



December 19, 2014

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

Dec. 22---Jan 4	Winter Break---No School---Classes resume Monday, January 5 <sup>th</sup>
January 14	Community Time
January 13	AUSD Board Meeting, 7pm
January 14	Restaurant Fundraiser
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day--- NO SCHOOL
January 23	Movie Night
January 24	Cornell Book Fair evening, Library
Jan 26---30	Cornell Book Fair, Library
January 27	Parent Ed Night
January 27	AUSD Board Meeting, 7pm
Feb 2---4	Pt. Bonita trip (4 <sup>th</sup> grade)
February 4	Community Time
Feb 16---20	Mid---Winter Break---No School

**TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING** We want to reach and thank all of our amazing parents as we wrap up 2014 and our wonderful Cornell PTA too! In just a few short months we've accomplished so much because of your generous contributions of time and donations to the school, district, and fundraising groups. Please take a bow and know that we are so incredibly grateful for all the kindness and giving. Because of you teaching and learning at Cornell is exceptional each and every day for your children. **Below are just a few of the many things you've helped us with and we can't thank you enough. Thank you so much for:**

- Enrichment in the classrooms, various provided throughout the year by AEGC
- Expanded vocal music program which began this year in K--3 each week through district and AMF funding
- Supplemental teacher grants through AEF, which I was able to deliver to teachers personally just last week with Marsha Skinner from AEF. That was fun!
- New much needed site---wide walkie---talkie system so that all of support staff can communicate around campus through the day which helps with much improved safety and security through your Cornell PTA
- A dedicated Cornell Crew that readily comes to school to help with any number of various facility fix---ups by your lovely parents AND kiddos TOO!

- Specialized and individualized professional development opportunities for your teachers at Cornell through PTA
- After school intervention in math through SchoolCARE with a new standards---based program beginning at Cornell in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Supplemental classroom supplies for each teacher and support teacher through your Cornell PTA
- Regular Salad days for Staff by your Cornell PTA

We graciously thank you Cornell Families.

**CORNELL HOLIDAY SING---ALONG** Happy holidays to everyone. It certainly has been a wonderful start to the school year. Our first trimester has past. I want to personally thank everyone for the warm and helpful welcome that I've received at Cornell. You've all been so kind and supportive as I've been getting to know your families and your delightful children. Also, as our new office team has been learning the ropes, we are so grateful to you for your consistent patience and understanding as we find our way. We are learning fast and just the other day we commented that things are settling in and we are just so happy to be Coyotes. Cornell is a special place to be and we feel incredibly lucky to be part of your team. Thank you! This week we celebrated an annual tradition at Cornell in our Holiday Sing---Along with Coach Joel leading us in holiday songs. Hope you enjoy listening to just one recording of us singing a favorite at [Holiday Sing Along](#). It was a happy event for sure.

**CORNELL SCHOOL FAMILIES ROCKED THE SLEEP TRAIN TOY DRIVE THIS YEAR** Many, many thanks to the families who participated by donating a toy to this wonderful program. We donated two tubs and three 45---gallon trash bags full to the top!

**SCHOOL PORTRAITS FROM HOT SHOT CAN STILL BE ORDERED** Online print orders will be received within just a few days within order placement. Digital orders may be downloaded immediately! The proof/order form you received in the fall contains your unique password to access your student's online gallery of proofs and class pictures. Do not delay your order any longer --- orders processed after January 15<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a late fee. Contact **HotShot Portraits** if you need password information or any questions answered please email [custsvc@hotshotportraits.com](mailto:custsvc@hotshotportraits.com) or call 415---457---7000.

**JCC WINTER CAMP, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> ---January 2<sup>nd</sup>** In need of childcare during the holiday season? The JCC has you covered! Over the next two weeks the JCC will go on a variety of amazing field trips along with plenty of fun activities. All---day care is from 8am---6pm. You pack the lunch, we do the rest! For dates, field trips, and registration check our website: <http://www.jccestbay.org/school-s-out-days-winter-and-spring-break-camps/> For questions, please contact Sudha Darling at [sudhad@jccestbay.org](mailto:sudhad@jccestbay.org) or 510---848---0237 x128.

JCC Member \$60 per child/\$50 each additional sibling  
 Non Member: \$75 per child/\$65 each additional sibling

**AFTER SCHOOL RECORDER CLASSES START JANUARY 14, 2015** Students will learn to read music and play together in a small group. Students can transfer their skills to a band instrument or continue to play the larger sizes of recorder. Classes are held at Cornell School Wednesday afternoons between 2:00 & 4:00 for 30 minutes for 10 week sessions. First class will be Wednesday January 14th thru April 8th, (no class 1/28 or 3/4). Fee: \$120 for 10 week session, plus \$18 for the recorder. Scholarships are available. For more information contact Louise Carlsake [jdjac@got.net](mailto:jdjac@got.net) (510) 530 3202

**THE HOLIDAY ANGELS GRANTED OUR OFFICE WISHES! STAFF HAS A HOLIDAY WISH---LIST: No. 2**

Ticonderoga pencils, sandwich---size Zip---Lock baggies, boys' pants (size 8---12/used) boy's socks (new please). Thank you all!

**SUBMIT TO THE E---PINKIE?** Want to submit an article to our E---Pinkie? You can find an easy link on our webpage. Look down on the left under LINKS and you'll see it there. Go the [LINK](#) and enter your article by Wednesday noon. Directions are on the website.

Your e---Pinkie is attached and on our website. Copies are always available in our office and posted on our bulletin board in front of the school. Please visit our website at [cornell.ausdk12.org](http://cornell.ausdk12.org) for more important news, dates, and events.