



February 13, 2015

Calendar of Events		
February 14		AEF & ACF Chocolate & Champagne Gala
February 15		Cornell Bowling Party 10:00am-12:00pm
February 16-20		Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL
February 24		AUSD Board Meeting (7:00pm Albany City Hall)
February 25		Donuts with Duncan (8:45am-9:30am MPR)
March 7		Cornell's Got Talent
March 4		Parent Ed Night Speak Up Be Safe (6-7pm MPR)
March 20		Professional Development Day-No School
April 13-17		Spring Break!

VACCINES REMINDER Quick reminder...You will recall that last week we wrote to share that this week letter's would be coming home to families that have needs to update vaccines or health exams at Cornell. Please look for these in Friday bags, although some may have already come home throughout the week. Thank you to those families that have already been coming in to update records. As always, don't hesitate to contact us with questions. We're here to help you in anyway possible.

DEAR 4th GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES We ALL enjoyed the fresh and yummy salad fixings you made and brought in to school. We had leftovers that we enjoyed on Thursday too. So kind of you all! Thank you for taking the TIME! Thank you too to Christi Solomon and her team of teacher appreciators!

BOOK FAIR THANKS Tremendous thanks goes to the Cornell community for supporting our 2015 Books Inc. Book Fair. Your purchases and donations of books to the library and classrooms are greatly appreciated. As a result, our school library will be able to buy loads of new titles for everyone to use and enjoy. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who helped arrange the space, worked as cashiers, lifted hefty boxes, and helped manage the crowds. Special appreciation to our Library Fundraising Team: Dandy Conway, Wieneke Gorter, Kim Bollin and Sui-Ling Angelidis, and the staff at Books Inc. for their tireless effort and positive energy.

COMMON CORE COACH'S CORNER: MATH SHIFT 2 The second shift in math instruction as we transition to the Common Core is that the Common Core math standards have been carefully planned to build incrementally on prior learning, year after year. When you look at these math standards, on the California Department of Education website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/>, you can select a specific concept and trace how it develops as you go up in grade level. What this means for students is that what was a struggle for them last year could very well affect their learning in this year. Parents can help

their children by having conversations about what has been confusing in math and what strategies helped them last year, reminding them of they can use those same strategies this year. Check in with your child and their teacher about these struggles and how you and the teacher can collaborate to support your child learning in areas in which they struggle. Cornell Common Core Coach Miesje Child

CORNELL PTA HUNDRATHON - It's not too late ... Thank you for your donations and support. Our total as of today is \$23,614, we couldn't have done it without you! It's still not too late to donate. Show Cornell your love. So many of our programs depend on us meeting our goal and we cannot do it without you!

Donation options are below.

Don't forget how easy it is to donate.

Donate online at www.cornellpta.org/hundrathon

-- Write a check. It's tax deductible. (Don't forget employer matching.)

-- Drop your donation in the office in the PTA Safe.

-- Return your envelope to your child's teacher.

NOTE: We fully understand that not every family is in a position to contribute. All we ask is that you give what you can - any amount is gladly welcome. If you have any questions contact Danielle Eichner danielleeichner@hotmail.com or Petra Martin - petrasarahmartin@gmail.com

MID-WINTER BREAK FUN AT THE ALBANY LIBRARY Free. No tickets needed.

Wed. February 18, 1:00pm Family Matinee: Ruby Bridges. Disney film honoring African-American History month. Six-year old Ruby Bridges is the first African-American student to integrate her New Orleans elementary school. Surprise History quiz before the show. Prizes for Winners and snacks for all!
Sat. February 21, 2:00pm The Amazing Bubble Man! Louis Pearl has been thrilling audiences for years with his slippery creations. Soapy science fun for kids and families! Albany Library - 1247 Marin Ave. in Albany - [510-526-3720](tel:510-526-3720) Dan Hess

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER AT RUBIO'S! From 2:00pm to 9:00pm on Wednesday, February 25th Rubio's will generously donate 20% of each transaction (dine in or take out) to the Cornell PTA. Located within the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center, Rubio's has an easy FreshMex menu that's reasonably priced. Give yourself a break and pick up dinner while at the same time helping the school. A flyer will be coming home in your child's Friday bag today.

SPEAK UP BE SAFE PARENT ED NIGHT FOR CORNELL PARENTS Wednesday, March 4th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Cornell Multi-Purpose Room. Last year, AUSD adopted the Speak Up Be Safe curriculum created by the Childhelp organization. Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe is a research-based, comprehensive child abuse and bullying prevention education curriculum equipping students nationwide with skills they need to play a significant role in the prevention or interruption of abuse and bullying. 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 join us at the Parent Ed night.

Alternatively, more information can be obtained at [SPEAK UP BE SAFE](#). Mrs. Duncan encourages parents to attend this informative evening.

ONE SQUARE MILE New Literary Magazine for Albany Youth! One Square Mile, a new literary magazine celebrating the creativity of Albany youth is seeking contributions of stories, poems, essays and art from students at all five Albany schools. Submissions will be taken between March 1st and April 3rd. For more information, please check out our website: www.onesquaremilejournal.com

CORNELL'S GOT TALENT SHOW SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH! Cornell's amazing student talent show is only 3 weeks away. This is a show you don't want to miss! Over 70 Cornell kids from every grade will perform, with Coach Joel and kid emcees! Your child doesn't have to be a performer for you to enjoy this show. Come out to support our talented kids. Tickets are \$5 per person-performers and kids under grade school age are free.

Early Show - 1:00pm (K-2nd grade performers)

Late Show - 5:00pm (3rd-5th grade performers)

We are still looking for kids to help us with lights, sound and stagehand duties. Email Dorothe Piluso at: dorothe@gmail.com if your child is interested. Please consider helping us make the show a success. Here's how to volunteer:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/Rr885g>
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.

FAMILY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN MARCH Please 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 susanferdu@gmail.com to be a part of this great community effort for our schools! Thank you.

CORNELL BOWLING PARTY THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH 10AM TO NOON at Albany Bowl, 524 San Pablo Avenue. Take the kids bowling and support Cornell PTA! Grab your 'pin pals' and head on over to Albany Bowl for a fun morning of strikes & spares! \$10 gets you shoe rental & 2 games of bowling! Half of all proceeds go back Cornell PTA to support our many programs & activities. RSVP to Beth Ellis-Dickson at: beth.ellisdickson@gmail.com

AQUA CAMP 2015 AT THE ALBANY AQUATIC CENTER Spring Break (February 16th thru-19th) and Winter Break (April 13th thru-16th) Join the Albany Aqua Camp for the ultimate day camp and swimming experience. Each day participants will rotate through a variety of swimming and dry land activities. Swimmers will receive at least 45 minutes of swim lessons each day. Other camp activities will include arts & crafts, dry land workouts, games, free swim, and water safety instruction. Participants must bring a sack lunch, swim suit, towel, and a pair of sneakers to class daily) Pre-care: 8am to 10am (\$40 resident and non-resident); Camp: 10am to 4pm (\$280 resident/ \$320 non-resident); After-care: 4pm to 6pm (\$40 resident and non-resident). Register at www.ausdk12.org

OUR eTREE HAS MIGRATED TO GOOGLE GROUP You can find our new PTA eTree here: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/cornell-elementary-albany-ca> Should you like to join, you can visit the group and send a request. You do not need gmail to join. We will no longer be using yahoo. Thanks! Julianne Sterling Cornell PTA Secretary

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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.