



October 17, 2014

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

October 6 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Alameda County Community Food Bank Drive-See barrels for list
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Albany Music Fund Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. AHS in Choir Room
October 19:	Westbrae Nursery Pumpkin Patch Party-12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
October 24:	Superintendent Coffee at Cornell-7:30-8:30 a.m. in Multipurpose Room
October 24:	Make-Up Picture Day
October 25:	Silly Olympics Prep Party – Playground 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
October 26:	Silly Olympics–Playground 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
October 31:	Halloween Parade-Kindergarten 10-10:30; 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> 1:10 p.m.
November 10-25:	Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences-Wednesday Schedule
November 11:	Veteran’s Day–School Closed
November 21:	International Potluck 5:30-8:30 pm
November 26-28:	Thanksgiving Break

**CRAZY HAIR DAY** was a big HIT this week! Thank you to Cornell Student Council for hosting our first Spirit Day of the year. This coincided with one of my monthly *Story time* days. On these days I pick a book of my choice and offer several times for classrooms to sign up for me to come and read to classes. This month I read The English Roses (Madonna). This is a wonderful book that teaches about friendship and inclusion. This book also teaches a wonderful lesson about making assumptions about people before you get to know them. I enjoy getting into classrooms to read with children every month. In September I read A Fine, Fine School (Creech). Another wonderful favorite of mine.

**BOO!** I know it's very spooky but it's not too early to think about Halloween. Please remember, we are an elementary school with lots of small children. Be aware of gory, scary, bloody costumes and we ask that there are no weapons of any kind. Every year, even with these reminders, some students come in costumes with very scary items and/or weapons. We ask parents to work with us in making sure costumes aren't scary for young and tender kiddos. See you at the parade on Friday, October 31st. The parade begins at 10am for Kinders and 1:10pm for 1st-5th graders. Be sure to send costumes to school with children in the morning. They will change into costumes at school before the parade.

**...AND ONE SPOOKIER THOUGHT** Reminder to party-planners...If you are among the wonderful parents who plan class parties, remember that in the spirit of wellness we encourage healthy eating habits. We

ask that parents support this effort by providing nutritious foods for classroom celebrations and activities -- limiting or omitting sugary, fatty snacks and providing creative, healthy items in their place. AND thank you for remembering to avoid products with nuts.

**SUPERINTENDENT COFFEE AT CORNELL** Please join us for an informal Coffee with Superintendent, Val Williams coming up on Friday October, 24th from 7:30-8:30am in the Multi-Use room. This is your chance to chat with Ms. Williams to find out what's going on in the district, ask specific questions, and have some coffee and breakfast goodies. This is an informal drop-in event where you can casually meet the Superintendent and other parents. Come for all or any part of the event. Please join us!

**ILLNESS AND WHEN TO KEEP CHILDREN AT HOME** We definitely want your children to have positive attendance **AND** we definitely want children to stay at home when they are ill. When your child appears overly fatigued or shows symptoms of illness in the morning, he or she should be kept home. If a child seems overly fatigued or ill later in the day, you will be called. We will also call home if your child has a temperature of 99.8 degrees Fahrenheit. Please plan to pick up your child if we call to alert you that they are sick and in the office. We are unable to provide care for children who become sick at school. In general, a child must be free of fever for 24 hours before returning to class. If your child will be ill for several days, please make arrangements for getting school work or homework so your child can keep pace with the class. Generally, if you contact the teacher by email they will have work for you by the end of the day or by the next morning depending on the activity level of the particular day.

If your child has been exposed to a communicable disease, please inform the school immediately so incubation and isolation dates may be verified and health needs of all children protected.

Communicable diseases include chicken pox, diphtheria, German measles, measles, mumps, polio, whooping cough, ringworm, impetigo, scabies, pink-eye and pediculosis capitis (head lice). We will send home a letter if a student in your child's classroom has contracted one of these illnesses.

At school we encourage hand washing as a measure of preventing illness. This is the single most important prevention strategy. While we do have hand sanitizer available in many locations on campus, hand hygiene with soap and water is preferred since alcohol-based hand sanitizers have limited effectiveness against enteroviruses.

**PHOTO DAY** If your child missed photos this week, **make-up photo day will be Friday, October 24.** 2-3 weeks after 10/24 proofs/order envelopes will be sent home with your child displaying the best three images of your student(s) and ordering instructions. Orders can then be placed online.

**HOW ABOUT A MOVIE TONIGHT?** Don't forget TONIGHT is the first movie night fundraiser. All funds go directly back to Cornell! Join us in the MPR for the movie, "Mr. Peabody and Sherman". Doors open at 6pm, cartoons at 6:15 and the movie starts at 6:30. \$4/entry is the suggested donation. Don't forget \$\$ for food (pizza, sandwiches, popcorn, etc.). Each entry donation enters you into a raffle to win the movie at the end of the night too! See you all there!

**THE ALBANY EDUCATION GIVING CAMPAIGN (AEGC)** still needs your help! The AEGC raises money to provide enrichment in the classroom during the school day. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 for Albany Elementary Schools for excellent enrichment programs chosen by each school. We are nearly 60% of the way towards meeting this goal, but still have a ways to go. If you haven't given yet, please take a moment to write out a check. Please give generously: we suggest \$100 per child, but any contribution is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in the school office. Thank you!

**THE ALBANY MUSIC FUND-MUSIC IS RETURNING TO ALL OUR CLASSROOMS!** We need parents to be involved! Our Board Meetings are open to all, are usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month, and start at 9:30 a.m. in the Albany High School Choir Room 22, in the Arts Building (separate bldg. from high school). Enter from the Key Route entrance. This month we are meeting tomorrow, Saturday, 10/18 at 9:30 a.m. Come join us to learn more!

**PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER AT WESTBRAE NURSERY!** Westbrae Nursery, located at 1272 Gilman St., continues to sell pumpkins through Oct. 31st and will be donating 100% proceeds to our school! In addition, on Sun. Oct 19th, Westbrae will host a Pumpkin Patch Party from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. with a free puppet show and a bake sale. Please join the fundraiser event and buy one or several pumpkins from Westbrae this month. If you'd like to contribute to the bake sale, please sign up at <http://vols.pt/ReDH7q>

**ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE FAMILIES!! STAFF SALAD CELEBRATION NEXT WED. OCT. 22ND**

Hello all fifth grade parents. This coming Wed., October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be our staff salad celebration! All year long we look for different ways to celebrate our teachers and say "thank you". The Staff salad celebration has become a tradition. 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 ? 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 in the office by 10:30 am Wed., 10/22. If you leave a dish that you need back, please label it with your child's name, teacher, and room number. THE PTA will provide a variety of lettuce. Thank you! Cristi Solomon, Teacher Appreciation Coordinator.

**SILLY OLYMPICS SUNDAY OCT. 26th 11am - 3pm** The Silly Olympics is less than two weeks away and less than 25% of our volunteer spots are full! This event depends heavily on parent volunteers. It cannot happen without you! We need parents to help the day before too---join the sign painting party from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. If you are new to Cornell this year, the Silly Olympics is a "Fun-Raiser" and a kid favorite! Don't miss this opportunity to see your kids play with their friends while getting in some fun volunteer time. Please follow the instructions below to sign up.

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on <http://vols.pt/YuQcog>
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.

**Note:** VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, signup sheets have now been posted on the windows of the cafeteria/Multipurpose Room.

**STUFF WE NEED FOR SILLY OLYMPICS** We are looking for donations of Hansen's sodas and Capri Suns and cupcakes for the cupcake walk. Cupcakes can be homemade or store bought. These items can be dropped off at the school on SATURDAY, 10/25 between 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. or on Sunday, 10/26 before 10:00 a.m. Donations of small used toys are being collected for the fishing game prize bucket. Drop off items at 1120 Talbot Ave. or at school during the times listed above. Questions? [spenceranderika@gmail.com](mailto:spenceranderika@gmail.com)

**ORIGINAL WORKS, ORIGINAL ART! COMPLETED PACKETS MUST BE TURNED IN BY WED. OCT. 10/22**

There are extra packets in the office. Checks should be made out to CORNELL PTA Questions? Contact Georgia at [Georgiahpeach@gmail.com](mailto:Georgiahpeach@gmail.com)

**THE OFFICE NEEDS A VOLUNTEER TO BOX UP PRINTER CARTRIDGES FOR RECYCLING** Does anyone have 45 minutes to spare? Contact Janet or Pat in the office. Thank you.

**SUPPLIES FOR THE OFFICE ARE NEEDED** We could sure use the following: Yellow, Blue and Green Copy Paper, 3"x3" Post-It Notes and a package of White Out (dispenser type not liquid). We appreciate your generosity!

**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](http://cornell.ausdk12.org) for more important news, dates, and events.