



November 14, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- November 21: Alameda County Community Food Bank Drive Ends
- November 10-25: Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences, Wednesday Schedule
- November 14: Movie Night **TONIGHT** @ 6:15pm. Cartoons-6:30pm. "The Lego Movie"
- November 19: PTA Restaurant Fundraiser –Zachary's Pizza 1853 Solano Ave. 11am. -9:30pm.
- November 20: PTA Meeting 6:00-7:30pm, 5:45 PIZZA!
- November 21: International Potluck 5:30-8:30 pm. Multipurpose Room
- November 22: Holiday Shopping & Recorder Performance: 5-8pm. Books Inc. 1760 4th St.
- November 26-28: Thanksgiving Break---Enjoy having the extra day this year!
- November 30th: Band Concert & Ice Cream Social, 1:00pm. Albany Comm. Center
- December 6: Craft Fair-Multipurpose Room, 10:00am. - 2:00pm.
- December 12: Movie Night
- December 17: Cornell Caroling
- 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.

MOVIE NIGHT IS TONIGHT! Join us in the MPR this evening for the Lego Movie! Cartoons are at 6:15 and the movie starts at 6:30 pm. A \$4 suggested donation / person at the door enters each attendee into a raffle to win the movie at the end of the night. Dinner (sandwiches, pizza, wraps and salads) and movie snacks (popcorn, candy, juice boxes, pickles, etc.) are also available for purchase. This movie was a smash hit! Come join us and relive the excitement.

SCHOOL PHOTO PROOFS HAVE ARRIVED! They are coming home today in your student's Friday Folders. To order, go to their website located at top of form and use the password that is typed on side of form next to their photos. The photos will take only 2-3 days to arrive. Ordering by mail will take 4-5 weeks to arrive. We hope you enjoy the new photos – we took a peek and they look beautiful and very professional.

ARE YOU FREE AT LUNCHTIME? DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY? We have a position for you. Come join the lunchtime team at Cornell for 2 hours a day. You would be supervising students and coordinating the lunch line by checking in students as they buy lunches each day. If you are available, interested, like children, and want to know more, please contact Pat in the office at: ppope@ausdk12.org or: 510-558-3703. This position is fun and you'd be part of a great team.

SAFETY FIRST For the safety of students and school staff, we will be reinstating the practice of locking the exterior gates between the hours of 9:40am-1:40pm daily beginning this Monday, November 17th. The exception is on Wednesday when the gate will be locked at 8:35am. I understand this is a past practice that has fallen away. We've had several concerning incidents recently with students running out of the schoolyard after a ball or for some other reason. It is important to remember that our school community includes children with a variety of special needs, some of which put them at heightened risk for wandering from campus and also for injury if they do wander. We also need to be more careful in our management of access into campus, to prevent people with no business at Cornell from entering. Thank you for partnering with us as we work to make our campus more secure during the largest block of our instructional time. The garden gate and Cornell gate (double) will be open/closed daily. We are planning to keep the gate near handball gate closed for now. The front doors will remain open all the time as our main access point to campus.

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 Korean and Japanese. If you are interested and willing to help us, please email Mrs. Duncan at hduncan@ausdk12.org

LOST AND FOUND Think your child has a lost piece of clothing or other item? We may have them here at school. Please come and check it out. All items left here after November 21st will be donated to The Epilepsy Foundation (Check out their wonderful thrift store "SAVERS" at 1414 University Ave. in Berkeley!)

NOONTIME ACTIVITIES AT CORNELL Volunteers Still Needed!! We are still in need of parent volunteers who would like to volunteer once a week for 30-45 minutes for our Noontime Activities Program at Cornell. It's a chance to offer activities to students at lunch recess once a week that they otherwise wouldn't get to experience. Volunteers can choose the day of the week that best fits their schedule. Currently we need volunteers for the following positions/activities:

- a) Open Garden: Kids could pull weeds, do a creative activity with natural materials, or simply help water trees/plants around campus with watering jugs. (11:45-12:30)
- b) Watercolors in the Garden: Kids would have watercolors and paper and create nice outdoor paintings in the peaceful serenity of our Cornell Garden. (11:45-12:30)
- c) Board Games: This would take place in one of the portables, and give students a chance to play many engaging board games that we have at Cornell. (12:10-12:30)
- d) Juggling, Tossing Games and Yoyos: Students would be led in using fun alternative sports equipment in a variety of ways. (11:45-12:30)
- e) Arts & Crafts: A bit more labor intensive, this position seeks an 'artsy' parent with a desire to create fun art projects with cheap materials, such as toilet paper rolls, colored tissue paper, etc. (12:10-12:30)
- f) Origami Assistant: Assist Hanako, our current parent volunteer, with Origami instruction. (11:45-12:30)
- g) Yarn & Fabric Crafts Assistant: Assist our current parent volunteer, Elizabeth, with her creative yarn & fabric activities. (12:10-12:30)
- f) Kindergarten Fun! Kindergarteners love their lunch recess! This position would offer kindergarteners' chances to play games like soccer, tee ball, or test out fun equipment such as parachutes and ice cream scoop catchers...the possibilities are limitless! (11:00-11:25)

If interested, please contact Coach Joel at jgildersleeve@albanyk12.org Thanks for your interest!!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES CONTINUE THRU TUESDAY 11/25 These are shortened school days (Wednesday schedule) so please be aware of the change.

Reminder: There will be no enrichment classes during conference weeks.

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

We will return to our regular schedule on Monday, Dec. 1st, after the Thanksgiving Holiday.

PTA RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER, NOVEMBER 19TH, ZACHARY'S PIZZA- 1853 SOLANO AVE. Dine out and support Cornell! Dine-in or pick up take-out from 11am. to 9:30pm. and Zachary's will donate 15% of your bill to the Cornell Elementary PTA. Flyers will be coming home in your child's Friday folder this week and are needed for donation credit. If you haven't had Zachary's pizza, they are consistently top rated in the Bay Area. Lost your lost flyer? E-mail bolin.kim@gmail.com and I'll send you a new one!

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 25th. 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

ALAMEDA COUNTY FOOD DRIVE ENDS NEXT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST We are getting so close to filling both our barrels! We can do these friends! Items needed: canned fruit & vegetables, canned meats and fish, peanut butter, pasta, beans, rice, canned soup & tomato sauce (low-salt), low-sugar cereal and oatmeal. No "expired" food please. If all of us brought two items.....our barrels would overflow!

OUR INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK IS COMING! FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST 5:30 TO 8:30 PM. This event is a tradition at Cornell in which families dine together at school sharing dishes that represent their culture and family traditions. There will be live music and plenty of delicious food from cultures around the globe. This is a free event and fun for the entire family. 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

We need your help for this event to clear tables and for clean-up. Creativity is welcomed in planning the decorations, to help with the sound, ambience and general flow of guests. Feel free to contact the Coordinator, Joanna Manqueros (Tonio's mom) at (510) 708-3828 or jmanqueros@gmail.com

HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT AND RECORDER PERFORMANCE -Saturday 11/22/14, 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.**

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

GIRLS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE WORKSHOPS Girls Leadership Institute workshops are now open for AUSD families, and will open to the public on December 1st. These workshops allow parents and daughters to establish best practices in emotional intelligence, healthy communication, and productive conflict resolution skills. Workshops are on Mondays starting January 2015. Time and location vary by grade levels. To register for the Kindergarten & 1st grade workshop, and to register for the 2nd & 3rd grade workshop, please visit: <http://www.girlsleadershipinstitute.org/cornellelementary> To register for the 4th & 5th grade workshop, please visit: <http://www.girlsleadershipinstitute.org/MarinElementary>

OUR ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH FROM 10 am. To 2pm. 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. 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!

Thank you to everyone who has already donated jars and figurines.

We still need glass jars less than 20oz. with no lids, washed with labels and glue removed.

We also need small figurines 1.5" tall and no more than 1.5" wide. It can be new or used Lego figures, FIMO and any other holiday themed figurines that would be cute inside a little snow globe.

Please drop all your donations in the box at the office. Look out for bake sale instructions in a few weeks! Any questions please contact: petrasarahmartin@gmail.com Thank You!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 2014 WAS THE FIRST CORNELL CREW EVENT OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. Nearly 50 parents, students and family members showed off their Coyote pride by coming together for this amazing event. By the end of the day, the Crew spread over 4 cubic yards of wood chips around the campus, installed a trial edging system to help contain those wood chips, painted the second floor hallway, cleaned up and cleared out nearly 20 garden plots in the edible garden, completed several classroom projects requested by teachers, and touched up paint in several areas of campus.

Huge thanks to the many dedicated CREW members and their families who joined in the work including

Lisa Bernard-Pearl, Rachel Bernard-Pearl, Daniel Cardozo, Brian Champine, Bernadette Champine, Max Champine, Sasha Champine, Mitchelyn Clark, Jacob Clark, Troy Clark, Athena Clark, Petra Daal, Kent Duncan, Heather Duncan, Sam Givner, Jon Givner, Ethan Holmes, Wendy Holmes, Elisa Larson, Kira Lussier, Hazel Martin, Tom Mazzotta, Kirsten Negus, Meg Peterson, Kirsten Piroth, Freya Piroth, Tim Ramirez, Maya Ramirez, Adlai Reindl, Anna Renton, Thomas Renton, Bella Shatterly, Chris Shatterly, Emily Shatterly, Crystal Sherpa, Ang Sherpa, Sheldon Smith, Will Smith, Bryce Tanner, Julia Tipling, Bjorn Tipling, Ayako Tipling, Suzy Wolff, Paul Worhach, and Lisa Wymore.

A special shout-out to Tom Mazzotta for leading the painting crew; Kirsten Negus for guiding the work in the edible garden, and to Lisa Bernard-Pearl for delivering the truck loads of wood chips. My apologies to anyone I may have missed! Thanks to the PTA for the funding that helped pay for bagels, donuts, coffee, and site project supplies. Thank you **all** for making this Cornell CREW project so successful. We look forward to your continued participation at future events. Thank you. Kevin Reindl.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM If you were given an electronic tag when you walked to school this past Wednesday you can register your barcode and see stats at: <http://cornell.active4.me/Registration> Make your own login and password! The password to see school statistics is **letmein** on 11/12, the safe routes coordinators handed out the electronic tags to all students who wished to participate in the walk/roll to school program. No personal information will be attached to these tags. Tallies will be done at the end of each semester by class number, not by individual student. For any questions, call Iremar (510) 504-9192.

THE OFFICE IS IN NEED OF MORE SUPPLIES: Clear packing tape (approx. 3" wide), blue 1" wide Painter's Tape, ½" wide Scotch tape, AA (Double) Batteries and lots of No. 2 Ticonderoga pencils!

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.