

CORNELL CHRONICLE
Cornell Elementary School
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LIVING AND LEARNING

We are becoming life-long learners who are independent, cooperative, responsible and productive citizens in our diverse society. We will:

- Be kind and respectful to others
- Be safe at work and play
- Be responsible

CALENDAR:

September 7: 5th Grade Band Parent Orientation (Ocean View)
September 10: Cornell Community Time
September 11: 1st-5th Back-To-School Night 7:00 – 8:00 pm
September 14: Solano Stroll
September 19: Oakland A's Game with Fireworks

CONTACT INFORMATION

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GREAT FIRST WEEK!

Cornell Families, it has been a wonderful first week with warm smiles from children and staff as friends have enjoyed seeing each other after a nice summer. Wonderful parent volunteers have aided in getting things started smoothly. Kindergarten welcome and first day welcome coffee were great. Thank you! Teachers AND custodians have worked hard on preparing our classrooms and site for a great year. I also want to thank everyone so much for the incredibly warm welcome as I've been getting started here at Cornell. Both Janet, our Secretary, and I have been having so much fun learning all about Cornell and all it has to offer its student and families. I am enjoying getting to know everyone and still have so much to learn. Please do continue to introduce yourselves. It will take some time to learn all the names. We look forward to learning all of them and feel blessed to be a Coyote.

STAGGERED READING SCHEDULE

Our Early Bird/Late Bird schedule in K-3rd grade allows students to have one hour of small-group instruction at the beginning and end of each day.

Kindergarten Early Bird/Late Bird Schedule:

Early Birds: 8:30 am-1 pm

Late Birds: 9:30 am-2 pm

1st-3rd Grade Early Bird/Late Bird Schedule:

Early Birds: 8:30 am-1:55 pm

Late Birds: 9:40 am-3:05 pm

Every Wednesday is minimum schedule (not kinder):

No change to Kindergarten schedule

1st-3rd grades - 8:30 am-1:45 pm

4th-5th grades - 8:30 am-1:40 pm

EMERGENCY FORMS

We are counting on 100% return of 2014-15 Emergency Forms. Please be sure to return your goldenrod emergency forms right away to ensure that we have up to date and accurate contact information on file at school. This is so that we are able to reach you in emergencies or when your child gets ill during the school day. Thank you!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

All Parents (K – 5th grades) are invited to Cornell Back-to-School Night, Thursday, September 11th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. I will welcome you at 7:00 pm in the playground next to the picnic tables to introduce staff. Our PTA President Jessica Cross will speak about the Cornell PTA. Following this brief presentation, teachers will meet you in their classrooms. This is an important evening that will offer you vital information about your child's classroom program for the year. Teachers will be preparing a wonderful overview of the year that will share both their work and how you can partner with them to make the year a success for your child. If you have specific questions/concerns about your child, please talk to the teacher at another time. Back to School Night is an adults-only evening. Please arrange childcare in advance.

ALBANY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM – EAST BAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The East Bay Center for the Performing Arts is 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 last week. A corrected flyer is being sent out this week to note that classes are held here at Cornell. <http://tinyurl.com/m7wmfgo>

OFFICE SUPPLY DONATIONS Thank you for all the donations that have come in so far. We don't need any more 10X13 manila donations or pink copy paper right now; however we would love to receive #2 Ticonderoga pencils and white Elmer's glue sticks.

DEADLINE FOR ACKNOWLEDEMENT FORMS

Please fill out the 2014-2015 Back to School Packets electronically through our secure Aeries Parent Portal <https://abi.ausdk12.org/aeriesportal/LoginParent.aspx?page=default.aspx> Please contact the office if you need your child's ID# or Verification Code. **The deadline to return the Acknowledgement Form to the office is Friday, September 30th.**

REMINDER TO KINDER & 1ST GRADE FAMILIES

Please remember to turn in any immunization updates, health examination forms, and dental forms to the Cornell Office as soon as possible.

JOIN THE CORNELL SCHOOL E-TREE

The E-Tree is an electronic mailing list for Cornell Elementary School, managed by the Cornell School PTA. Sign up to be sure to receive important PTA announcements. To join, please send an email to: juliannesterling@gmail.com with **e-tree** in the subject line. If you've already submitted a paper sign up previously, there is no need to sign up again. Thank you.

JOIN OUR WONDERFUL PTA

The Cornell community is at its best when we all work together. PTA membership is one way to join committed parents and teachers for a voice in the education of our children. Benefits of membership include parent and teacher resources, a voice in how the money we raise each year is spent, and a whole lot of fun. Join today by completing a membership form or visiting us online at www.cornellpta.org. PTA meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of each month. We are looking forward to having a dynamic year together!

LUNCH PROCEDURE REMINDERS

If you are purchasing lunches for your child with check or cash, please fill out a lunch envelope in the office. If you would like to purchase lunches with a credit card, please go on-line to "My School Bucks" payment system on the district website, www.ausdk12.org. Lunches, which include milk, are \$3.50 per day and must be pre-paid. You may put any amount you wish into your child's account. The total will roll over from last year until all lunch credit used up.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROCEDURES

AUSD students who qualified for free or reduced lunch last year keep their approved status for the first 45 calendar days of the 2014-2015 school year. However, returning students who do not submit a new application will automatically revert back to paid status. New students need to submit an application regardless of their status in their previous district. You can get an application through the AUSD website, www.ausdk12.org, in the Food Services section. For questions regarding food service issues, call 510-558-2608 or 510-558-2607.

BERKELEY CHESS SCHOOL BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPT 9TH

If you are interested in enrolling your child for after-school chess classes, which are held on Tuesdays in the library and the multipurpose room, go to www.berkeleychessschool.org. Please check the flyer that came home today with your child. Classes start on Tuesday, September 9th, 3:10-4:10 pm, and run through December 16th. There will be no classes on Nov 11th or 25th during conferences.

OAKLAND A'S GAME AND FIREWORKS SEPTEMBER 19TH

The Cornell School PTA is once again partnering with the Oakland A's for a night of fun, fundraising and fireworks at the ballpark! Friday, Sept. 19th at 7:05pm. the Oakland A's take on the Phillies at the Oakland Coliseum, with Star Wars themed fireworks immediately following the game. We have a limited number of seats available in the Plaza Outfield section, so order early! Tickets cost \$20 each (a \$28 value!) with a portion of each ticket sold being donated back to Cornell! **Deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, September 10, 2014**, but may sell out early. To order tickets print out the attached form (forms are also available in the office), attach it to your check payable to "Cornell PTA" and turn it in to the PTA safe in the office. Tickets will be coming home with your child the week of the game. If you still have tickets left over from the rained out game in March you may turn them in as form of payment for this game. Please complete a new order form and submit them together.

Questions? Email stephanie@5littlemonkeys.com

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