



October 9, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| October 6th-28th | Alameda County Community Food Bank Drive |
| October 10: | Staff Development Day – School Closed |
| October 11: | Albany Firefighters Pancake Breakfast 8am-12pm, Firehouse |
| October 16: | Picture Days–Hot Shots - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades |
| October 17: | Picture Days–Hot Shots – Kindergarten, 1st & 5th Grades |
| October 19: | Westbrae Nursery Pumpkin Patch Party |
| October 24: | Superintendent Coffee at Cornell, 7:30-8:30am in MPR |
| October 24: | Make-Up Picture Day |
| October 25: | Silly Olympics Prep Party - Playground |
| October 26: | Silly Olympics–Playground |
| October 31: | Halloween Parade-Kindergarten 10-10:30; 1st-5th 1:10 p.m. |
| November 10-25: | Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| November 11: | Veteran’s Day–School Closed |
| November 21: | International Potluck 5:30-8:30 pm |
| November 26-28: | Thanksgiving Break |

PHOTO DAY COMING UP AT CORNELL Next week on Thursday, 10/16 AND Friday, 10/17. Note this is a change from past years. Yes, we will have TWO photo days this year. However, each grade will only have ONE photo day. Please see a note in your child’s backpack will come home today. Just in case, picture days for each grade are:

- ✓ **Thursday, October 16: 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade**
- ✓ **Friday, October 17: Kinder, 1st, and 5th grade**
- ✓ **Make-up Photo day will be Friday, October 24**

BOO! I know it's very spooky but it's not too early to think about Halloween. Please remember, we are an elementary school with lots of small children. Be aware of gory, scary, bloody costumes and we ask that there are no weapons of any kind. Every year, even with these reminders, some students come in costumes with very scary items and/or weapons. We ask parents to work with us in making sure costumes aren't scary for young and tender kiddos. See you at the parade on Friday, October 31st. The parade begins at 10am for Kinders and ends at 10:30am and 1:10pm for 1st-5th grades and ends at

1:55pm. Be sure to send costumes to school with children in the morning. They will change into costumes at school before the parade.

...AND ONE MORE SPOOKY THOUGHT Reminder to party-planners...If you are among the wonderful parents who plan class parties, remember that in the spirit of wellness we encourage healthy eating habits. We ask that parents support this effort by providing nutritious foods for classroom celebrations and activities -- limiting or omitting sugary, fatty snacks and providing creative, healthy items in their place. AND thank you for remembering to avoid products with nuts.

SURVEY SAYS...WHAT A WONDERFUL RESPONSE I hope folks will have a chance to take a look at the lovely Wordle running at the top of our website <http://cornell.ausdk12.org/>. We had a terrific response to the survey in our pinkie asking what families felt was 'not for sale' at Cornell. Over the course of a few weeks parents voiced their thoughts on what they value at our school. We put your direct input into a 'wordle', which places words into a picture file. Please see the results on our website. I love this option for sharing out data as it portrays words shared more often in larger text. The words shared less often are smaller. See the big words, isn't it lovely what we value at Cornell! You can make your own Wordles at <http://www.wordle.net/>.

PTA MOVIE NIGHT NEXT FRIDAY! Join us for "Peabody and Sherman" next Friday, **October 17th** in the MPR. Doors open at 6pm, cartoons at 6:15 and the movie starts at 6:30. \$4 / ticket – you can purchase tickets at the door. Wear pajamas and take your sleeping bags if you want! Remember \$\$ for snacks too! See you there.

PTA RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER AT BUA LUANG THAI Dine out to support Cornell! Our next PTA restaurant fundraiser is **Wednesday, October 15th at Bua Luang Restaurant**, located at 1166 Solano Avenue in Albany. 20% of all transactions will be donated to our PTA. Look out for flyers that will be coming in this week's Friday folders.

TRENDY CLOTHING FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND HELP OUR SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME! Shop at Tea clothes collection between **Oct 13th and 19th**. Cornell will get 20% of the sales, and you will get adorably fashionable kids AND free shipping! Shop at their website: teaschooldays.com and enter the code SDF14CORNELL. You can also help by posting the code to your social networks and sharing this message with your friends and family. Everyone can use this code and Cornell will get 20% of the sales!

PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER AT WESTBRAE NURSERY! Westbrae Nursery, located at 1272 Gilman St., continues to sell pumpkins **through Oct. 31st** and will be donating 100% proceeds to our school! In addition, on **Sun. Oct 19th**, Westbrae will host a Pumpkin Patch Party with a free puppet show and a bake sale. Please join the fundraiser event and buy one or several pumpkins from Westbrae this month. If you'd like to contribute to the bake sale, please sign up at <http://vols.pt/ReDH7q>

ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DRIVE Many of you may have noticed the barrels located in the hallway at the front entrance to our school. There are already donations inside!!! We are once again joining together to donate to this worthy cause. 1 in 6 Alameda County residents will turn to the Food Bank to have food this year. Our drive stocks the Food Bank's shelves for these people. The most food collected by Cornell families is 784 pounds back in 2011. Can we top that #??!!! Yes we can!!! See wall near cans for list of items to donate. Here are a few ideas: peanut butter, canned fish, pasta, canned vegetables and sauces (please do not donate EXPIRED items).

THE ALBANY EDUCATION GIVING CAMPAIGN (AEGC) still needs your help! The AEGC raises money to provide enrichment in the classroom during the school day. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 for Albany Elementary Schools for excellent enrichment programs chosen by each school. We are nearly 60% of the way towards meeting this goal, but still have a ways to go. If you haven't given yet, please take a moment to write out a check. Please give generously: we suggest \$100 per child, but any contribution is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in the school office. Thank you!

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR SILLY OLYMPICS OCTOBER 26, 2014 How it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/YuQcog>
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 Lacy Cline (lacycline@hotmail.com) or Dorothe Piluso (dorothe@gmail.com) and we can sign you up manually.

CORNELL PTA IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER MASTER GARDNER who will make a big difference in beautifying Cornell, educating our kids and improving the environment in which our kids play and learn at Cornell. This volunteer position would average 1-2 hours per week, however volunteering is not required every week and the work can be completed on the weekends or during off-hours as needed. If interested, please contact Lacy Cline at VPVolunteers@cornellpta.org.

ORIGINAL WORKS, ORIGINAL ART! Have you received your Original Works packet? There are extras in the office. The idea is to have your child draw or paint a picture on the paper provided (watercolors and markers work best), submit your order, and wait for your artwork to be transformed into awesome gifts for friends and family. All items will be delivered to students before the holidays and you will be so glad to have great gifts to share. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get a jump on some great holiday gifts. Siblings are welcome to participate; just include Cornell student's name on the order form. Additional packets are available in the office. Completed orders should be returned to the office by **October 22nd** with a check made out to **Cornell PTA**. Questions? Contact Georgia at Georgiahpeach@gmail.com

PARKING---RAKSHA CARE HOMES (LOCATED ON CORNELL ACROSS STREET FROM CORNELL BACK GATE)-They reported today that parents have been parking in front of their driveway at 906 Cornell for extended periods. They are giving us a heads up that they will be putting up a sign that cars will be towed or ticketed as that space is reserved for emergency vehicles (ambulances as this is a nursing care facility).

WHEN YOU DROP OFF YOUR STUDENTS DO NOT LEAVE ANY VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR—LOCKED OR UNLOCKED! One of our parents reported that the car's passenger side window was smashed and items stolen from the car last week. "I was only gone for a minute".

PLEASE SEE THE AUSD EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PROCESS AS AN ATTACHMENT IN TODAY'S PINKIE.

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.

Pinkie attached and on our website. Copies are always available in our office and posted in our bulletin board in front of the school. Please visit our website at cornell.ausdk12.org for more important news, dates, and events.