enjoying the nice weather and are looking forward to summer.





# FREE Summer Meals for Kids & Teens Open to ALL Children 18 & Younger

\*Adults may eat for a fee.

June 4 - August 10 Monday - Friday

### **Cornell Elementary School**

5817 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines Breakfast: 8 AM - 9 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Questions? Contact Jessy Sadler, Director of Food Services, at 515-264-0866 or sadlerjessy@saydel.net

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# First Grade Academic Update

### By the First Grade Team

The first grade students have been busy reading and writing this month. We have enhanced our writing and have made sure the students know what to look for and do as they become better writers. The goal is to make sure they are comfortable with the skills needed to produce good writing and to help them get ready for second grade. Along with being a good writer comes reading and using the strategies needed to figure out what is being read. As



teachers, we want them to move on and be able to read and understand what is in front of them. We will continue to work on both reading and writing up until our last day of school.

In math, we have become really good at reading data and being able to answer questions about what we see. We used various types of graphs to answer questions about data to share with our peers.

As summer break gets closer we would like to tell you we have enjoyed having your child with us in first grade on a daily basis. We have watched them grow and develop skills needed to continue in life. It makes us happy to be a part of that process. Please, find the time during the summer for your child(ren) to read and write, even if it is for only a short time in the day. The more they practice and keep their skills up the better they will be when they walk into the door again next fall as second graders. We wish you all a happy and relaxing summer.

# Jump Rope For Heart News

#### By Liz Mashek, PE Teacher

Congratulations to Aksel Lund from Mrs. Rusher's first grade class. Askel was presented with a certificate and medal for earning the title of top fundrasier at Cornell Elementary this year during the Jump Rope for Heart event. Askel raised \$425! Thank you to everyone who participated in this event which helps save lives.





# Notes From The Music Room

By Jeffrey Johannsen, Music Teacher

The year is wrapping up quickly at Cornell Elementary. The fourth grade students were able to



meet the middle school and high school band directors this past week. They were introduced to the instruments that play in concert band. They were able to try out a few instruments that they were interested in.

Mark you calendar for the third and fourth grade concert at the high school on May 11 at 5:30 PM. I hope to see you there.

Second grade students have been learning about the four instrument families and have been introduced to the instruments that belong in each family. First graders are wrapping up their unit on music around the world while kindergarteners are finishing the year with keeping a steady beat and beginning to read introductory rhythms.

STRONG 9 2 2		SATURDAY	<b>5 Target</b> <b>Practice</b> Hang up some targets and try and hit them with a ball, Hit it? Move farther away. Hit it? Keeping moving backl	<b>12 Around the</b> <b>House</b> See how many times you can run around the outside of your house without stopping. Check your pulse when you finish.	<b>19 Cardio</b> Speed walk, jog, or run for at least 10 minutes today. Cool down by doing some calf stretches, quad stretches, and pike stretches.	<b>26 Freestyle</b> <b>Dance</b> Make a playlist of 3-5 of your favorite songs or listen to the radio. Dance or keep moving to the music for the entire time.	ds school-age children tes and up to several day. Each bout of llowed by cool-down oreness and avoid
May 2018	y Calendaı	FRIDAY	<b>4 Sidewalk Slide</b> Down a sidewalk slide with your right foot leading. Switch feet and go back. Repeat 10 times (5 on the right, 5 on the left)	<b>11 Scissor</b> Jump with right leg forward and left leg back alternating the lead foot. Make sure your arms are moving opposite of your legs. Complete 3 sets of 10.	<b>18 Family</b> <b>Adventure</b> Go for a walk with your family. Keep track of where you walk and name the path to walk on it again.	<b>25 Pendulum</b> <b>Stretches</b> Stand facing a fence and swing one leg at a time back and forth in front of you like a clock saying "tick, tock" each time.	<b>0 Wake and</b> hake <b>31Bridge Pose</b> ite on your back; place vour hands and feet on d shake your body any way you like for 10 seconds. New jump p and down 10 times. <b>31Bridge Pose</b> share you and the product of accumulate at least 60 minutes and up to several accumulate at least 60 minutes and up to several hours of physical activity per day. Each bout of physical activity should be followed by cool-down stretches that help reduce soreness and avoid injury. Happy exercising! <b>0 Wake and</b> a shou get out of a shake your body any seconds. New jump <b>31Bridge Pose</b> test of the and up to several physical activity per day. Each bout of physical activity should be followed by cool-down stretches that help reduce soreness and avoid injury. Happy exercising!
	mentary Physical Activity Calendar	THURSDAY	<b>3 Freeze Dance</b> Have someone start and stop music. When the music is on dance, when it's off strike a crazy pose.	<b>10 Toe-To-Toe</b> <b>Jump Rope</b> Hop on the left foot and touch the right foot and touch the left toe. Hint: keep body over weighted foot.	<b>17 4 Walls</b> Face each wall in a room and do a different exercise for 30 seconds side shuffle -grapevine to left then right -wide stance punches -vertical jumps	<b>24 Kick City</b> 20 side kicks 20 back kicks 20 back kicks	<b>31Bridge Pose</b> Lie on your back: place your hands and feet on the ground. Push your stomach up towards the sky.
		WEDNESDAY	<b>2 How Fast Can</b> You Go? Pick a distance and see how fast you can run the distance.	9 Mummy Kicks Criss-cross arms from left oright while lightly hopping & kicking your feet from left to right.	<b>16 Star Jumps</b> Jump up with your arms and legs spread out like a star. Do 10 then rest and repeat.	<b>23 Stairs</b> Run up the stairs in your house/apartment as fast as you can. Walk down and repeat. Try skipping a step for a challenge.	<b>30 Wake and</b> Shake As soon as you get out of bed shake your body any way you like for 10 seconds. Are you up now? Good! Now jump up and down 10 times.//www.shapaameric.
	Elemen	TUESDAY	<b>1 Line Jumps</b> Put a piece of tape on the ground and jump back and forth side-to- side as quick as you can for 30 seconds.	<b>8 You're a Frog!</b> Practice your frog jumps by traveling as far as you can in 30 sec. Repeat 5 times trying to get farther each time.	<b>15 Everybody IT</b> <b>Tag</b> Everybody's it! If you get tagged sit down. You're still it. Tag people as still it. Tag people as they run by. Last one up wins!	<b>22 Eagle Pose</b> Hold eagle pose two times on each leg for 20 seconds each.	<b>29 Crab Walk</b> Try crab walking around your living room. Gather family members or friends and have a race.
SOCIETY		MONDAY	Observances (May 1-7) and Sports Month Prevention Month	<b>7</b> Stork Tag Play tag while hopping on one leg like a stork. Stay inside a small boundary.	<b>14 Soccer</b> <b>Dribble</b> Dribble a ball 100 times with your feet. Trap the ball and do 100 toe taps on the top of your ball.	<b>21 Step Jumps</b> Find a step or a bench and jump up and down 50 times. Be careful. Take a break if you need to.	<b>28 Just play!</b> Hide-and-seek, tag, hopscotch, hula hoop, pogo stick, it's up to you! the Society of Health and Physi
CHAD	America	SUNDAY	National Health Observances National PE & Sport Week (May 1-7) National Physical Fitness and Sports Month Mental Health Month National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month	6 Mini Dance 8 jumping fist pumps 4 grapevine to the right 4 grapevine to the left 8 jumping fist pumps Repeat Suggested song: "Party Rock" by LMFAO	<b>13 Couch Potato</b> <b>Circuit</b> Complete this while watching your favorite TV show. 10 Chair Dips 10 Stit Ups (feet under the couch for help) 10 Squats	<b>20 Balancing Act</b> Practice balancing on one foot on a step, curb or balance beam at a park. Try bringing your free knee up to a 90 degree angle. Switch sides.	27 Stuck in Mud  28 Just play!    Tag with a twist! When a twist! When a twist! When a twist! When a trade with neutron the state is stuck if the two point in the two point is trade with neutron the society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE Americal Educators (SHAPE



### **Cornell Students Enjoy Camp Read-A-Lot**

Cornell Elementary recently celebrated Family Literacy Night with a Camp Read-A-Lot theme. Families were able to read under the stars, enjoy a variety of literacy activities, and make their own s'more treat. In addition, every student was able to chose a free book for summer reading. The school was buzzing with camping adventures and everyone had a great time. Pictured are Madison Gavin and Stella White.

### Notes From The Guidance Counselor

*By Katelyn Neil, Guidance Counselor* 

Guidance this year has covered a wide range of topics from managing impulsivity to mindfulness to working with others. Hopefully students have gained some skills that they have been able to use outside of the guidance room and even used at home.

As we wrap up the year, students will be reviewing coping strategies that they can use over the summer. Some coping strategies you can encourage your student to try at home are deep breaths, positive affirmations or positive self-talk, journaling, talking to a friend or adult, and exercise.

Have a fun-filled, relaxing, and fantastic summer!

# Second Grade Academic Update

By the Second Grade Team

Our focus in reading has shifted to summarizing a story in order of events, as well as how the character's feelings are changing throughout the story. We are continuing to focus on monitoring for meaning while reading during "read-to-self" time.

In math, students are solving addition and subtraction word problems with 2 two-digit numbers. A couple of strategies that we have been learning to use include "using tens and ones" and "keeping one number whole." Our next unit focuses on shapes and their attributes. Second grade students will learn about the features of 2D and 3D shapes and the features of rectangles.

Our final units in science include "Loco Beans" and "Freezing and Melting." Students will learn about the changes that loco beans undergo as they age and how certain substances can change between a solid and liquid.



#### **Cornell Students Love To Read** Students at Cornell Elementary School are enjoying the great books that are available in the library. Pictured here checking out books from front to back are: Mazxyah Lo, Journie Webb, Bailey Stephens, and Heidi Lillibridge.

# Third Grade Celebrates A Fantastic Year

#### By the Third Grade Team

Third grade has had a wonderful year! We have worked so hard learning new math concepts such as multiplication, division, and fractions. We will spend the remainder of the year finishing addition and subtraction, as well as reviewing concepts that need to be touched on again.

Students' reading growth has also been phenomenal. Students have worked to become "real readers" by using new strategies, expanding their interests in books, and working toward harder chapter books. It has been exciting to watch their hard work pay off.

Thank you all for making your child's education a priority. It's so helpful when we have parent support! It will be exciting to see what these students do in fourth grade.



### Fourth Graders Attend Exercising Your Character Event

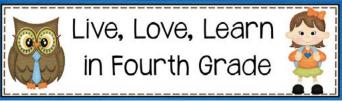
Exercising Your Character is a program for fourth and fifth graders that combines physical activity with motivational messages. This year's motivational speakers included Minnesota Vikings' wide receiver, Stefon Diggs, USA women's hockey team Olympic gold medalist, Hannah Brandt, five-time WNBA champion and Minnesota Lynx forward, Rebekkah Brunson, and 12-year-old motivational speaker, King Nahh. These role models shared their personal stories of perseverance and determination to help education students about the importance of having good character. Fourth grade students from Cornell Elementary attended this event in April and then enjoyed lunch at the Robert D. Ray Asian Gardens Downtown Des Moines.

# Fourth Grade Gets Ready For Move To Woodside

By the Fourth Grade Team

Welcome to the month of May! The fourth graders have been working hard all year, and they did a great job focusing on the Iowa Assessments. We can't wait to see all the growth on aReading and aMath.

Fourth graders are getting ready for the move to Woodside. The teachers and students did a great job of giving tours and answering questions. They made our fourth graders really



excited to start their adventure at Woodside. Thanks to everyone who made this possible.

Another great opportunity the fourth graders have experienced is getting a glimpse of band. Mr. Young, the middle school band director, has been taking students to the high school to show what band can be like. Thanks to the Woodside students and Mr. Young for playing for us and answering questions. The next exciting step was for Mr. Young and Mr. Layden to bring instruments over to Woodside for the students to try to play. It made for some excited kids and some interesting noises in fourth grade.

We are looking forward to ending the year with continued great learning and some fun thrown in. We will be having the fourth grade track and field meet at the high school track on May 21, in the morning. Then we will be having the all school field day at Big Creek State Park on May 22. The fourth grade students are looking forward to these events. Thanks to our parents and students for a great year.



### Employee & Family Resources Student Assistance Program (SAP) Service Summary

Employee & Family Resources is dedicated to helping students and their families manage life's challenges so they can reach their full potential.

Licensed mental health counselors and clinical workers are available to assist all students and family members experiencing the stress of life's ups and downs. Services are free and are strictly confidential.

#### Concerns may include:

- Stress
- Anxiety
- Emotional or mental health
- Family or relationships
- Bullying or peer conflict
- Substance abuse



### EFR EMPLOYEE © FAMILY RESOURCES

#### **Convenient In-Person Appointments**

Up to three (3) visits per year, per separate issue with qualified counselors. Referrals to additional services if needed. SAP offers services in Spanish and interpreting as needed at no cost to the student or family.

#### 24 Hour Support

For immediate support from counselors, call 800.327.4692 Day & evening appointments are available Monday-Friday

# Cornell Technology Update

By Stacy Lindahl, Technology Teacher

As we near the end of the school year, I want to remind everyone to manage screen time. I found this article on <u>https://www.becomingminimalist.com/how-to-limit-your-childs-screen-time/</u> which included 12 tips to help you limit screen time. As I read through the list, I realized that I, too, need to limit my screen time.

- Set the example.
- Be the parent.
- Set limited viewing times.
- Encourage other activities.
- Play with your kids.
- Be involved in their lives.
- Cut your cable / remove the television completely.
- Observe your child's behavioral changes.
- Don't worry if they miss out on parts of the conversation.
- Value family meals and car rides.
- No TVs in bedrooms.
- Find your mantra.



While some of these seem a little extreme for my family, there are some very easy ones that I am going to challenge myself and family to try this summer.

Another resource to visit with suggestions and book, movie and app reviews for children is <u>https://www.commonsensemedia.org/</u>



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By Dianne Breitbarth, Cornell Nurse

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in the nurse's office and for all the donated clothes this past year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The nurse's office can always use adjustable waist pants/shorts and new underwear (sizes 6-8) for both boys and girls.

Prepare now for the 2018-19 school. Please schedule doctor/dentist/eye specialist exams now for summer appointments. Requirements for students entering these grades are:

- 1. Immunizations Preschool & Kindergarten
- 2. Current physical exam (dated after Sept. 1, 2017) Preschool & Kindergarten
- 3. Lead screening Kindergarten
- 4. Dental certificate Kindergarten
- 5. Vision screening Kindergarten & Third Grade

If you have any questions regarding these documents, please contact the Cornell nurse's office. All documentation is needed to begin the first day of school. The nurse can be reached by email during summer break at breitbarthdianne@saydel.net

\*Please be sure to complete the health information when registering online next fall.



# Fun Moments at Carnival!





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## **Annual Four Person Best Ball Golf Outing**

### **Terrace Hills Golf Course**

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 7:45am Shotgun Start [Check-In: 6:30 – 7:30am]

**Registration:** \$60 per player. Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch and 2 drink tickets.

Captain:	Email:
Player 2:	Email:
Player 3:	Email:
Player 4:	Email:

#### **Prizes:**

Men and Women; Winning Team, Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin and others.

#### **Sponsorship Opportunities:**

\$100	Longest Drive
\$100	Longest Putt
\$100	Closest to the Pin
\$200	Tee Box Sponsor
\$500	Free Foursome and Tee Box Sponsor
	Other – If you have another idea for a sponsorship opportunity, please contact Rob.

Make checks payable to: Saydel Eagles Athletic Booster Club

Mail forms to: Saydel Eagles Athletic Booster Club, 5601 NE 7<sup>th</sup> St, Des Moines, IA 50313 by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Questions? Email saydelathletics@gmail.com or call, text us:

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#### For more information and forms go to our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/saydelathletics

#### **Terrace Hill's Rain Policy:**

As long as the golf course is playable the group can play regardless of weather conditions. If inclement weather is possible we want to make a decision 1 1/2 hours before start time. We look at local radar and make the decision to *start play on time, delay up to one hour or cancel event*. If event is cancelled we try and find an alternative date. If we begin play and inclement weather moves in for a period of time, *we have a 1 hour rule*; if golfers can begin play after 1 hour of suspension they finish their round. If this is not possible we work with the event organizer to determine satisfactory outcome.

# **Cornell Physical Education Update**

By Liz Mashek, PE Teacher

As the year comes to an end, students have worked really hard to SOAR in PE by being safe, open-minded, accountable and respectful. Our focus for the rest of the year will be on sportsmanship.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

The fourth grade track and field event is scheduled for Monday, May 21 at the Saydel High School track (rain date is Wednesday, May 23). All fourth grade students will participate in two running events and one field event of their choosing. The event will take place in the morning and will finish with lunch before heading back to Cornell for the afternoon.

This year's school-wide field day will be at Big Creek State Park on Tuesday, May 22. Grades third and fourth will go in the morning and grades kindergarten through second will go in the afternoon. All groups will participate in four stations, including a nature walk, arts and crafts, activities in the grass and playground fun.



## Saydel Publishes E-newsletters

If you would like to receive the school newsletters that feature what is happening at Cornell Elementary School, Woodside Middle School & Saydel High School, you can subscribe by emailing newsletter@saydel.net. Just e-mail which newsletters you would like to receive and then watch for them in your Inbox! We do not share your email address with outside parties.





# Saydel Parent Involvement Matrix View Interactive Links at www.saydel.k12.ia.us



### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Keep books, magazines and <u>newspapers</u> in your home.
- <u>Read with your child and let them see you read.</u>
- Take educational trips (<u>museums</u>, <u>libraries</u>, etc).
- Look for things to do with your child.
- Participate in <u>Community Education.</u>

### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH SCHOOL

- Check your child's grades/attendance on PowerSchool.
- Speak positively about your child's school.
- Ask your child what he/she learned at school and require a thoughtful response.
- Attend conferences and family fun nights at school.
- Talk to your child about the benefits of education.
- Keep in contact with your child's teachers.
- Ask your child about <u>assignments and grades</u>.
- Celebrate your child's successes.
- Direct concerns and questions to <u>school staff.</u>
- Talk to your child about <u>school safety.</u>

### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

- Take part in <u>after school</u> <u>activities.</u>
- Attend parent meetings.
- Become a school volunteer.
- Get involved in the <u>Parent</u> <u>Teacher Organizations</u> and Booster Clubs.
- <u>Understand Special Services</u>

### COMMUNITY TOOLBOX

- <u>Childcare Resources</u>
- Healthcare Resources
- <u>Grief & Loss Resources</u>
- Housing Resources
- <u>Mental Health Resources</u>
- <u>General Community</u>
  <u>Resources</u>
- <u>Free & Reduced Lunch</u>
  <u>Application</u>

### FOUNDATION OF SUPPORT

- Praise and encourage your child.
- Ensure your child arrives at school well rested.
- Ensure your child has <u>transportation</u> and arrives to school and events on time.
- Meet and communicate with your child's friends and acquaintances.
- Ensure your child is eating a proper diet (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- Set limits on time with friends, technology use, and work/part-time job schedules.
- Ensure your child's <u>health care needs</u> are met.

# **Creativity in the Cornell Art Room!**

By Jessica Calhoun, Art Teacher

This month in the art room, we are finishing up the year strong with all sorts of great projects.

Kindergarten is learning about symmetry, creating butterflies whose wings are symmetrical, with both shapes and color.

Second grade has been learning about color value and how to use it in their drawings. To go with our value cupcakes, we read *Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes* for inspiration.

First grade has been having a bunch of creative fun working on two different flower still life drawings. One is in colored pencil, and in the other, they are using mixed media with black glue and will add color with chalk pastel.



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