



February 26, 2015

Calendar of Events		
March 4		Cornell's Got Talent Dress Rehearsal-Ocean View
March 4		Parent Ed Night Speak Up Be Safe (6-7pm MPR)
March 6		Lost & Found Main & Small Items Donation Day
March 7		Cornell's Got Talent Show-Ocean View School
March 8		Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 9-19		Parent Teacher Conferences Wednesday Schedule
March 10		AUSD Board Meeting-Albany City Hall 7pm
March 11		Community Time – 8:30am
March 12		Cornell School PTA Meeting – 6pm
March 13		Movie Night Big Hero 6 – 6pm
March 16		Spellathon Begins!
March 18		2 nd Grade Hearing Screening
March 18		Restaurant Fundraiser Pasta Pomodoro
March 20		Staff Development Day-No School
March 24		AUSD Board Meeting-Albany City Hall – 7pm
March 26		5 th Grade & New Students Hearing Screening
April 13-17		Spring Break!
April 26		A's Game FUNdraiser vs. Houston Astros
May 16		Dance-O-Rama-Albany High School Gym

TRIMESTER TWO IS WRAPPING UP/CONFERENCES We'd like to let you know that our Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences are taking place March 9th-19th this year. Unlike the conferences in the fall, spring conferences are scheduled only by teacher recommendation. Report cards will be coming home by Thursday, March 19th. Teachers will be sending home a letter to let you know if they are recommending a conference. If a conference is needed, we ask that you do arrange a time to meet with the teacher. During these meetings, report cards will be sent home. If a conference isn't needed, please expect to see your child's report card sent home on Thursday, March 19th. Friday, March 20th is a NO SCHOOL day as set aside for professional development for staff.

VACCINES REMINDER Our office staff is working hard to enter the information you turned in updating your students' immunization record. Thank you to those of you who have returned the necessary forms. We are still missing many forms. If you received a letter in your student's Friday folder or at home, please take the time now to get this information turned in to the office. Thanks so much!

COMMON CORE COACHES CORNER: LANGUAGE ARTS SHIFT 3 A major goal of the Common Core Standards is for students to be able to read and gain knowledge from complex texts, as that is what adults often do in both college and for our careers. This means that in school, students will be reading more complex texts more carefully. This is one area of the standards that we teachers at Cornell are particularly excited about since it has been a big focus for us all along. What this means for students is that they will be reading texts at their comfort level and also being asked to read texts at higher levels with support. Students will practice using comprehension strategies to “unpack” these texts. For example, they will think about what they already know about the text and subject, making connection to their previous learning and experiences. Young readers will reread complex texts while visualizing a “movie in their mind.” They will search for the parts that are hard to understand and find new vocabulary. Students will ask questions and talk with partners, groups and adults as they work to make meaning from their reading. Perhaps most importantly, they will learn to handle the frustration of reading challenging texts and to keep on trying. Parents can help their children by making sure there are always books that they want to and can read comfortably in their home. Parents can also provide a few challenging texts and read them with their children, helping them figure out the challenging sections and concepts through discussion and wondering together. Hopefully this will be a fun challenge rather than a stressful push. Parents can also model that struggling with difficult text is worth the struggle. Happy reading! Miesje Child, Cornell Common Core Coach mchid@ausdk12.org

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

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY APRIL 26 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 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 22nd (after Spring break). Deadline to purchase tickets: Wednesday April 1, 2015 **Questions?** Please email stephanie@5littlemonkeys.com

SPEAK UP BE SAFE PARENT ED NIGHT FOR CORNELL PARENTS Wednesday, March 4th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the Cornell Multi-Purpose Room. Last year, AUSD adopted the Speak Up Be Safe curriculum created by the Childhelp organization. Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe is a research-based, comprehensive child abuse and bullying prevention education curriculum equipping students nationwide with skills they need to play a significant role in the prevention or interruption of abuse and bullying. Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe covers topics such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, bullying and cyber bullying, all at an age-appropriate level. In the coming weeks, all AUSD elementary students in grades 1-5 will be receiving their grade level's Speak Up Be Safe two-part lesson series. For more information on the curriculum and its implementation, please join us at the Parent Ed night. Alternatively, more information can be obtained at [SPEAK UP BE SAFE](#). Mrs. Duncan encourages parents to attend this informative evening.

CORNELL'S GOT TALENT DRESS REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH 2pm-Ocean View MPR We have a terrific show planned! We will rehearse at Ocean View so students can get used to the stage and microphones. It will take at least 2.5 hours to run through both the early and late shows. We will run through the K-2nd graders first, followed by the 3rd-5th graders. Please have your kids bring their music, costumes & props to school that day.

We need signed parent permission to walk them to Ocean View. **Please pick them up, and drop them back off, in our office.** If your child is picked up by an after school program, please let them know your child will be absent that day, and make arrangements to pick your child up at Ocean View around 5pm. There is a chance it will go later, as we have 53 acts to run through. Cornell PTA will provide an after-school snack for the performers. You may prefer to drop your child off at Ocean View, but please send [Dorothe](#) an [email](#) to let me know your plans. **We will also need volunteers to help us out that afternoon, so please let Dorothe know if you are available to help.** Examples of volunteer duties for the dress rehearsal are walking performers from Cornell to Ocean View at 1:45pm, distributing snacks, help performers get ready for acts, paint posters for the show, set up audio equipment, and act as sound engineer. **Finally, please volunteer to help on the day of the show at <http://vols.pt/Rr885q>** **Dorothe needs a parent to assist with sound during the shows, preferable with both shows.**

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 to be a part of this great community effort for our schools! Thank you.

LOST & FOUND WILL BE DONATED NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH There are so many expensive jackets/outerwear. Are they yours? Please come to the office during the day and/or look when you pick up your students. We will be spreading all items on the grass Friday, 3/6 for the students to search through before pick up that afternoon. Remember, we have a "small items" lost and found in the office (prescription glasses, keys, books, prize possessions).

LOOKING FOR PART TIME EMPLOYMENT? The Albany Unified School District is hiring for the following positions: Substitute Teachers, Substitute Café Asst., Substitute Clerical, Substitute Special Education Para-educators, 3-6 hour 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 510-558-3754.

OFFICE SUPPLIES Currently we are in need of "C" and "D" batteries-we need these for the megaphones used on the play yard every day; and...we can never have too many Pencils! Ticonderoga Brand is the best! Thank you! Pat & Janet

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.