

Cornell Elementary School
Albany Unified School District
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March 27th, 2015

Calendar of Events		
March 30-April 3		3 rd Grade SBAC Math
April 6-10		3 rd Grade SBAC English
April 8		Community Time Walk and Roll
April 9		Cornell PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00
April 13-17		Spring Break
April 20-April 24		4 th Grade SBAC Math
April 22		Donuts with Duncan
April 26		A's Game FUNdraiser vs. Houston-1:05pm
April 27-May ^t		4 th Grade SBAC English
April 28		AUSD Board Meeting 7PM
May 4-8		5 th Grade SBAC Math
May 6		Community Time Walk and Roll
May 11-15		5 th Grade SBAC Math
May 21		Open House and Science Fair
May 27		AMS Orientation 5 th Grade Parents-7:00pm-8:00pm
May 26		AUSD Board Meeting 7PM
June 1-5		Coyote Fun Run
June 12		Last Day of School

Principally Speaking.....

CORNELL ANNUAL SPELLATHON CONTINUES Recently you were sent a packet of information in Friday bags. Thank you all for your help with this important fundraiser. We ask you to help your child gather and collect pledges. Here are some suggestions for collecting pledges:

Pledge something yourself.

Ask neighbors or relatives to pledge.

Ask co-workers to support your child's school.

We do not want children going door to door. Ask people to pledge whole amounts, such as 5 cents, 10 cents, or \$1 per word. Please return pledge sheets to school by Monday, April 20th. Thank you!

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO HEARING SCREENING PARENT VOLUNTEER "RUNNERS" Victoria Kaye and Mike Truman who helped out yesterday with the 5th grade screenings; and a big ol' thank you to Mitchelyn Clark, Sui-Ling Angelidis, Dandy Conway, Debbie Wong & Ping Fahn, all parents who were volunteers Thursday, March 19th. Our District Nurse, Britt Marett and the office thank you so much. We could NOT have done this without you!

2015/2016 NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION Elementary enrollment (TK-5) begins February 2nd (priority enrollment February 22nd thru March 27th).

AMS/AHS enrollment begins March 2nd

Residency Verification- April thru June

Current students will automatically be enrolled in the next the grade level and current 5th graders will automatically be enrolled at Albany Middle School for 2015---16. Albany residents must re---verify their address starting in April thru June and inter district permits must be renewed by April 1st.

HAVE YOU MOVED or CHANGED ANY CONTACT INFORMATION RECENTLY? If so, we need you to verify your NEW information with the District Office. Email proof of your new address to Linda Williams lwilliams@ausdk12.org

IS YOUR CHILD NOT RETURNING? If you plan on moving (out of Albany), please inform your child's teacher and the Cornell School office. For our records, we will need to know if your child will be attending an in-state school, an out-of-state school, or an out-of-country school. We wish you all the best in your new endeavors!

A NOTE FROM ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY FOR SUMMER VACATION AUSD is dedicated to academic achievement and success for all students. Regular school attendance is an integral part of that success. California law states that absences are excused only if the child is ill or for bereavement of an immediate family member. All other absences are unexcused. School districts are required to report students as truant when they have 3 or more unexcused absences and /or over 30 minute tardies in a school year. Many parents may be unaware that taking a vacation or going out of town for a "family emergency" during school is an unexcused absence, and thus subject their child (or children) to laws related to truancy. Therefore we are implementing the following policy for students who leave for vacation or family emergencies during the last 30 days of school. Students who are absent 10 or more consecutive days of school and not returning before the last day of school will be dis-enrolled to avoid being reported as truant. Students must re-enroll at the District Office upon returning to Albany; however there is no guarantee that you will receive the same school assignment. I'm confident that by working together, we can ensure excellent attendance for each and every one of our students. Thank you very much for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact your school principal. Linda Williams, Student Services Coordinator-AUSD (lwilliams@ausdk12.org)

LINK TO 2015/2016 AUSD CALENDAR: [http://www.ausdk12.org/pdf/district/AUSD_Calendar - 2015-16_Approved 5_27_14_.pdf](http://www.ausdk12.org/pdf/district/AUSD_Calendar_-_2015-16_Approved_5_27_14_.pdf)

LINK TO AUSD BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDAS:

http://www.ausdk12.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=264185&type=d&pREC_ID=702482

LINK TO AUSD BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

http://www.ausdk12.org/apps/news/show_news.jsp?REC_ID=438983&id=3

Other School News...

PTA BOARD ELECTIONS COMING UP APRIL Elections for the PTA Board will be held at our next meeting on April 9th at 6:00pm. Incumbents will be standing for re-election in the office of President (Jessica Cross), Vice President-Events (Stephanie Ramos), Vice President-Volunteers (Lacy Cline), and Secretary (Julianne Sterling). Dan Nakahara (Oliver, 2nd grade) will stand as candidate for Treasurer. If you would like to throw your hat in the ring for any of the positions, please contact Julianne Sterling (juliannesterling@gmail.com), or simply announce your candidacy at the meeting. Even if you are not interested in running for office, please come out and vote. We will also be updating everyone about the budget, the status of the greening project, upcoming events, non-board roles we need to fill for 2015-16, and more. As always, dinner and childcare are included. Hope to see you there!

HAVE YOUR STUDENTS SHARED ABOUT THE AMAZING AFRICAN DANCE ASSEMBLY they saw on Wednesday? We bet they did! PTA Assembly committee members Jena Regan and Irene Rietschel are to thank for scoring this group of beautifully dressed and incredibly talented performers to Cornell.

ALBANY PRESCHOOL SPRING FAIR 2015 Saturday, March 28, 2015 10am-2pm Memorial Park
Come one, come all to Albany Preschool's Spring Fair! As always, the fair highlight will be the Bunny arriving on an Albany Fire truck. Kids will have the chance to take a picture with the Bunny and enjoy an egg hunt. There will be games, a huge cardboard maze, face painting, arts and crafts, and amazing food. To top it off, we'll have live music, dancing and our signature bake sale featuring homemade treats from APS families. See you there! Rain or Shine, the Spring Fair will go on! Rain location will be the Ocean View Elementary multi-purpose room, 10010 Jackson Street, Albany.

CORNELL CREW WORK PARTY SATURDAY APRIL 4TH, 9:00AM-NOON

Join the Cornell Crew on Saturday, April 4th for a spring work party! Tentative activities will include weeding, gardening, landscaping, and building classroom sitting benches. As always, this is also a chance to impress your family with your selfless volunteer efforts in support of our school... and NEW members get a FREE T-shirt. We will meet at the outdoor picnic tables at Cornell.

If you have them, please bring work gloves, weeding tools, shovels, spades, rakes, pick axes, cordless power drill/screwdriver, power sanders. Make sure to label your personal tools so you are sure to go home with everything you bring. If you already have a Cornell CREW T-shirt please wear it to the work party. RSVP and questions can be sent to cornellcrewclub@yahoo.com or by calling Kevin Reindl at 619-322-3368. Your reply will ensure we have enough bagels, DONUTS, and coffee on hand!

SUNDAY APRIL 26 IS THE OAKLAND A'S GAME FUNDRAISER FOR CORNELL SCHOOL \$5 of every ticket sold will go back to the Cornell School PTA!

Who: Cornell School families and their friends

What: Oakland A's Baseball Game FUNdraiser

When: Sunday April 26 at 1:05pm vs. the Houston Astros

Where: Oakland Coliseum, Plaza Outfield section

How much: \$20 per ticket. Deadline to purchase tickets: Wednesday April 1, 2015.

New this year! 3 ways to pay:

1) Pay online at: <http://www.cornellpta.org/athletics/>

2) Make checks payable to "Cornell School PTA" and put in the PTA safe in the office with your order form;

3) Place cash in the PTA safe in the office with your order form. Tickets will be distributed to your child's classroom by Wednesday after Spring break. Look for the bright green order forms in your child's Friday Folder. More forms are available in the office. Questions? Please email stephanie@5littlemonkeys.com

SCHOOLCARE NEEDS YOUR HELP It's spring, and time for our Phon-a-thon to remind everyone to support our schools. We need your help to make the calls. We are calling from our homes this year, and calling on weekends, so that we don't interrupt your already hectic dinnertime. Today, Friday, March 27th is the last day we will be making calls. If you can help make calls, please follow this link to VolunteerSpot to sign up: <http://vols.pt/hcbiy3> you can call or email Helene Class: 510-526-4902 or mhelenecclass@comcast.net

ALBANY FILM FEST 2015 Join us for a cozy, quirky and fun day of short (and really short!) films from emerging independent filmmakers of all ages. Location: Sam's Log Cabin on San Pablo Avenue. Ticket info: \$5 in advance -\$7 day of show-\$20 All day/All-show pass. Please go to our website www.albanyfilmfest.org for more information.

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