



November 21, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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| November 10-25 | Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences, Wednesday Schedule |
| November 21 | Tonight! International Potluck 5:30-8:30pm Multipurpose Room |
| November 22 | Holiday Shopping & Recorder Performance: 5-8pm Books Inc. 1760 4 th St. |
| November 26-28 | Thanksgiving Break---Enjoy having the extra day this year! |
| November 30 th | Band Concert & Ice Cream Social, 1:00pm Albany Comm. Center |
| December 5 th | Spirit Day-Sports Day at Cornell! |
| December 6 | Craft Fair-Multipurpose Room, 10:00am. to 2:00pm |
| December 9 th | AUSD-Albany Unified School District Board Meeting-7:00pm-City Hall |
| December 12 | Movie Night |
| December 17 | Cornell Caroling (have emailed for times for this event) |
| December 19 | Regular school day , this is a correction from prior Pinkie where minimum day was noted – PLEASE make note of change for your planning. |

NO SCHOOL, WEDNESDAY 11/26 THRU FRIDAY 11/28 We'll see everyone back on Monday, December 1st. We hope everyone has a lovely Thanksgiving break.

CORNELL COACH'S CORNER FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR BY MIESJE CHILD Welcome to the first "Coach's Corner" where I will be highlighting some of the academic shifts as we implement the California Common Core Standards. One of the English Language Arts shifts is for students to read as much non-fiction as fiction. You can support your child with this shift by noting how much fiction and non-fiction they are choosing to read and guiding them to find a good balance of the two. You can enjoy reading aloud and discussing both fiction and non-fiction texts. In the classroom, this academic shift means that teachers will be teaching reading comprehension strategies for both fiction and non-fiction starting in kindergarten. During Language Arts, students will be reading and discussing fiction and non-fiction, and when students are reading during science, social studies and math periods, teachers will be teaching not just science, history and math lessons, but also non-fiction reading strategies.

OUR INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK IS TONIGHT! FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST 5:30 TO 8:30pm

Mark your calendars for a fun evening of food and friends. Our Cornell families will dine together at school in the multipurpose room sharing dishes that represent their culture and family traditions. There will be live music by Cascada de Flores. This is a free event and fun for the entire family.

We will need volunteers to help with set up, serving, and clean up. The shifts are:

Set up 4:00pm-5:30pm

Serving 5:30pm-7:30pm

Serving/Clean up 7:30pm-9:00pm

Please bring a dish following the information below:

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH:

A-J-Bring a main dish

K-R-Bring a side dish

S-Z-Bring dessert

Feel free to contact the Coordinator, Joanna Manqueros (Tonio's mom) at (510) 708-3828 or jmanqueros@gmail.com

WANTED – ASPHALT REMOVAL Is there a Cornell parent that has a company that does this?

Cornell may need some asphalt removed. If you do, please contact Mrs. Duncan at

hduncan@ausdk12.org

HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT AND RECORDER PERFORMANCE – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 5-

8pm Support Cornell Library and get your holiday shopping done early with the expert help of our own librarian Ms. Staton and the knowledgeable staff of Books Inc. 4th street. Books Inc. 4th Street will donate 20% of all sales, including purchase of gift certificates, to the Cornell Library. Check out the library wish list, buy books for your child's classroom, and get books or gift certificates for everyone on your list! All this while you listen to Cornell's very own Recorder Ensemble. Complimentary cider, wine, and cheese offered throughout the event.

Books Inc. 4th Street is located at 1760 4th Street, Berkeley.

ATTENTION ALL CORNELL FAMILIES!!! STAFF SALAD THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION COMING UP TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th All year long we look for different ways to celebrate our teachers and say "thank you". One way we will do it this year is staff salad celebration. What we

need from you is a dish or topping you love to put on your salad. Bring your favorite dressing, topping, cut up veggie, nuts, dip, cheese, or any other thing you like to add to a salad. Bring a side salad. Bring something that goes with a salad. Bring your best potluck salad. Bring something to eat after a salad. Whatever you bring please drop off to the office by 10:30am Tuesday, November 25th. If you leave a dish that you need back, please label with your child's name, teacher, and room number. THE PTA WILL PROVIDE A VARIETY OF LETTUCE. Please let me know if you can help with set up or clean up. Foursome@gmail.com Thank you! Cristi Solomon, Teacher Appreciation Coordinator.

OUR ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 6th from 10am to 2pm - MULTIPURPOSE ROOM We have 9 different hands on craft activities for kids of all ages, and a

great bake sale. Join us in making fleece pillows, beeswax candles, magnets and many more

while enjoying food from the bake sale and spending time with your Cornell Community. Thanks to everyone who donated jars, figurines and stamps we now have enough! We will need many volunteers to make this a success. Follow the instructions below to sign up.

SIGN UP to volunteer at the Craft Fair - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot:

<http://vols.pt/8vQ812>

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!

Look out for bake sale instructions in a few weeks! Any questions please contact:

petrasarahmartin@gmail.com Thank You!

CORNELL TRANSLATION PARENTS NEEDED Are you a parent that is interested in providing translation service for Cornell on an occasional basis? We are in need of a parent who we can count on to translate accurate written communications regularly. In general these would be fairly short notifications to parents with 2-5 day turnaround. The languages that are still needed are Japanese. If you are interested and willing to help us, please email Mrs. Duncan at hduncan@ausdk12.org

UC BERKELEY SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY PEDIATRIC EXPERTS WILL BE COMING to the Albany Elementary schools to provide free vision screenings for our students. All **Kindergarten, 2nd grade students, and referrals from other grades** will be examined on November 25th. All 5th graders and new students to Cornell were examined on November 13th. Don't miss the day! If you have any questions regarding your child's vision, please contact Dr. Sarah Fisher, OD, and PhD at UC Berkeley School of Optometry at: sfisher@berkeley.edu

THE ALBANY POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (APAL) will be holding their 2nd basketball practice this coming Saturday, November 22 at 1:00 at the Albany Middle School gym and we welcome new players to join. This new program is for **5th** through 8th grade boys and girls and began 2 weeks ago with an enthusiastic group of players. Coached by Albany Police Officer (and former AHS basketball player) Danny Ho, this program is for kids who want to learn more about the game and improve their skills from beginners to more advanced players. Emphasis will be on technique and strategy with lots of fun drills and intersquad games.

Practice will be held **every other** Saturday from 1:00 – 3:00pm in the Albany Middle School gym. Specific dates are listed on the APAL web site, <http://www.albanypal.net/>. All participants must be complete an APAL registration form and pay the \$40.00 registration fee. You may download a form from our web site Completed forms and payment must be submitted at your first practice. Basketball players should wear shorts or sweats and rubber-soled shoes and bring a water bottle to every practice. For more information please contact APAL at APAL@albanypal.net

BAND WINTER CONCERT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY, November 30TH (AMS Jazz Band and Elementary Bands) 1:00 pm. - Albany Community Center-Fifth grade band students who would

like to participate are encouraged to perform in this, our first concert of the year. Please arrive at 12:30pm. In order to be set up and ready to play at 1:00pm. The concert should be no more than an hour in length. We will perform selected songs from our book, and some students may play solos or small ensembles. Our supportive, dedicated Albany Music Fund is supplying the ice cream, paper bowls, spoons and napkins. We need parent volunteers to serve and scoop ice cream at our second annual Ice Cream Social/ Elementary Winter Band Concert. Please bring your ice cream scoops and toppings. If you can help or have questions please contact Mr. Nemoyten at: mnemoyten@ausdk12.org

6th ANNUAL ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th from Noon to 3pm. This year why not skip Black Friday and mark your calendars for some wonderful holiday shopping by local artisans and students at the AMS Arts & Crafts Fair? This fantastic event will have a great selection of local artists and students with a wide variety of gift options for everyone's list. This event is open to the public so bring your friends and family down to shop for local art and handmade treasures while you enjoy music and delicious baked goods. Please join other Albany families in support of the AMS Art Programs and shop locally! Albany Middle School is located at 1259 Brighton in Albany.

WRITER COACH PROGRAM AT ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL- Parents, get a look inside the middle school while helping a great cause. Consider volunteering as a WriterCoach Connection works with every 8th grader on a major research project. (Learn about it before your child gets there!) Eight sessions from February 3rd to April 2nd, 2015 (No work the week of Winter Break, February 16 thru 20th, 2014) Volunteers coach in one class per week. Training sessions will be held in December and January. Find out more at: www.writercoachconnection.org. Contact the AMS Writer Coaching site coordinators with questions. AMScoaching@gmail.com, Mary Flaherty at [510-559-9552](tel:510-559-9552) and Nick Keefe at [415-637-7168](tel:415-637-7168).

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