



March 13, 2015

Calendar of Events	
March 9-19	Parent Teacher Conferences Wednesday Schedule
March 16	Spellathon Begins!
March 17	Parent Ed Night
March 18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Hearing Screening
March 18	Restaurant Fundraiser Pasta Pomodoro
March 20	Staff Development Day-No School
March 24	AUSD Board Meeting - 7pm
March 26	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade & New Students Hearing Screening
April 8	Community Time Walk and Roll
April 13-17	Spring Break!
April 26	A's Game FUNdraiser vs. Houston Astros
April 28	AUSD Board Meeting- 7pm
May 6	Community Time Walk and Roll
May 16	Dance-O-Rama-Albany High School Gym
May 21	Open House and Science Fair
May 26	AUSD Board Meeting-Albany City Hall- 7pm
June 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Coyote Fun Run
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES CONTINUE THRU THURSDAY 3/19** These are shortened days (Wednesday schedule). **Reminder:** There will be no enrichment classes during conference weeks. Report cards will be coming home by Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

NO change      Kindergarten  
 8:30-1:45      1st-3rd grades  
 8:30-1:40      4th-5th grades

Friday, 3/20, There will be NO SCHOOL as teachers participate in Staff Development in Albany Unified. We will return to our regular schedule on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**MOVIE NIGHT IS TONIGHT (3/13)!** Come watch **BIG HERO 6** in the MPR tonight with the family. Doors open and cartoons start at 6 pm and the movie starts at 6:30 pm. A \$4 per person donation at the door enters you into a raffle to win the DVD at the end of the night. Dinner items (sandwiches, salads, rolls, pizza) and snack items (popcorn, candy, juice boxes, etc...) will be available for purchase. We look forward to seeing you there!

**FAMILY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN MARCH** Join other Cornell families the weekend of **March 13th, 14th, or 15th** to help distribute the 2015 SchoolCARE Brochures! Pick up the new SchoolCARE brochures and a route map of a neighborhood in Albany on March 13th and walk and drop the brochures on the doorstep of Albany homes on March 14th or 15th. Please contact, Susan Ferdun at [susannferdu@gmail.com](mailto:susannferdu@gmail.com) to be a part of this great community effort for our schools! Thank you.

**CORNELL ANNUAL SPELLATHON BEGINS MONDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>** Today in your student's Friday Folders you will receive a packet of information which will include a word list and a pledge sheet. Pledge sheets are due on **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. In this world of "spell check" this event is such fun. **Note:** in the past, our Spellathon has raised \$10,000 for our school!

**SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM (SBAC), PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**3rd Grade**

Week of March 30th through April 3rd = MATH  
Week of April 6th through April 10th = ENGLISH

**4th Grade**

Week of April 20th through April 24th = MATH  
Week of April 27th through May 1st = ENGLISH

**5th Grade**

Week of May 4th through May 8th = MATH  
Week of May 11th through May 15th = ENGLISH

For the day-to-day routines, a few tips for parents. Students should...

- Be at school every day. Please. Make up tests are difficult for everyone.
- Be on time. Testing sessions are usually in the morning and often shortly after school gets underway. Time to get settled into the classroom before testing begins each day will help students relax.
- Be rested and fed. Make sure that students have a good night's sleep and enough of a breakfast to sustain them. This is always important. Do not, however, think that your child should load up on a big breakfast for testing when a lighter meal is their usual routine.
- Be encouraged to do their best and relax. The best state of mind for learning and for testing is what researchers refer to as "relaxed alertness" - not stressed, not too casual – awake, but not alarmed or anxious.

Each spring, schools participate in standardized achievement testing with students. You'll remember that in 2013-14 California schools, along with many other states, began participating in SBAC testing as a replacement assessment to the California Standardized Testing (CST) assessment that we had used previously in schools. Last year, 2013-2014, was a year of field-testing. This year, in elementary, our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in SBAC testing. These assessments are designed to evaluate student progress towards mastery of the California Common Core Standards.

Additionally, as more information becomes available, there will be more information on the other assessments that are still being given. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions. Thank you.

**PTA RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER AT PASTA POMODORO**. Dine out and support Cornell. Pasta Pomodoro located in the El Cerrito Shopping Center, will generously donate 20% of dine-in or take-out orders all day on Wed, March 18th. To donate, all you need is to present the flyer coming home in your child's

Friday Folder this week. I can also send one electronically; e-mail me at [bollin.kim@gmail.com](mailto:bollin.kim@gmail.com). Take a break from cooking while at the same time supporting the school: a win-win!

**ONE SQUARE MILE, A NEW ONLINE LITERARY JOURNAL** celebrating the creativity of Albany youth is seeking contributions of writing and art from students at all five Albany schools. Send us your poems, stories, essays and art! Submissions will be taken between March 1 and April 3. For more information, check out our website: [www.onesquaremilejournal.com](http://www.onesquaremilejournal.com)

**SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY APRIL 26<sup>th</sup> IS THE OAKLAND A'S GAME FUNDRAISER** for Cornell School!  
\$5 of every ticket sold will go back to the Cornell School PTA.

- **Who:** Cornell School supporters
- **What:** Oakland A's Baseball Game FUNdraiser
- **When:** Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:05pm
- **Where:** Oakland Coliseum, Plaza Outfield section

**How much:** \$20 per ticket (make checks payable to "Cornell School PTA" and put in the PTA safe in the office with your order form) Tickets will be distributed to your child's classroom by Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (after Spring break). **Deadline** to purchase tickets: Wednesday **April 1, 2015 Questions?** Please email: [stephanie@5littlemonkeys.com](mailto:stephanie@5littlemonkeys.com)

**HAVE YOU MOVED or CHANGED ANY CONTACT INFORMATION RECENTLY?** If so, we need you to verify your **NEW** information with the District Office. Email proof of your new address to Linda Williams: [lwilliams@ausdk12.org](mailto:lwilliams@ausdk12.org)

**2015-2016 NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFO:**

- Elementary enrollment (TK-5) begins February 2nd (priority enrollment Feb. 2 - Mar. 27)
- AMS/AHS enrollment begins March 2nd
- Residency Verification - April thru June
- Inter-District Permit Renewals - deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>

Current students will automatically be enrolled in the next the grade and current 5th graders will automatically be enrolled at Albany Middle School for 2015-16. Albany residents must re-verify their address starting in April thru June and inter district permits must be renewed by April 1st.

**THE WHEELHOUSE ACADEMY OF BASEBALL** will offer quality and affordable spring break camps that feature advanced baseball training and games. We'll conduct the morning session in our training facility and host games in the afternoons at UC Village fields in Albany. This year we'll host competitive games for middle schoolers. For more info please visit: [www.wheelhouseacademy.com](http://www.wheelhouseacademy.com) Contact person: Joseph B. French, Director, Classes and Camps Wheelhouse Academy of Baseball (510) 708.2018 or: [jbf@wheelhouseacademy.com](mailto:jbf@wheelhouseacademy.com)

**SPRING BREAK YOUTH CAMP** Kids will have a week of fun and energetic outdoor activity while supporting some Albany High School Seniors to afford their college of choice. Program is run by the Albany High School Varsity Players. Ages 6-10 (no experience or skill level necessary). April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup> 9am to 3pm (half day and extended care options available). Register by March 30<sup>th</sup> at [Andrei\\_rusa@yahoo.com](mailto:Andrei_rusa@yahoo.com) or call 510-725-2510.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE TO OUR E-PINKIE?** You can find an easy link on our web page. Look down on the left under LINKS and you'll see it there. Go the [LINK](#) and enter your article by Wednesday at noon. Directions are on the website.