



March 6, 2015

Calendar of Events		
March 7		Cornell's Got Talent Show-Ocean View School
March 8		Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 9-19		Parent Teacher Conferences Wednesday Schedule
March 10		AUSD Board Meeting-Albany City Hall 7pm
March 11		Community Time – 8:30am
March 12		Kindergarten & New Student Hearing Screening
March 12		Cornell School PTA Meeting – 6pm
March 13		Movie Night Big Hero 6 – 6pm
March 16		Spellathon Begins!
March 18		2 nd Grade Hearing Screening
March 18		Restaurant Fundraiser Pasta Pomodoro
March 20		Staff Development Day-No School
March 24		AUSD Board Meeting-Albany City Hall – 7pm
March 26		5 th Grade & New Students Hearing Screening
April 13-17		Spring Break!
April 26		A's Game FUNdraiser vs. Houston Astros
May 16		Dance-O-Rama-Albany High School Gym

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME! ALREADY? It's time to spring our clocks forward - this Sunday, March 8th.

SPEAK UP BE SAFE We had an excellent turnout with over 45 parents attending this week's parent education evening at Cornell. As I've written about over the past couple of weeks, teachers will be teaching this curriculum in two lessons to students in grades 1-5. This is an AUSD adopted curriculum created by the Childhelp organization. Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe covers topics such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, bullying and cyber bullying, all at an age-appropriate level. In the coming weeks, all AUSD elementary students in grades 1-5 will be receiving their grade level's Speak Up Be Safe two-part lesson series. For more information on the curriculum and its implementation, please look for a handout coming home TODAY in your child's backpack. The handout coming home is an opt-out permission slip for parents to return, as needed. Alternatively, more information can be obtained at [SPEAK UP BE SAFE](#). For those that are interested in previewing the curriculum in more detail, we have prepared a binder with each of the lessons. This binder can be seen in the office; feel free to come on into the office any time that we are open to sit and look through the lessons that will be taught.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES START MONDAY 3/9 THRU THURSDAY 3/19 These will be shortened days (Wednesday schedule) so please plan for the schedule change. **Reminder:** There will be no enrichment classes during conference weeks. Unlike the conferences in the fall, spring conferences are scheduled only by teacher recommendation. Report cards will be coming home by Thursday, March 19th.

NO change Kindergarten
8:30-1:45 1st-3rd grades
8:30-1:40 4th-5th grades

Friday, 3/20, There will be NO SCHOOL as teachers participate in Staff Development in Albany Unified. We will return to our regular schedule on Monday, March 23rd.

CORNELL ANNUAL SPELLATHON BEGINS MARCH 16TH Next week in your student's Friday Folders you will receive a packet of information which will include a word list and a pledge sheet. Pledge sheets are due on Monday, March 16th. In this world of "spell check" this event is such fun. Note: in the past, our Spellathon has raised \$10,000 for our school!

LADIES & GENTLEMEN! CORNELL'S GOT TALENT SHOW IS TOMORROW, SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

Location: Ocean View multipurpose room. Come one come all! There are 50 acts coming to the stage with our own Coach Joel as emcee! You don't want to miss this! **Please volunteer to help on the day of the show at <http://vols.pt/Rr885q>** This event needs lots of volunteers to happen. Dorothe needs a parent to assist with sound during the shows, preferably both shows. Thank you very much!

THE ALBANY MUSIC FUND IS MEETING TOMORROW (SATURDAY) March 7th at 9:30am, and we invite you to join us! AMF makes sure all our kids can participate in music in our schools. Our meetings are open to all and are usually on the 1st or 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30am in the high school choir room, Room 22 in the Art Building. Come be involved! Got questions? Please contact: Susannah Patton susannah.patton@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO CORNELL CHESS STUDENTS Congratulations to Cornell School and its outstanding chess students for achieving the **2nd PLACE OVERALL SCHOOL TEAM Award** at the Berkeley Chess School's Elementary School Team Championship last weekend!!! Cornell students competed all day in a tough field composed of 69 elementary schools from all across the Bay Area, bringing home the 2nd place trophy! Cornell students who competed included Ethan C., Kathleen B., A., David Z., Allison J. L., Nathan S., Caden K., Ruby L., Benjamin J.L., Minjun K., and Nicolas R. Their win was the result of a sensational team effort, and we are so proud of them all!

BOSS BURGER AEF FUNDRAISER MONDAY, MARCH 9TH Do you like burgers, veggie burgers, French fries and Albany Schools? Every 2nd 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 2nd Monday!!!! Boss Burger is located at: 1187 Solano Avenue.

COME WATCH BIG HERO 6! OUR NEXT PTA MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER is next Friday, March 13th. Doors open and cartoons start at 6pm; the movie starts at 6:30pm. \$4 / person suggested donation enters you into a raffle to win the DVD at the end of the night! Dinner (wraps, sandwiches, salad, and pizza), glow sticks and the usual movie snacks (popcorn, candy, juice boxes, etc.) will be available for purchase. So join us and see the special bond that develops between a plus-sized inflatable robot

Baymax, and prodigy Hiro Hamada, who team up with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes. It's sure to be fun!

GOLDEN SNEAKER CONTEST - 3/2-3/13 During this 2 weeks, participating classes will have the chance to win the Golden Sneaker Trophy and enjoy a celebratory party with treats/ice cream and fun facts about the benefits of using active or shared transportation to come to school. During the contest period, log your mode of transportation to/from school on the Pollution Solution Contest poster. The top three classes with the highest percentage of using one of the "pollution solution" ways (walking, rolling, sharing ride with friends/carpool/bus) will be awarded the Golden Sneaker Award with a party to celebrate their efforts. REMEMBER to walk, roll, or share a ride to help your class win! Good Luck!

FAMILY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN MARCH Join other Cornell families the weekend of March 13th, 14th, or 15th to help distribute the 2015 SchoolCARE Brochures! Pick up the new SchoolCARE brochures and a route map of a neighborhood in Albany on March 13th and walk and drop the brochures on the doorstep of Albany homes on March 14th or 15th. Please contact, Susan Ferdun at susannferdu@gmail.com to be a part of this great community effort for our schools! Thank you.

ONE SQUARE MILE, A NEW ONLINE LITERARY JOURNAL celebrating the creativity of Albany youth is seeking contributions of writing and art from students at all five Albany schools. Send us your poems, stories, essays and art! Submissions will be taken between March 1 and April 3. For more information, check out our website: www.onesquaremilejournal.com

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY APRIL 26th 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 supporters
- **What:** Oakland A's Baseball Game FUNdraiser
- **When:** Sunday April 26th at 1:05pm
- **Where:** Oakland Coliseum, Plaza Outfield section

How much: \$20 per ticket (make checks payable to "Cornell School PTA" and put in the PTA safe in the office with your order form) Tickets will be distributed to your child's classroom by Wednesday, April 22nd (after Spring break). **Deadline** to purchase tickets: Wednesday **April 1, 2015** **Questions?** Please email: stephanie@5littlemonkeys.com

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

LOOKING FOR PART TIME EMPLOYMENT? The Albany Unified School District is hiring for the following positions: Substitute Teachers, Substitute Café Asst., Substitute Clerical, Substitute Special Education Para-educators, 3-6 hour Special Education Para-educators and Substitute Custodians. Please visit www.ausdk12.org and click on Employment Opportunities for job announcements and applications. If you have questions please contact Marina at 510-558-3754.

2015-2016 NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFO:

- Elementary enrollment (TK-5) begins February 2nd (priority enrollment Feb. 2 - Mar. 27)
- AMS/AHS enrollment begins March 2nd
- Residency Verification - April thru June
- Inter-District Permit Renewals - deadline April 1st

Current students will automatically be enrolled in the next the grade 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.

THE WHEELHOUSE ACADEMY OF BASEBALL will offer quality and affordable spring break camps that feature advanced baseball training and games. We'll conduct the morning session in our training facility and host games in the afternoons at UC Village fields in Albany. This year we'll host competitive games for middle schoolers. For more info please visit: www.wheelhouseacademy.com Contact person: Joseph B. French, Director, Classes and Camps Wheelhouse Academy of Baseball (510) 708.2018 or: jbf@wheelhouseacademy.com

SPRING BREAK YOUTH CAMP Kids will have a week of fun and energetic outdoor activity while supporting some Albany High School Seniors to afford their college of choice. Program is run by the Albany High School Varsity Players. Ages 6-10 (no experience or skill level necessary). April 13th – April 17th 9am to 3pm (half day and extended care options available). Register by March 30th at Andrei_rusa@yahoo.com or call 510-725-2510.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE TO OUR E-PINKIE? You can find an easy link on our web page. Look down on the left under LINKS and you'll see it there. Go the [LINK](#) and enter your article by Wednesday at noon. Directions are on the website.