September 12, 2014

CALENDAR COMING UP:

- **September 14**: Solano Stroll, Enjoy our hometown Annual Event!
- **September 24**: Donuts with Duncan 8:45-9:30 a.m., Multipurpose Room
- **September 26**: Cornell Ice Cream Social

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT** What a wonderful evening of learning for parents. It was great to see you all out in force in support of your children. Teachers had well-planned and organized presentations for you to learn all about their programs for this year. Thank you all for coming out.

**COMMUNITY TIME** Cornell had its first Community Time of the year this week on Wednesday. Many parents joined in and the kids and staff were great at teaching Mrs. Duncan the ropes. Students learned about upcoming Student Council opportunities and we celebrated July, August, and September birthdays by singing Happy Birthday in Spanish with Mr. Tobias.

WHERE DOES YOUR CHILD GO AFTER SCHOOL? PLEASE REVIEW OUR DISMISSAL GUIDELINES We would like to remind you all to please review your after-school pick-up plans with your child. To keep your child safe, it is vital that they have a firm plan in place for adult supervision. Tell your children to come to the office if they are late in getting picked up or confused about their plan. We want to make sure that your children do not leave campus without your knowledge. Do not leave campus with someone else’s child for an impromptu play date unless the child’s parent has been notified. Also remember that when children are dismissed at 1:55 pm they must leave campus. Children may not play on the structure or on the playground at that time. This is because P.E. may be in session and there is no supervision for the play structure. Students may NOT be on campus without adult supervision. Children who wish to play on the yard after school can do so after 3:15 pm, when our playground becomes a community space. The designated waiting areas for pick up by parents or daycare providers are:

- The picnic benches near the MPR
• The gate on Talbot St. (near room 26)
• The benches at Talbot St. main entrance

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

**EMERGENCY FORMS** We are counting on 100% return of 2014-15 Emergency Forms. Please be sure to return your goldenrod emergency cards right away to ensure that we have up-to-date and accurate contact information on file at school. This is so that we are able to reach you in emergencies and so that we can keep you informed with our weekly news and other ALBANY communications. Thank you!

**DONUTS WITH DUNCAN** 8:45am in the Multi-Use room Wednesday, 9/24/14. We’re looking forward to making this a new Cornell tradition. This is a casual time to come meet with the Principal. Please plan to join us if it fits in your schedule.

**CORNELL ICE CREAM SOCIAL – FRI. SEPT. 26TH**
I scream
You scream
We all scream for Ice Cream!!!

Come join us for Cornell’s Ice 6:00 until 7:30pm (or until the ice cream runs out!)
Grab your cone in the multi-purpose room and then eat/socialize with friends in the yard or on the playground.

**PUBLIC LIBRARY HOMEWORK CENTER**
Did you know the Albany Library offers both on-site and online homework assistance? The library’s Homework Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:15-5:15 pm and serves students in grades 2 through 6. Online tutoring is available every day from 1 until 10 pm. To get started, go to the library’s homepage, www.aclibrary.org, and click on Homework Help Now! Call 526-3720 or email Vivian Jaquette at vjaquette@aclibrary.org for more info.

**MUSIC 1ST-3RD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLASS PROJECTS**
The new music program for 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders needs your help on a few projects that will enhance the music education for your children. You can send your email to jlunasparks@ausdk12.org or you can follow the directions below and consider the options of the volunteer program. These are tasks you can do at home during your "free" time. ALL MATERIALS ARE SUPPLIED TO YOU.

We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize making name tags, felt staves & rhythm felts for the music classes.
Please sign up - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:
1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/ZNBahP
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!
Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Jeffrey Luna-Sparks, OV Music Teacher (Organizer)
Samantha Maas-Baldwin, Cornell Music Teacher
Nancy Linford, Marin Music Teacher

Looking for Part-time Employment?
The Albany Unified School District is hiring for the following positions: Substitute Café Asst., Substitute Clerical, Substitute 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 510-558-3758.

ALBANY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM – EAST BAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
They are excited to offer another year of fun programs for the 2014-2015 school year! Registration packets should have come home with your student in their Friday Folder last week. A corrected flyer is being sent out this week to note that classes are held here at ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION
Our Box Tops for Education program is up and running! Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and place them in the marked container in the office. Cornell earns 10 cents for each Box Top, and they really do add up! Thank you for your continued support.

OFFICE SUPPLY DONATIONS
Thank you for the donations that have come in so far. We don’t need any more 10X13 manila donations or pink copy paper right now; however we would love to receive #2 Ticonderoga pencils, 4x4 & the tiny-size Post-Its and white Elmer’s glue sticks.

Please visit our website at cornell.ausdk12.org for more important news, dates, and events.