

Cornell Elementary School  
Albany Unified School District  
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April 10, 2015

Calendar of Events		
April 13-17		Spring Break
April 20-April 24		4 <sup>th</sup> Grade SBAC Math
April 22		Donuts with Duncan 8:45am
April 26		A's Game FUNdraiser vs. Houston-1:05pm
April 27-May 1 <sup>st</sup>		4 <sup>th</sup> Grade SBAC English
April 28		AUSD Board Meeting 7:00pm
May 4-8		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade SBAC Math
May 6		Community Time Walk and Roll
May 11-15		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade SBAC English
May 21		Open House and Science Fair
May 26		AUSD Board Meeting 7:00pm
May 27		AMS Orientation 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents-7:00pm-8:00pm
June 1-5		Coyote Fun Run
June 12		Last Day of School

**Principally Speaking...**

**SPRING BREAK** We are hoping everyone enjoys a lovely break from school next week. We look forward to seeing students back on Monday, April 20th.

**THANK YOU 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE FAMILIES FOR THE YUMMY SALAD BAR ON WEDNESDAY!** We all enjoyed such a healthy spread of food. Thank you so much. Cornell's teachers and staff felt much appreciated!

**INTENT TO RETURN FORMS** We are continuing to receive these important input forms from Cornell families. We count on getting them back from 100% of our families. Especially for those wishing to give input on early/late bird placements, we can't learn of your hopes without these forms and can't consider your input when forms are turned in late. Please be sure to get them in TODAY. Thank you.

**CORNELL ANNUAL SPELLATHON CONTINUES** 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 20<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

**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](mailto:lwilliams@ausdk12.org)

### **Other School News...**

**ARE YOU HAVING A "STAY-CATION" FOR YOUR SPRING BREAK? BOSS BURGER AEF FUNDRAISER MONDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, Boss Burger at 1187 Solano Ave. donates 10% of all its sales to the Albany Education Foundation. It is a great way to support Albany schools! So come this Monday and every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday!!!! Boss Burger is located at 1187 Solano Avenue.

**IRISH DANCE LESSONS** New 8-week mini-session for beginners **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 2:15pm-3:15pm VARA HEALING ARTS, 850 Talbot Ave., Albany (just across Solano from Cornell School) \*Entrance is down driveway on the left & around back. This fun & athletic dance is for everyone. BOYS WELCOME! Check out our recent performance @ Cornell: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgKPg-R3gl4&index=6&list=PL\\_onuiJOvJNtVt2frFStHncNAiMLqKV37](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgKPg-R3gl4&index=6&list=PL_onuiJOvJNtVt2frFStHncNAiMLqKV37)  
Contact Cornell parent Barbara Butkus with any questions: [mom@barbarabutkus.com](mailto:mom@barbarabutkus.com) or 510-512-8047

**CREA FUNDRAISER** for Miss Ashley's new school in Nicaragua. Students have the opportunity to purchase items made by her students! Order deadline is **April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please make checks out to CREA.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MOVIE NIGHT Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** We'll be showing the 2014 version of Annie. If you haven't seen it (or even if you have!), join us for a fun-filled evening along with the usual dinner selections (sandwiches, salads, wraps, pizza), snacks (popcorn, candy, juice boxes,

etc.), and glow sticks for purchase. A suggested donation of \$4/person gets you entered into a raffle to win the movie at the end of the night. Doors open and cartoons start at 6pm; the movie starts at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

**DANCE-O-RAMA! SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, May 16th from 5:30pm-8:00pm Albany High**

**School** Fun, Fun, Fun for everyone at the Dance-O-Rama! Dance music for all ages, tasty food, a good old-fashioned bake sale, contests, prizes, and A FLASH MOB!

Prizes this year: \$100 Cash, 32" HDTV, Nintendo 2DS Mario package, Chromebook, iPod Nano, Samsung Galaxy tablet, Chromecast, and an iPad Mini! Be on the lookout for more info about the Flash Mob and volunteer opportunities. We hope you can join us for some fun! If you have any questions please ask Beth Ellis-Dickson [beth.ellisdickson@gmail.com](mailto:beth.ellisdickson@gmail.com)

**CORNELL CREW SPRINGS INTO ACTION ON APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>** Spring was in the air on April 4th as another amazing group of over 30 parents and students volunteered for another successful Cornell Crew work party. This event featured a smaller, but mighty Crew including: Suzy Wolff & Kevin Reindl & son Adlai R.; Holly Castrillon & son David; Lisa Bernard-Pearl; Kirsten Negus; Will Hale & daughter Bridget; Alexis & Sui-Ling Angelidis & son Luca; Chris Sullivan; Lou Marchetti & daughters Lena & Calla; Ben Wallace; Elbert Chang & son Elliot; Meg & Tim Ramirez & daughter Maya; Chris Shatterly; Sandy Reek & daughter Ava & son Dario; Sarah Schroeder & son Rory; Mrs. Duncan; and Pete Fosselius. By the time we were done we had accomplished the following: 1) weeded and cleaned up the edible garden and other garden beds around campus; 2) installed 200 feet of drip irrigation, preparing our trees for the long, dry summer; 3) replenished 1.5 tons of crushed granite in the sitting areas along Cornell Avenue; 4) moved almost 200 boxes of paper files and filing cabinets from storage (that's nearly 3 tons of paper!); and 5) built nearly 100 "meditation benches" for the classrooms, which consisted of: cutting 300 pieces of wood, routing 2,400 edges of that wood, sanding 1,200 edges and 600 sides, and assembling the benches by screwing in 400 screws! Special thanks to Tim Ramirez for donating the use of his pick-up truck; Britt & Bryce Tanner for use of their tools; Chris Shatterly & Will Hale for their expert router skills; Lou Marchetti for leading the crushed granite crew; Lisa-Bernard Pearl for guiding the irrigation installation; Mrs. Duncan for overseeing the storage cleanup; and Kirsten Negus for her master gardening skills. Also, thanks to the PTA for funds to purchase the bagels, donuts, coffee, and site project supplies, and to American Soil for the generous donation of the crushed granite! Thank you all for making this Cornell CREW event possible! You are all awesome! Check out pictures of the event at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/129268454@N08/sets/72157649479893384/>

**THE WHEELHOUSE ACADEMY OF BASEBALL** Looking for an affordable and exciting spring break camp? The Wheelhouse Academy of Baseball Spring Break Camp is for players 7 to 13 of all levels who enjoy playing baseball and who want to get better. We cultivate youngsters' love of the game while emphasizing fundamentals, skill development and allowing the kids to have fun. In the morning, our professional staff will train campers in all aspects of the game in our local indoor facility and take them outdoors after lunch to play baseball on the field at UC Village in Albany. Please check us out at [wheelhouseacademy.com](http://wheelhouseacademy.com)

**UNIVERSITY VILLAGE SUMMER CAMPS** Registration for University Village's 2015 Summer Camps is now open! University Village is part of UC Berkeley and located on San Pablo and Marin in Albany. This year's camps include: Lego Engineering, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Aerial, Multi-Sport, Circus, Art, Gymnastics, Eco Leadership, Kids In Creeks, Skateboarding, Chess

and more. Details, prices and registration can be found at:

<http://services.housing.berkeley.edu/villagerecreation/summercamps.htm>

**LINK TO 2015/2016 AUSD CALENDAR** [http://www.ausdk12.org/pdf/district/AUSD Calendar - 2015-16 \\_Aproved 5\\_27\\_14\\_.pdf](http://www.ausdk12.org/pdf/district/AUSD%20Calendar%202015-16_Aproved%205_27_14_.pdf)

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