



January 30, 2015

| Calendar of Events: |  |   |
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| January 30          |  | Cornell Book Fair-Family Night-6:00-8:00pm    |
| January 30          |  | Book Fair Author-Anne Nesbet-7:00pm           |
| January 31          |  | Cornell Crew Work Party-9:00am-12:00pm        |
| February 2-4        |  | Pt. Bonita trip (4th grade)                   |
| February 4          |  | 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School!              |
| February 4          |  | Walk/Roll To School & Community Time 8:30am   |
| February 9          |  | Cornell's Got Talent-Audition #2-Lunch Recess |
| February 10         |  | AUSD Board Meeting                            |
| February 14         |  | AEF & ACF Chocolate & Champagne Gala          |
| February 15         |  | Cornell Bowling Party 10:00am-12:00pm         |
| February 16-20      |  | Mid-Winter Break                              |
| February 24         |  | AUSD Board Meeting                            |
| February 25         |  | Donuts with Duncan 8:45am-9:30am              |
| April 13-17         |  | Spring Break!                                 |



**IT'S HUNDRATHON REMINDER TIME! YOUR DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED** The

Hundrathon is Cornell PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year and our goal is to raise \$30,000 by the 100th day of school on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The Cornell PTA provides vital programs for

your kids, PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT GET CUT IF WE DON'T MEET OUR GOAL, like...

- Schoolyard (Picnic Area is next!)
- Safety & Emergency Preparedness
- Teacher Grants (for each classroom)
- Teacher Professional Development
- PE & Library Support
- And much, much more!

With a goal of raising \$30,000 in 3 weeks' time, we must collect \$10,000 per week, but we are far from that important milestone this week. Together we can do this!!! Don't forget how easy it is to donate:

- Write a check made out to Cornell School PTA. It's tax deductible. (Don't forget employer matching.)
- Return your envelope to your child's teacher.
- Drop it in the office in the PTA safe.

You can also donate online at <http://www.cornellpta.org/hundrathon> NOTE: We fully understand that not every family is in a position to contribute. All we ask is that you give what you can, anything you give will

help reach us our goal. If you have any questions contact Danielle Eichner [danielleeichner@hotmail.com](mailto:danielleeichner@hotmail.com) or Petra Martin [petrasarahmartin@gmail.com](mailto:petrasarahmartin@gmail.com).

**BOOKS INC. BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT IS TONIGHT!** Our library will be open from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, featuring a presentation by Anne Nesbet at 7:00pm. Anne is the author of two popular children's books: *The Cabinet of Earths*, and *A Box of Gargoyles*. Visit Anne's website: <http://annenesbet.com/> All families, friends, grandparents, and neighbors are welcome! Proceeds of the fair directly benefit Cornell library. This is our library's major source for new book purchases. Support our Library and come shop!

**CORNELL CREW PARTY TOMORROW, SATURDAY JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am to 12:00pm** Join the Cornell Crew in the first "Crew Work Party" of 2015. We will focus on lots of outdoor work including: refreshing soil in the edible garden, gardening/weeding, landscaping, and a small painting project. Come even if you can only help for an hour. As always, this is also a chance to impress your family with your selfless volunteer efforts in support of our school. We will meet at the outdoor picnic tables (rain or shine). Please bring work gloves, weeding tools, garden tools, painting clothes, etc. If you already have a Cornell CREW T-shirt please be sure to wear it to the work party. New members receive a FREE T-shirt. Refreshments will be served. RSVP-Please email [cornellcrewclub@yahoo.com](mailto:cornellcrewclub@yahoo.com) to let us know whether you can make it. For questions call Kevin Reindl (619) 322-3368.

**VOLUNTEER WITH PICK-UP TRUCK NEEDED** Cornell Crew is in need of a volunteer who owns a pick-up truck or trailer to help haul materials for Cornell Crew work parties. This person would be asked a few times per year to help pick up materials (e.g. wood chips/mulch, wooden stumps, large plants, etc.) from various locations and bring them to Cornell. Times are flexible, and would be coordinated with Cornell Crew. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kevin Reindl (619) 322-3368 or [cornellcrewclub@yahoo.com](mailto:cornellcrewclub@yahoo.com)

**THANK YOU TO DANIEL WINKLER & ASSOCIATES!** Our entire school community and especially our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, their teachers and parent/guardian chaperones would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Daniel & his staff for providing the money to pay for the buses heading up to Pt. Reyes next week.

**SAFETY CONCERNS** Parents please do not double-park on Cornell and Talbot when picking up or dropping off your child. These streets are narrow and other cars are unable to go around double parked cars. This creates congestion and unsafe conditions. Please use the white loading/unloading zones instead. Thank you for keeping Cornell safe!

**CORNELL SCHOOL DIRECTORY UPDATE** It has been a slow process, and a learning curve putting together this year's directory. We are almost finished and are hoping to get it to you in the next couple weeks. They will be sent home with your student(s). Thank you for your patience!

**REQUESTING YOUR FEEDBACK FOR HOT SHOT PHOTO COMPANY** We have been hearing good things about the new photo portrait company we used in October. In considering plans for photos next year, we would also like your input. We feel the photos were very high quality and love how the students (and staff!) looked photographed in a natural setting outside. If you have any comments or suggestions please email our school secretary, Janet [jscaglione@ausdk12.org](mailto:jscaglione@ausdk12.org)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CORNELL'S GOT TALENT-SATURDAY MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>!** This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> annual student talent show. With over 70 Cornell kids performing and Coach Joel as emcee, it will be a great

show! Even if your child isn't in the show, come out to support our kids who are working so hard on their acts. Tickets are \$5 per person - performers and kids under grade school age are free! Easy! Contact Dorothe Piluso with questions at [dorothe@gmail.com](mailto:dorothe@gmail.com)

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| Early Show-1:00pm (K-2nd grade performers)<br>Late Show-5:00pm (3rd-5th grade performers) |
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We are looking for volunteers to make the show a success. Please consider helping out! Here is the how to volunteer. Please sign up for Cornell's Got Talent! - Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/Rr885q>
2. Enter your email address. (You will NOT need to register for an account on VolunteerSpot).
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

**PTA EMAIL NOTIFICATION GROUP MOVING TO GOOGLE GROUP** You can find our new group link below. This transition will take about a week. Our intention is for the new group to be a more robust and functional system. You do not have to have a gmail account and you can sign up even if you are not currently getting emails. <https://groups.google.com/forum/!forum/cornell-elementary-albany-ca>  
Thank you, Julianne Sterling Cornell PTA Secretary.

**CORNELL BOWLING PARTY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th-10:00am to 12:00pm-ALBANY BOWL** Take the kids bowling and help support the Cornell PTA! Grab your 'pin pals' & head on over to Albany Bowl for a fun morning of strikes & spares. \$10 gets you a shoe rental and two games of bowling. Half of all proceeds go back to Cornell PTA to support our many programs & activities. RSVP to Beth Ellis-Dickson-  
[beth.ellisdickson@gmail.com](mailto:beth.ellisdickson@gmail.com)

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