



September 26, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| September 26: | Cornell Ice Cream Social 6-7:30 p.m. |
| October 2: | PTA Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm, Multi-Purpose Room (5:45 PIZZA!) |
| October 8: | Community Time 8:35 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 |
| October 24: | Make-Up Picture Day |
| October 25: | Silly Olympics Prep Party - Playground |
| October 26: | Silly Olympics - Playground |
| 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.



THE CORNELL WAY If I haven’t already shared what a lovely first month we’ve had, let me just say it again. As I have been spending time with all of you, your children and your fabulous teachers and staff I can see why everyone is so proud of Cornell. This is a fine, fine school! I’m proud to be here. As we begin the journey of the year I want to offer my perspective on what I feel the Cornell Way will both continue to be and hopefully evolve even more into. I’ve been a longstanding believer in the BEST Behavior program which offers three guidelines for building school wide positive climate:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible

As a site, teachers and staff have been reviewing common areas over the past few weeks with children (classroom, campus, lining up, cafeteria/eating areas, and playground).

Additionally, I've been spending ample time observing children, staff, and grown-ups in their interactions with each other to learn about the how we get along and navigate relationships with one another. I am beginning to talk about what I feel the Cornell Way is and should be. This involves being kind, courteous, and civil to one another at all times. We are here to help each other in our main job. Teachers to teach, and children to learn. We need to feel safe and respected to do that each day. Together, we are here to help each other in those tasks. I'm excited about the work involved in all of this and the partnership with parents and adults. My short time working with parents so far has shown me how caring you all are and how involved and committed you are to this endeavor. Please join me in remembering that each and every step we take as we model for children guides them to be growing citizens. We hold expectations that our staff will teach and reinforce strong character traits to our students. Please join us in the Cornell Way. I look forward to sharing more and building a common language with you all as time goes on.

CORNELL ICE CREAM SOCIAL – TONIGHT (MPR/YARD) Join us tonight! (Fri. 9/26) for ice cream! Eat ice cream and visit with your friends. 6-7:30 p.m., or until the ice cream runs out.



RAINY DAYS ARE ON THEIR WAY As we we've begun to see rain, it's a good time to revisit procedures. A few tips for success:

- If it is raining during drop-off in the morning, classrooms are open at 8:15 am and students should go directly to their classroom. Please remember that campus is not open prior to 8:15 am.
 - After school, it is even more important for students to be picked up on time so they aren't waiting outside in the rain. If students have before or after school classes on campus, please be sure they are aware of plans for safe and quick delivery to their classes or destinations.
- Thank you!

FREE FINGERPRINTING DATE AT CORNELL FOR VOLUNTEERS **Thursday, October 2 (8:15 AM - 10:00 AM)** Remember that TB resting requires at least 2-3 days to process so you will need to get your TB test done this week. Please do not wait! Thank you!

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.

ALBANY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM – EAST BAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES **START THIS COMING MONDAY, September 29th**. Be sure you know when they will not have

classes due to our schedule here at Cornell School. Sign-up packets are still available here in the school office. Classes are held here at **Cornell School**.

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.

ORIGINAL WORKS, ORIGINAL ART! Your child should have come home with an Original Works packet today. *Original Works* is a PTA fundraiser. 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. and 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

ALBANY ELEMENTARY GIVING CAMPAIGN Every year, our three Albany elementary schools work together to raise the funds needed for providing art, music and other enriching activities for our kids. Thank you to everyone for supporting this campaign and helping us reach our goal. If you haven't yet done so, please drop off your suggested donation of \$100 per child to the office where there is an in-basket or return to your child's teacher. If you have any questions, please contact our PTA President, Jessica Cross at president@cornellpta.org

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE 2014 HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR The Annual Holiday Craft Fair is coming up faster than you think. We need your help to make it a success. We need glass jars less (that

are less than 20 oz. with no lids, washed with labels and glue removed); beads no bigger than your pinkie; and rubber stamps in different shapes or letters of the alphabet. Please drop all your donations in the box at the office. Questions: please contact petrasarahmartin@gmail.com

ALL-DAY CARE AT JCC WHEN CORNELL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 10/10 The JCC Afterschool's Berkeley Branch (1414 Walnut) provides School's Out Programming for students on most school holidays, vacation weeks (Winter and Spring Break) and professional development days. We offer all-day programming, 8am-6pm- you pack the lunch, we do the rest! Most School's Out days are a combination of on-site activities and an off-site field trip.

Friday, 10/10 - Little Farm

Tuesday, 11/11 - Playland-Not-At-The-Beach

Wednesday, 11/26 - Lindsay Wildlife Museum

Berkeley Branch Contact: Sudha Darling at sudhad@jccastbay.org or 510-848-0237 x128

To register: <http://www.jccastbay.org/school-s-out-days-back-to-school-winter-and-spring-break-camps/CORNELL>

ASSEMBLY, OCTOBER 1st Be sure to ask your kids about their assembly experience! The Bay Area Children's Theater will present "Labcoats and Scapegoats: A Science Fair Musicalamity". When a student's project is sabotaged, the accusations start flying, and it's going to take a lot of scientific thinking to sort out all the clues! Using her wits, her ingenuity, and her friends' science fair projects, Lettie sets out to solve the case! Concepts of biology, chemistry, and physics are explored in this musical.

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

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!

LUNCH If you would like to purchase 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 p.m. 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!!!! 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.

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FROM THE CORNELL OFFICE To the Good Fairy who had Office Depot send us Post-Its, pencils and glue sticks.....thank you so very much!!

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