

# Cornell Junior Public School

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**GRADE RANGE:** JK to 6

## *Interesting Feature*

### **A Culture of Caring and Excellence**

Cornell Jr PS is committed to continuous school improvement through:

- High Expectations for All
- Strength of Diversity
- Dedicated and Committed Staff
- Focus on Teaching and Learning
- Safe and Caring Environment
- Effective Communication
- Positive Home/School Relations
- Co-Curricular Opportunities

**Students, Staff and Parents .... Partners in Success!**

## **CORNELL ... A GREAT PLACE TO BE!**

Cornell Junior Public School is a large, community-based school drawing on the many strengths of a culturally diverse neighbourhood. The school serves the needs of 900 students from kindergarten to grade 6. The school opened in 1959 with a major addition added in 1998, providing additional classrooms, a double gymnasium, computer lab, music room and new library.

Student recognition assemblies, curriculum open houses, music nights, community barbecues, special events and co-curricular programs are important traditions at our school.

### **School Focus**

We have set high expectations for our students as we provide the foundation for learning through Cornell's School Improvement Plan.

Priorities include:

- Enabling all students to reach high levels of achievement
- Enhancing student success
- Ensuring a safe, secure and supportive learning environment
- Promoting personal, social and environmental responsibility
- Recognizing and celebrating the uniqueness and diversity of our students and community
- Increasing parental involvement in all areas of school life





## Literacy

Literacy is the key that opens the door to success for our students. Initiatives to enhance and promote literacy include: extensive leveled text collection, classroom libraries, library partners program, reading recognition program, Silver Birch, Family Literacy Nights, tutoring program and professional resources for staff.



## Numeracy

Mathematics reveals patterns, order and relationships which help us to understand the world around us. Our programs encourage students to apply mathematics to solve problems, to process information from a variety of sources, and to use mathematical information to make informed decisions utilizing the 5 strands.



## The Arts

Dance, drama, music and visual arts are the four creative strands that make up the arts curriculum. Developing creativity, communicating, understanding culture and making connections are important goals. Initiatives include: band, choirs, drama, dance, folkdancing, music clubs, dramatic productions and guest artists.



## Specialized Programs

Cornell's size offers us the opportunity to provide specialized instruction in: Special Education, English as a Second Language, French, Physical Education, Computer Technology, Drama/Music, Library/Partners and Character Education.



## Additional Features

- Settlement In Education Worker
- International Languages Program
- Daily Snack Program
- Outdoor Education Opportunities
- Scientists in the Schools
- Toronto Schools on the Move
- Future Aces Program
- Safe Schools Presentations



## Student Life - Where You Belong

**Co-curricular programs** provide students with the opportunity to experience growth as an individual and as a team member. Cornell offers a wide variety of programs including:

**Arts Programs:**

Folk Dancing, Dance Clubs, Choir, Drama Club, Band, Music Concerts/Performances, Visiting Artists

**Intramurals:**

Basketball, Baseball, Cricket, Cross-Country Running, Floor Hockey, Soccer, Track and Field, Volleyball, Cooperative Games- PALS Program

**Athletic Teams:**

Basketball, Borden Ball, Cricket, Cross-Country, Slo-Pitch, Soccer, Flag Football, Volleyball, Track and Field

**Leadership:**

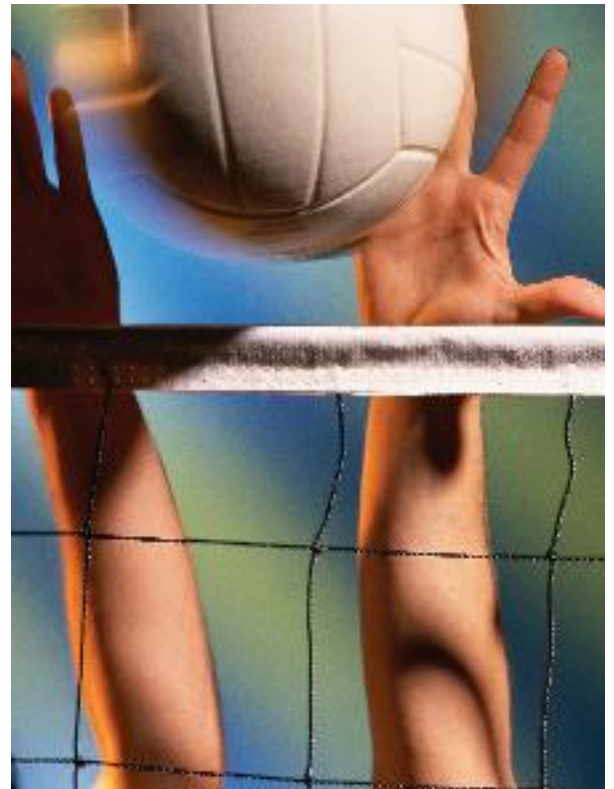
Student Activity Council (S.A.C.)/Playground Activities Leaders in Schools (PALS), Recognition Assemblies

**Competitions:**

Chess, National Mathematics League, Speech Arts

**Clubs:**

Board Games, Chess, Environmental Club, Math, Library, Boys Reading, Silver Birch Reading, Robotics, Fun Fitness, Girls/Boys Clubs, Cooking, Newspaper, Science



## What Sets Us Apart

**Our Students:** Cornell's students proudly reflect our community's diversity. We represent 25 language groups with the largest groups speaking English, Gujarati, Tamil, Urdu and Punjabi.

**Our Staff:** Cornell's dedicated staff is committed to providing a learning environment that promotes the development of academic skills, knowledge and achievement; the growth of self-esteem and responsibility; and the demonstration of respect, co-operation and equity. Our staff is known for their commitment and willingness to go the extra distance for students.

**Our Parents and Community:** Student opportunities are enhanced by the efforts of supportive parents, hard-working school council and community partnerships. Together we make Cornell... **A GREAT PLACE TO BE!**



## Parent and Community Engagement

### **Parent Involvement:**

Cornell's parents are involved through our School Council, classroom volunteers, and participation in special events. Traditions include: Curriculum Night, community barbecues, Remembrance Day, Festival of Lights Concert, Black History Month, Asian Heritage Concert, Spring Concert, Recognition Assemblies and Talent Show.

### **Community Involvement:**

Partnerships include: Toronto Police, Fire, Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Public Libraries, Cedarbrae Daycare and Cedarbrae Manor. Fundraising initiatives include: Terry Fox Foundation, West Hill Community Services, and the Canadian Red Cross.



## TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.

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