



May 1, 2015

Calendar of Events		
May 4-15		5 th Grade SBAC Testing
May 4-8		Staff Appreciation Week
May 6		Puberty Ed Parent Evening, 6-7:30pm (Ocean View)
May 6		Community Time Walk and Roll
May 7		Cornell PTA Meeting, 6pm, Pizza at 5:45pm
May 12		AUSD Board Meeting 7:00pm
May 13		Spring Sing! 1 st grade music performance, 10am (MPR)
May 16		Cornell Dance-O-Rama
May 20		Restaurant Fundraiser
May 21		Open House and Science Fair
May 26		AUSD Board Meeting 7:00pm
May 27		Spring Sing! 3 rd grade music performance, 10am (MPR)
May 27		AMS Orientation 5 th Grade Parents-7:00pm-8:00pm
May 29		5 th grade Cornell Choir Concert, 5:30 (MPR)
June 3		Community Time
June 3		Spring Sing 2nd grade music performance, 10am (MPR)
June 3		Picnic and Crazy Hat Day
June 1-5		Coyote Fun Run
June 12		Last Day of School, early release (Wednesday schedule)

Principally Speaking...

FACILITIES WORK THIS WEEKEND This weekend (5/2-5/3) there will be an important sewer repair project being done on both Cornell Ave and Talbot Ave right outside our school this weekend. The repair will not impact school hours or any learning time during the week and will be completed before school begins Monday morning, 5/4. This work is a necessary and important repair needed for our campus. I am writing to let everyone know in case you are out and about near campus this weekend. Thanks everyone.

CORNELL OPEN HOUSE -- MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- THURSDAY, MAY 21st

Come join us at our Annual Open House and Science Investigations Fair, **Thursday, May 21st** for a fun evening for the entire family. Come and let your children show off all the wonderful things they have been doing in their classrooms. Here's the evening's schedule:

5:30-7:00pm *Food Truck on Yard -- see survey link below to help us determine how many people will purchase food that night and be sure we have enough. Thank you for participating.

6:30-8:30 pm Science Investigations Fair (MPR)

7:00-8:00 pm Visit classrooms at Open House
7:00-8:00 pm Library Open & Displays of New Books

MEXICAN FIESTA – YUM! Dinner prices range between \$1-\$8 for sides of rice/beans up to dinner plates. If you plan to buy dinner - participate in survey at <http://goo.gl/forms/k7UPGBbJCG> it will just take 1 minute of your time. We will also have **CUPCAKES** for sale provided by the **Albany High School Softball Team**.

SPRING SING! CORNELL 1st GRADE STUDENTS... See 2nd and 3rd grade dates below Your children have all been working very hard in music class each week and we want to share with you some of the music we have been learning! We hope you can attend our Spring Sing.

What: 1st grade Spring Sing
Date: Wednesday, May 13th

Time: 10am-10:30am

Place: Cornell Multi-Purpose Room Parents, when you arrive for the performance, please first sign-in at the office and get a Visitor's Pass.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2nd and 3rd GRADE SPRING SINGS:

3rd grade, Wednesday, May 27

2nd Grade, Wednesday, June 3

All other details all the same from article above.

5th GRADE PARENTS – PUBERTY ED PARENT EVENING COMING UP On Wednesday, May 6 an information evening will be held for parents (no children please) at Ocean View Elementary from 6:00-7:30pm. Ivy Chen, our fabulous Puberty educator, will host this evening to share information about the curriculum that will be taught to your 5th graders at the end of May. Ivy will follow up with digital handouts for anyone who is not able to make the meeting. Please be sure to join her if you have any questions at all about the program.

ALBANY CHILDREN'S CENTER SPRING FLING Come and join Albany Children's Center on **Saturday, May 2nd** for the Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser. **The fun will begin from 11-1pm.** We have gobs of raffle items; a 16GB iPad, SF Symphony tickets, A's tickets, Little Star Pizza and much, much more. There will be an international potluck for \$4 a plate, activities such as face painting, glitter tattoos, crowns and magic wand making. There will also be a singing performance by the children with music teacher Toni. Buy your tickets from Felicia in the front office, in the preschool classrooms, 8, 10, and 11 or the day of the event. Hope to see you there!

ALBANY FAMILIES MUST RE-VERIFY THEIR ADDRESS ANNUALLY Albany residents are required to re-verify their Albany address by June 26, 2015. Parents are encouraged to submit the required documents according to the alpha group schedule by last name. If you're submitting your documents in person, please bring your documents to the District Office at 1051 Monroe Street (UC Village) Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Students with inter-district permits must contact your district of residence to renew your permit for 2015-16 school year. Documents can be submitted by email, fax or in-person.

EMAIL:

1. Print the [Declaration of Residency Form](#)
2. Scan documents and send file to residency@ausdk12.org

FAX (510) 559-6560

IN-PERSON

1. Print the Declaration of Residency Form from the district website or your school website.
2. Make an appointment to bring documents to the District Office 1051 Monroe St.

[Click here to make an appointment](#)

- A-H.....April 7 – May 1
- I-P.....May 4 - May 29
- Q-Z.....June 1 - June 26

http://www.ausdk12.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=92418&type=d&pREC_ID=173230

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS COMING NEXT WEEK – MAY 4-8!

1. **We Need Gift Card Donations.** Please donate a gift card in any amount to our Teacher Raffle. Turn in your gift card donation to the office by May 4th.
2. **Contribute to our Staff Salad Bar.** K-2 grade families are encouraged to bring items for Staff Salad on May 5th, and all 3-5 grade families on May 6th. Bring an item to add to a salad, put in a salad, a salad dressing, a side salad, something to eat with a salad, or eat after a salad. Drop off your contribution to the office by 8:30am please label any item you need returned.
3. **Contribute To Our Staff Sweets** On Friday May 8th, we will have Staff Sweets. Do you like baking? Are you a Chocolate Lover? Bring a Sweet for our Staff to enjoy! Please drop off your contribution to the office by 8:30am on Friday May 8th. Please label any item you need returned.
4. **Contact Cristi Solomon** at foursome@gmail.com to volunteer your time to help make our celebration successful. We have some dishes left over from Staff Salad Bar for 3rd grade (no names on them). Please pick up your dish in the office. Thank you, Cristi Solomon, Teacher Appreciation Coordinator

Other School News...

THE 2015 ALBANY ARTS AND GREEN FESTIVAL is almost here and this promises to be the best year yet! Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 3, from 11am to 4pm** and join in the fun at Memorial Park. Celebrate Albany's commitment to the environment and arts with live youth performances, green resources, and more. New this year: electric car show and a Boy Scout rope bridge.

Over thirty booths will offer ideas for saving energy and money, connect you with local green organizations, show you how your food and lifestyle choices can make a difference, and showcase City of Albany projects. Get lunch from several food trucks, and picnic on the lawn. You can grab a bag of compost for your garden, valet park your bike, or even get a bike tune-up.

DANCE-O-RAMA IS COMING MAY 16 Just over 2 weeks away. Please mark your calendars, SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER and bring your family and friends to this fun, family friendly event!

There will be music playing, a FLASH MOB, a photo booth, gift certificates, toys, and gifts for purchase, great food and contests with great prizes such as \$100 Cash, 32" HDTV, Nintendo 2DS Mario package, Chromecast, iPod nano, Chromebook, Samsung Galaxy tablet, and an iPad mini! This fun filled event can't happen without YOU! Selling tickets and food, assisting with a contest, selling fun items from the Treasure Trove, and baking for the bake sale are just a few of the ways.

Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/lrpnjvs> to choose your preferred shift(s) directly at Volunteer

Spot. Enter your email address (you will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot) If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Lisa Minniefield (mom2dom@sbcglobal.net) and we can sign you up manually. Thanks in advance for your help! We couldn't do it without you. All the Best, The Dance-O-Rama Team

THE CORNELL LANDSCAPE NEEDS YOUR HELP! Now that spring has sprung and the winter rains are a fond memory, the Cornell garden and yard need some volunteers to help with ongoing weeding, watering and general maintenance projects. We have particular need for regular weekly watering assistance for our new trees until their irrigation is installed. Timing and frequency are flexible. Volunteer once a week or once a month for an hour or two. Due to the drought, watering will be kept to an absolute minimum. No gardening or horticulture experience needed but green thumbs are welcome. For more information contact: Kirsten Negus, garden coordinator, kirstennegus@gmail.com.

CELEBRATE SCREEN-FREE WEEK AND ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH AT THE ALBANY LIBRARY

May 4-10, 2015 The Albany Library invites families to join us in celebrating Screen-Free Week! This annual international celebration is a time when families, schools, and communities swap digital entertainment for the joys of life beyond the screen. Instead of watching TV, surfing the web, or playing with apps and video games, they read, play, think, create, get active, and spend more time with family and friends. Low-tech ways you can celebrate SFW at the library include knitting, quilting, jewelry making, and story times for preschoolers and toddlers.

On Saturday, May 9 at 2 p.m.—in honor of Asian Heritage Month—the library will host a Shared Stories Festival, featuring storytelling in Vietnamese and Japanese. The stories will be followed by a Cultural Fair in the Community Center Hall 3:00 to 5:00pm.

The Albany Library is located at 1247 Marin Ave. and is a branch of the Alameda County Library. Questions? Call Vivian Jaquette or Dan Hess at (510) 526-3720.

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>

JOIN THE CAST OF "THE SOUND OF MUSIC" AT JINGLE JEFF'S SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

JUNE 29th TO JULY 10th with an evening performance on July 10th. There is a special \$100 off during the month of April. OR Learn how to play instruments in a school band, orchestra or Rock Band at Jingle Jeff's fun "Music Exploration" for instruments summer camp June 15-26. Students who have finished Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to sign up for the camp. All camps include crafts, snacks, music games, theater games and many fun activities. Camp runs from 9:00am to 3:00pm with extended care from 8:00am to 5:30pm (Extended care is on a drop-in basis).

See more info at <http://jinglejamboree.blogspot.com>

or sign up at <http://www.jinglejamboree.com/camp/>

Monthly payments available. Contact number: [\(510\) 334-8851](tel:5103348851). Mention this announcement and pay just \$600 (Regular price \$750).

ESCRIP – HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO CORNELL WITHOUT IT COSTING ANYTHING? Sign up for eScrip today! Set up an eScrip account and you will be contributing to important Cornell school programs - that our kids love - all while you shop at your favorite local stores (Safeway, Andronico's, Macy's, etc... or on-line at Amazon, eBay, Gap, Best Buy, etc...) and it doesn't cost you a penny! How do you sign up?

- Log onto www.eScrip.com.
- Enter the School or Group I.D.
(Keyword: Cornell School or Group I.D. #136926069)
- Register your debit and credit cards.
- Register your Safeway Club Card (11 digit club card number)
- Shop at eScrip merchants locally or on-line (see website for list of participating merchants)
- Use your eScrip registered cards for all your purchases and a percentage of those purchases will be automatically contributed by the merchant to the Cornell PTA. Thanks for supporting Cornell School!! Questions? jdymment@sbcglobal.net

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_Calendar_-_2015-16_Aproved_5_27_14_.pdf)

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