



April 24, 2015

Calendar of Events		
April 24		Movie Night tonight! "Annie" Cartoons 6:15pm/Movie 6:30pm
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-6:30pm to 8:30pm
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...*

**CORNELL OPEN HOUSE -- MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- THURSDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

Come join us at our Annual Open House and Science Investigations Fair, Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Trucks 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.

**CORNELL ANNUAL SPELLATHON CONTINUES** Thank you all for your help with this important fundraiser. Right now we are a long way from our goal of \$10,000. We have lots of extra forms in the school office. 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, \$1 per word, or a flat contribution. We graciously accept anything you can give.

If you haven't already participated, please return pledge sheets to school right away. Thank you!

**MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Reconnect with your friends at Cornell after a lovely Spring Break! 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.

**SPRING SING, CORNELL 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE STUDENTS!** 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:** Spring Sing

**Date:** Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

**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.

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

**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. We are 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)

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS COMING!!** Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8, and we need your help to make this celebration a success. Here's how you can help.

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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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...*

**BICYCLE RODEO POSTPONED** The Albany Police Activities League bicycle rodeo which was originally scheduled for Saturday here at Cornell, has been postponed until the fall. We **look forward to seeing you then!**

**PARENT EDUCATION-RAISING RESILIENT SONS** Come join us for the next parent education event, Navigating Boyhood: How to Raise Resilient Sons, **Wednesday, April 29th 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Marin Multi Use Room.** Parenting coach and speaker Rachel Sklar, MSW, will present practical tricks for raising your son's confidence, tools to help him navigate the social climate at school, how to successfully guide your son...and his energy, and the most surprising thing your son needs, and isn't getting. Sign up for childcare in Marin office or contact Kelley Callahan at [kcal2005@yahoo.com](mailto:kcal2005@yahoo.com).

**THE DANCE-O-RAMA IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER ON SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup> FROM 5:00 to 8:30PM** We need your help! Need ticket and food sellers, contest assistants, selling fun items from the Treasure Trove, and baking for the bake sale are just a few of the ways... Please visit

our easy online volunteer page at <http://vols.pt/QhAzPE> to choose the shift(s) that work best for you. Please contact Lisa Minniefield ([mom2dom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mom2dom@sbcglobal.net)) for more information.

**DANCE-O-RAMA FLASH MOB!** As you might have heard we are having a Flash Mob at this year's Dance-O-Rama on Saturday, May 16th from 5-8:30pm. Here are the rehearsal dates/times. Rehearsals will take place in the multipurpose room. Thank you to those who came to our first rehearsal yesterday! We also have the dance on YouTube, see the link below.

Monday, April 27th-7pm

Thursday, May 7th-3:15pm

Wednesday, May 13th-7pm

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4iFEqYybO-k&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4iFEqYybO-k&feature=em-share_video_user)

Hope to see you there! Please let Beth Ellis-Dickson know if you have any questions!

[beth.ellisdickson@gmail.com](mailto:beth.ellisdickson@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:kirstennegus@gmail.com).

**ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL GRAD NIGHT 2015 FUNDRAISING DAY AT ZACHARY'S PIZZA** Next Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> present one of the flyers we have in the office and Zachary's will donate 15% of your bill to AHS's Grad Night fund. Dine-in or take out. It all supports AHS Class of 2015!

**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 29<sup>th</sup> TO JULY 10<sup>th</sup>** with an evening performance on July 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 [jinglejamboree@blogspot.com](mailto:jinglejamboree@blogspot.com) or sign up at [jinglejamboree@blogspot.com/camp/](http://jinglejamboree@blogspot.com/camp/) Monthly payments available. Contact number: (510) 334-8851. Mention this announcement and pay just \$600 (Regular price \$750).

**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)

**LINK TO AUD BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

[http://www.ausdk12.org/apps/news/show\\_news.jsp?REC\\_ID=438983&id=3](http://www.ausdk12.org/apps/news/show_news.jsp?REC_ID=438983&id=3)

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