



January 16, 2015

Calendar of Events:		
January 16		Cornell PTA Hundrathon Begins!!!
January 19		Martin Luther King Jr. Day-NO SCHOOL
January 23		Spirit Day-Wear your Pajamas
January 23		Movie Night-Movie "Boxtrolls"
January 24		Cornell Book Fair Library 10:00am-1:00pm
January 24		AMS "Back to the Future"-Parent Dance
January 26		Cornell's Got Talent- Audition #1-Lunch Recess
January 26-30		Cornell Book Fair-Library
January 30		Cornell Book Fair-Family Night-6:00-8:00pm
January 27		Parent Ed Night-7:00-8:30pm
January 27		AUSD Board Meeting-7:00pm
February 2-4		Pt. Bonita trip (4th grade)
February 4		100 th Day of School!
February 4		Community Time
February 9		Cornell's Got Talent-Audition #2-Lunch Recess
February 14		AEF & ACF Chocolate & Champagne Gala
February 16-20		Mid-Winter Break

RECENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ONSITE AT CORNELL As we returned from winter break we've been fortunate to provide some professional development tailored just for our Cornell staff onsite based on either interest, need, or aligned to district-adopted curriculum. We're very blessed to have dedicated weekly time on Wednesday afternoons for collaboration, training, and faculty meetings, which allows for trainings like these. Below there are summaries of the trainings that we've been participating in:

Second Step is currently a character development curriculum adopted in Albany Unified School District. The **Second Step** program is a science-based, research-validated, classroom-based social skills program and is designed to reduce aggressive behaviors and to increase children's social-emotional competence and build character. The program's lesson content varies by grade level and is organized into three skill-building units covering:

- **Empathy:** teaches young people to recognize and identify their own emotions and those of others
- **Impulse control and problem solving:** helps young people choose positive goals and evaluate consequences of their behavior in terms of safety, fairness, and impact on others

- **Anger/emotion management:** enables young people to manage their emotional reactions so that they can make good decisions about their social responses

For more information regarding **Second Step**, please visit the Committee For Children web site - <http://www.cfchildren.org/second-step/kindergarten-grade-5.aspx>

This week we also did a day after school with breakout sessions for teachers that provided training in:

- *iPad apps for Math
- *Online math sites for Math practice for 3rd-5th
- *Working with paraprofessionals in your classroom
- *Sensory motor needs of children

1st GRADE HEALTH EXAMINATIONS (CHDP) NOW DUE California requires all first graders to have a Health Examination Report on file at the school. The school needs a completed CDHP form **with a doctor's signature** to confirm that a health test has been done. You may download blank forms from the Cornell website, under **Parents** click on **Commonly Used Forms** or at this easy link [health exam school entry form](#). This CHDP form has to be completed before your child started first grade. Please return this form to the office. Per state directive, students may be excluded from school for five days if this form is not received. This is a different form from the immunization form that parents/guardians turned in at the time of registration.

CORNELL PLAYGROUND IS ALWAYS CLOSED BEFORE 8:15am Students who arrive at school prior to 8:15 must come to the office. The school is responsible for all students when at school and there is no supervision until 8:15am. Please do not drop your students before 8:15am or before the 9:30am recess. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our Coyotes safe!

CORNELL PTA HUNDRATHON Our 5th annual Hundrathon campaign begins today. This is Cornell PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. HELP US MEET OUR \$30,000 FUNDRAISING GOAL BY DONATING TODAY! Donating is easy - No parent volunteering necessary! Cornell PTA is asking you to donate \$100 per child before the 100th day of school, February 4th. Hundrathon packets are coming home with your student today. There are many ways to donate:

- *Write a check. 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.
- *Drop your donation every Wednesday morning before school at the picnic benches by the Multipurpose Room. There will be adults there to collect your money.
- *You can also donate online at <http://www.cornellpta.org/hundrathon/>

The campaign ends on the 100th day of school Wednesday February 4th - so donate soon!

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 Thank you all!

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK! Join the PTA in our first movie night fundraiser of 2015, "The Boxtrolls" on Friday, January 23rd in the Multipurpose Room. "Boxtrolls" is a 2014 American stop motion animated film and is sure to be a hit with kids of all ages. The usual dinner (pizza, wraps, rolls, and sandwiches) and snacks (popcorn, candy, juice boxes, etc.) and a new addition, glow sticks (!!!) will be available for purchase. A \$4 suggested donation at the door enters you into a raffle to win the movie at the end of the night. Doors

open at 6:00pm, cartoons shortly thereafter, and the movie starts at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

PARENT EDUCATION EVENING-UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT On **Tuesday, January 27th, 2015, 7:00-8:30pm**, in the Cornell School Multipurpose Room, Patricia Contaxis will build on talks she has given at Cornell. She will briefly review the arc of childhood development from early childhood through adolescence, and the important developmental tasks of elementary school age children. The focus of the talk will be how parents can apply these basic concepts of development to strategies for providing age appropriate structure that protects children while decreasing conflict between parent and child.

THE ALBANY MUSIC FUND makes sure our kids have music in their lives. Our meetings are open to all, are usually on the 1st or 2nd Saturdays of the month at 9:30am in the high school choir room, Room 22 in the Art Building (or in the band room next door room if the heater is still broken!) This month we are meeting **this coming SATURDAY morning, January 17TH at 9:30am**. Our next meeting will be **Saturday, February 7th**.

LEARN TO PLAY THE VIOLIN: NEW BEGINNING STRINGS CLASS WEDNESDAYS AT CORNELL

Do you know a child who's interested in learning to play the violin? It's not too late to join the Beginning Strings class on Wednesdays in Room 8, 3:05-3:55 at the Cornell School. For ages 6 and up with no prior experience playing a bowed stringed instrument, violin, viola or cello. Contact instructor Dennie Mehocich, dmehocich@sbcglobal.net, for information and enrollment form.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT A district wide Kindergarten information night is planned for Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 6:30-7:30pm. in the multi-use room at Ocean View Elementary School. It would be very helpful if you could tell your Albany friends and neighbors about this event. Come meet the school site principals, get information regarding before and after school programs, early bird and late bird, and the application process. **This is an adult event only. No childcare is provided.**

ENROLLMENT FOR 2015-2016 Priority enrollment for grades TK-5 for the school year 2015-2016 will begin on **Monday, February 2, 2015 through Friday, March 27, 2015**. For more information, please visit the district website at www.ausdk12.org, click on [enrollment](#).

BOOKS INC. BOOK FAIR JANUARY 24th-30th Help build our school library by shopping at the annual Book Fair from January 24th-30th. We are excited to announce we are working with a new vendor, Books Inc., this year! The Books Inc. Book Fair is open:

*Saturday January 24th from 10:00am-1:00pm

*Every school day January 26th-30th 8:00am-12:30pm, 12:55pm-3:30pm (2.30pm on Wednesday)

*Family Night Friday, January 30th-6:00-8:00pm, featuring an author presentation at 7:00pm

Proceeds of the book fair directly benefit Cornell library; this is our library's major source for new book purchases.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THE BOOK FAIR We can't do this event without you! There are many time slots available. Sign up for a short slot, or sign up for consecutive slots if you have more time. Any amount of time you can help is MUCH appreciated. Book Fair coordinators will be present every day to help and train you. Go to <http://vols.pt/HVncje> to sign up. If you prefer to not sign up online, please contact Wieneke at wienekegorter@yahoo.com or [\(650\) 387 1708](tel:6503871708) and she can sign you up manually.

Thanks for your help! Ms. Staton (Cornell Librarian), Dandy Conway, Kim Bollin, Sui-Ling Angelidis, Wieneke Gorter.

AMS LEADERSHIP PRESENTS A PARENT DANCE (BACK TO THE FUTURE)-SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH

7:30pm-9:30pm, AMS Gym (suggested minimum \$10.00 donation to benefit Albany Middle School programs)

AEF & ACF CHOCOLATE AND CHAMPAGNE GALA-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH 7:30PM-10:30PM

The [Albany Education Foundation](#) (AEF) and the [Albany Community Foundation](#) (ACF) are once again joining forces to host this fun event (and on Valentine's Day no less!) on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 7:30-10:30pm at Northbrae Community Church, 941 the Alameda in Berkeley (make a right turn at the top of Solano Ave.) This special evening will include champagne, wine and beer, chocolate and non-chocolate desserts and savory treats. The *Early Bird Quartet*, who delighted attendees the past several years, will once again perform. Many delightful offerings will be available at the silent auction. A list of our wonderful silent auction donors is listed on both of our web sites along with our fabulous sponsors.

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