



Greeting  
Term Two  
with a  
Great Start...

# THE CORNER BULLETIN: TORONTO campus Winter Edition

WELCOME TO TERM 2 !

PLEASE POST THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

## Second Term Happenings:

Welcome to our Winter Edition for 2019-2020 at CPC and CMPS – Toronto Campus. You are encouraged to join us in the following school events to participate and help develop our growing school community spirit through our House Leagues. From time to time, there will be additional events posted that are not pre-scheduled. If this occurs, we will post it at <http://parents.cornerstoneprep.ca>.

### 2019/20 Calendar of Events

#### Special Events:

Young Engineers (Gr 1-8)	Mar. 4, 25
Little Kids Big Fun - Casa	Nov. 26, Jan. 21
Toronto Shoebox Project: Yonge Street Mission – community families	Nov. 14 – Dec. 7
Christmas Marketplace	<b>New Date... Sat. Dec. 7</b>
Wanda's Clay Casa -2	Jan. 13
Coding Workshop (Gr. 3-8)	Jan. 20, Apr. 17
Exploratum Workshop (Gr. 1-6)	Jan. 15 Apr. 22
Speech Preliminaries	Feb. 24
Speech Finals	Feb. 27
Grad Photos SK/8/12	Apr. 7
Clubs for Christ	monthly TBA

Chinese New Year (Yr. of the Rat)	Jan. 31
Stories of Nature (Gr. 1-4)	Nov. 29
French Competition	Apr. 24
Astronomy in Action (Tod -12)	Feb. 19
Science Fair 9:00-1:00	May 13
Toddler/Casa Multicultural Lunch	May 28
Mystic Drums (Casa -2)	Jan. 10
Dress Down Days	Dec. 20, Feb. 6, Apr. 9
Puppets Cool - Casa	Feb. 13
Mandarin Competition	TBD
CMPS Talent Show	Feb. 14
Encounter with Canada Gr. 10/12 students – Ottawa)	Mar. 29-Apr. 2

#### Concerts/Graduation Ceremonies:

Children's Primary Centre	Dec. 16
Cornerstone Montessori Prep	Dec. 17
CMPS Maytime Musical	May 26
CMPS Awards/Graduation	June 23
Toddler.CPC SK June Concert	June 24

#### Chapel Dates: (times TBD)

Dec 3, Jan. 15, Feb. 7, Mar. 3, Apr. 8, May 8, June 2

#### Student Chapels (times TBD)

Nov. 28, Jan. 21, Feb. 20, Apr. 29

#### CPC.CMPS Exams & Interviews:

<b>Term 1:</b>	
Examination Week	Nov. 4-8
Report Cards	Nov. 29
Interview Day CMPS	Dec. 5

Interview Week CPC	Dec. 2-6
Late Start Gr. 1-12 @ 10:00	Dec. 6
<b>Term 2:</b>	
Midterm Examinations	Mar. 9-13
CAT Tests SK-12	Mar. 23-27
Literacy Test Gr. 10	Mar. 31
Report Cards	Apr. 3
Interview Days CPC	Apr. 6-9
Interview Day CMPS	Apr. 7
Interview Days CPC	Apr. 6-9
Late Start Gr. 1-12 @ 10:00	April 8

#### Term 3: CPC.CMPS

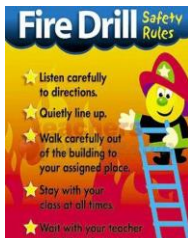
Examination Week: CASA	June 4-11
Final Exams: Comprehensives	June 4-11
Final Exams: Ancillaries Gr. 1-6	June 17-23
Final Exams: Ancillaries Gr. 7-12	June 18-23
Report Toddler- Casa -12	June 25
Interviews By Appointment Only	

#### Sports & Fitness Events:

Sports Clubs	TBD
Boys 7.8 Volleyball Tournament	Dec. 2
Cornerstone Table Tennis	TBA
Jump Rope for Heart (Kick off)	Mar 6
Boys' Basketball Gr. 4-6	Feb. 3
Track & Field Gr. 3-6	May 28
Girls' Basketball Gr. 4-6	Feb. 5
Jump Rope for Heart	Apr. 1
House Leagues	TBA

**PLEASE POST THESE DATE**

## FACILITIES SECURITY SYSTEM UPDATE



## Monthly Fire Drills

Environmental safety awareness is one of our top priorities at Cornerstone as well as teaching our school community how to respond to emergencies in a safe and efficient manner. As a part of this regular training, we will continue to have monthly fire drills each month, regardless of the weather, as well as experiencing what needs to happen for lock down and overall evacuation procedures. These will be both scheduled and without notice in order to help our students respond in a safe and effective manner. The Lillian Smith Library will be one of our safety location in case of emergencies.



## STEM + Lego Workshops

Welcome to e<sup>2</sup> Young Engineers at Cornerstone Toronto!

In sustaining our goal in developing more critical thinking skills through hands on activity based projects, we are happy to welcome Young Engineers to Cornerstone. Their e<sup>2</sup> Young Engineers vision is to increase STEM awareness and educate the next generation of engineers and stem-related careers around the world using Young Engineers Edutainment methods, programs and systems. Their workshops provided a hands on educational experience where our students learned mathematics and physical principles through intuitive study, developed their independent learning and improved their creative and constructive skills. We look forward to having them join us again at Cornerstone!

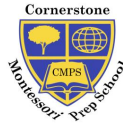


## University of Waterloo

The Beaver Computing Challenge was written by our Grade 5-8 students in mid November. As a problem solving contest, it has a focus on computational and logical thinking skills using concepts found in the current math curriculum. It is designed to hopefully excite students about computer science!



## Cornerstone Clubs



Our weekly afterschool clubs continue to be filled with much interest. We are continuing those that seem to have taken root:

**Drama Club:** (Wednesdays with Mr. Wilczynski)  
Our club members utilize various acting styles to express themselves in dramatic ways. Focus is placed on understanding movement, oral communication, and audience expectations while co-operating with fellow actors to build listening and observation skills along with mutual respect and understanding.

**Board Game Club** (Tuesdays)  
For students in Grades 4+, it is a fun way to develop social, reading and critical thinking skills through cooperative and competitive games. It's also a great way for students to observe good game design through experiencing the carefully crafted and tested rules set for these games, and gives them an opportunity to try to be as creative as possible within specific limits to achieve success.

**Chess Club** (Mr. Yakos)  
A favourite club, students play friendly games of chess with their peers in a low-stress environment. Students of all levels are welcome to come and learn and can be geared for both beginners and experienced players.

**Monthly Wednesday Clubs**  
A new initiative, Cornerstone hosts monthly Clubs for Christ Wednesday afternoons from 2:00-3:30 P.M. Students have enjoyed Art, Board games, Chess, Cooking, Guitar & Folk Music, Drama, Sports and Origami. Faculty members take turns each month to lead a different club and is a great way to foster strong relationship building skills, leadership and social skills based on our faith principles. Students look forward to this each month! We invite parents to offer their wonderful volunteer skills to lead any new and exciting clubs with us!

## New... Community Christmas Celebration

Something different for our annual Xmas Marketplace! To celebrate Christmas with our families And friends, we are having a Community Christmas Celebration on SATURDAY DEC. 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. All friends and families are invited to come for an afternoon of fun and games to enjoy this great Christmas Spirit! Line up for your passport to experience Christmas around the World, have lunch, enjoy our children's choir and a fun filled afternoon together! It will be at the Toronto campus and is hosted by our community churches and Cornerstone! Come and join us!



## Terry Fox Run

Volleyball and basketball season is upon us once again and our students will be joining these tournaments on December 2nd and in early February. Our Terry Fox Run was a very successful community event in which we were able to raise over \$1500 for cancer research! Congratulations also to our Cross Country team who completed the whole run....a great accomplishment indeed.....  
Yuan Lee, Alessia Lugo, Selene Chen, Eleanor Leow, Tobias Amankwah, Christian Ng, Mason Lu, Elizabeth Terpstra, Karter Moore, Caleb Joseph-Setsofiah, Etienne Luviano, Matthew Terpstra, Midori Barker, Deborah Shih and Jacob Ling. Just a special note of congratulations to Midori Barker who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the entire event!



## Little Kids Big Fun

By popular request, Little Kids Big Fun has returned to Cornerstone to provide more fun filled interactive workshops for our toddlers to kindergarten students. This new company which was founded by two former Cornerstone teachers, provide well planned physically active gym workshops that follow the Ministry of Education curriculum guidelines which focus on muscle coordination and development, balance and overall large gross motor skill proficiency. We look forward to having them back in late November and January 2020.

## Our Coding Workshops



Cornerstone's coding workshops, led by Victor Ling, are scheduled throughout the year with the goal of introducing coding through play and experimentation. Problem and puzzle solving techniques will inspire students to start incorporating technology for future A.I. use through robotics, smart devices & computers. They will learn these skills through mobile devices as well as on desktop computers and laptops. For coding, they will be using popular computer languages & GUI platforms such as Python and Scratch.



### Chess Curriculum

Cornerstone Inspires higher IQs by integrating chess into our class curriculum! A new initiative, inspired by our After School Chess club, we have scheduled chess into our weekly schedules and have noticed a growing sense of critical thinking, collaboration skills and overall competency in problem solving strategies. This experiential learning opportunity helps our students to develop these important skills in a systematic and fun way and can progress in multiple levels. Please also consider the after school chess club as an added way to enrich this learning at Cornerstone and we hope to develop a chess tournament in the near future!

### Chinese New Year 2020



According to the Chinese Calendar, the Year of the Rat is the 1<sup>st</sup> animal in the 12 year cycle of the Chinese zodiac sign. Tradition indicates that people born in the Year of the Rat are quick witted, intelligent, charming, ambitious and are blessed with great financial management skills. We will be celebrating the Year of the Rat at our Chinese New Year Celebration presentation on Friday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 A.M. in our gymnasium. We are inviting all our students to come dressed in their own heritage clothes so that we can give thanks for the great diversity we have in our multicultural community.

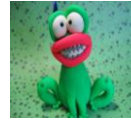
### ArtShine Workshops



This new series of creative art workshops began in September and continued for 6 weeks in order to give our students a chance to learn about pencil drawing, art media, shading, perspectives and how to express their emotions through various forms of art. The instructors integrate art themes that reflect and expand on the elementary curriculum which can be taught in both French and English. Students are not told what to draw but are rather nurtured and guided by the instructors to enable them to explore their own interests through art. ArtShine is also a social enterprise which provides special funding for underprivileged students to experience these gratifying art classes. Our students thoroughly enjoyed this creative experience!



### Wanda's Clay Workshops



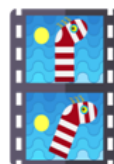
These therapeutic workshops Have returned to Cornerstone for our Casa and primary grade classes. Each child was given their own creation to make and to take home, with specific baking instructions, as a treasured keepsake. Our young students were able to further develop their listening skills as well as their hand-eye coordination in following instructions and trying it out on their own. Our goal was to help them enjoy creating and not to be fearful of the unknown. Wanda's mission is to deliver a quality art program in an innovative and creative way. We look forward to having her back in the Spring 2020.



Another new series of workshops that have come to Cornerstone ! It is a field trip that comes to our students so that they can be inspired through animation, STEaM by actively participating in innovative hands projects that use everyday supplies. Steve Schnier, who has over 35 years of media production including Disney films, has an engaging way to connect with students of all ages!

For media arts workshops, students use animation and design in a creative, multimedia hands on production process. They will produce original film media using animation and characters they create on their own. A comprehensive look at mechanical puppetry and animation is also explored.

In the Puppet's Cool workshop, students will learn to create literary characters within a traditional three act story structure. The class will participate in the development of an original story with a cohesive theme, plot and outcome. What a fun and interactive way to encourage the birth of young writers



Quickly becoming a regular project at our school, Operation Christmas Child began at the beginning of November and will culminate on November 22<sup>nd</sup> when our filled shoeboxes are collected. These gifts of toys, hygienic items and school supplies are distributed to children around the world who otherwise may never receive a gift. This project also helps our students learn about compassion and empathy as they pack their very own shoeboxes to give to others.



### A Special Visit with a Children's Author!



Aimee Reid

On Friday November 15, our students were blessed with a wonderful guest visit from Aimee Reid, a renowned children's author. As a young child, she was always curled up with a book and loved reading. She wanted to share her passion for stories with others as well as to find ways to inspire young writers to be creative and try writing their own stories.



She came and read from her latest book "You Are My Friend" which is a story about Mr. Rogers and his philosophy and belief in kindness and how it has become his living legacy.



### Student Chapels

Please feel free to join us for our student chapels where each class is responsible for planning, participating and delivering the message. Our next one is scheduled for November 28 and January 21, 2020.