



CORNELL CHRONICLE

Cornell Elementary School
Albany Unified School District
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September 19, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- September 19:** Cornell Families Attend Oakland A's Game
- September 24** Donuts with Duncan 8:45-9:30 a.m., MPR
- September 26:** Cornell Ice Cream Social, 6-7:30 p.m.
- October 2:** PTA Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm, MPR
- October 8:** Community Time 8:30 a.m. and Walk & Roll to School
- October 10:** Staff Development Day – School Closed for Students
- October 16:** Picture Days – Hot Shots
- October 17:** Picture Days – Hot Shots
- 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

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.

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.

FINGERPRINTING DATE AT CORNELL FOR VOLUNTEERS—[Thursday, October 2 \(8:15 AM - 10:00 AM\)](#) Please remember that TB resting requires at least 2-3 days to process so you will need to get this done next week. Please do not wait! Thank you!

** Must have completed TB testing PRIOR to fingerprinting. NO FINGERPRINTING WITHOUT TB TEST RESULTS **

1) Complete a Volunteer II Application

- 2) Bring your completed TB test results to the Cornell Office at the time of fingerprinting, along with application.
- 2) Go to the Cornell Office to check in along with your current TB Test first.
- 3) Bring a photo ID (e.g. Driver's License) or Passport to show at time of fingerprinting.

WHAT'S NOT FOR SALE AT CORNELL? Please join us for a simple survey [CLICK HERE](#). We'll keep the survey open until Friday, October 3rd. When you think about our school, what is **NOT FOR SALE?** What are those items we would be sad to lose? What matters the most to our students, staff, and families? We have several new staff members at Cornell, including Mrs. Duncan, who would like to learn about what is special and near and dear to your Coyote hearts. We can't wait to share out the results with you. Look for the results on our website shortly after 10/6.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL Are you interested in being a part of Cornell School Site Council? Cornell is looking for parents to serve on School Site Council. There are three member positions open. What is School Site Council? School Site Council is a team of staff and parent members who work with the principal to develop and evaluate the single school plan and programs that support its implementation.

Qualifications Needed: Every Cornell parent is qualified to serve on School Site Council. All that is needed is a willingness to get involved, the ability to fulfill the commitment, and a desire to be part of a team that is pledged toward the success of every child at Cornell. Especially for those not already involved in school-site leadership, this promotes an opportunity to step into contributing and may appeal to you.

If you are interested in serving on School Site Council please email me the following information via e-mail at hduncan@ausdk12.org. **Your information needs to be received no later than Monday, September 29th.**

- Your name
- The grade level(s) of your child(ren) attending Cornell.
- Please briefly explain your interest in serving on School Site Council.

In the event that more than three parents express interest an election will be held.

ABSENCES/RUNNING LATE? Contact Cornell's Attendance Hotline at [\(510\) 558-3701](tel:5105583701) or email ppope@ausdk12.org. Please contact the school before 11:00 am or else an automatic phone call will go out alerting you of your child's absence. We appreciate your efforts!

UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S MEDICINE & URGENT CARE ACTION PLAN We need to have current medicines and Urgent Care Action Plans for your child if we keep medicines here at school (such as inhalers, Benadryl, or other). Please stop by the office and take care of this as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY FORMS Please be sure to return your goldenrod Emergency forms right away to ensure that we have up to date communications. We have so many cell and work phones that

need to be updated. We need 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. The 2nd important reason for your returning these forms is that we must have your permissions entered about photo/website postings, as many teachers will be taking photos as well as general photos taken here on the Cornell School Campus. **Thank you!!!**

THE CORNELL PTA WANTS YOU! Please help us decide how best to provide technology for our classrooms; green Cornell with new trees, awnings for shade, and concrete removal; support teacher professional development through workshops; oversee the donation of reading materials to each of the classroom libraries; select diverse performers for all-school assemblies and much, much more. We invite you to join us for the first time or renew your membership. Remember, membership is annual and must be renewed each year. And do it soon! Every 50th member gets a free Cornell tote bag! Membership forms are in the office. Questions? Contact membership@cornellpta.org

CORNELL ICE CREAM SOCIAL – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (6-7:30pm)

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.

REMINDER Students who begin school at 8:30 AM should not be on campus prior to 8:10 AM. We ask that children who start classes at 9:40 AM, arrive during the recess period (9:30-9:40) and that children dismissed at 1:55 PM and 3:05 PM, go directly home or to daycare. We do not have staff available to supervise the yard beyond those times or supervise students remaining in the office after school pick up times. Thanks for your cooperation!

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROCEDURES Albany Unified students, who were free or reduced last year, keep their approved status until **October 9, 2014**. If returning students **do not** submit a new application and are given an approval of a free or reduced status, they will automatically revert back to **paid status on October 10, 2014**. New students need to submit an application no matter their status in their last district. You can get an application through the AUSD website, www.ausdk12.org, in the Food Services section. Food Services will contact you by email or phone once you are approved. For questions regarding food service issues, call 510-558-2608 or 510-558-2607.

LUNCH If you are purchasing a lunch for your child with check or cash, please fill out an envelope on the counter in the office. If you would like to purchase lunches with a credit card, please go online to "My School Bucks" payment system on the district website. Lunches (includes milk) are \$3.50 per day and must be **pre-paid**. You may purchase any amount you wish. The total will continue to roll over until it's used up. You may purchase milk for .50 for

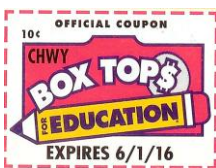
your child to use when she/he brings a home lunch. **Please send your child with a snack daily whether they are having school lunch or home lunch. Thank you for sending healthy foods that will help your child to have a productive day.**

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](tel:526-3720) or email Vivian Jaquette at vjaquette@aclibrary.org for more info.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PART-TIME WORK? CONSIDER OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT!!!! 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 2 Fridays ago. Classes are held here at **Cornell School.**

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BOX TOPS 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 WISH LIST Thank you so much for all the donations that have come in the past few weeks; it really makes a difference! Supplies that we can always use are 3/4" Magic Scotch tape, 1" blue painter's tape, both small and medium Post-Its and clear packing tape if you're looking to make any further donations.

WELLNESS MATTERS Please join the district Wellness Committee, which meets four times a year. This year's meetings will be on Oct 6, Dec 1, Feb 2, and April 6. The committee meets from 3:30-5 at the AHS library. The focus for the year will be promoting healthy nutrition. Thank you, Clell Hoffman, Executive Chef & Shelly Ball, AHS Mental Health Coordinator

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