**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

October 6th-Nov. 21  Alameda County Community Food Bank Drive  
November 2:         Daylight Savings Time Ends – Remember to set your clocks BACK an hour  
November 2:         Cornell Crew, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Meet at MPR Picnic Tables)  
November 10-25:    Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences (Wednesday Schedule)  
November 11:        Veteran’s Day NO SCHOOL  
November 12:        Community Time, 8:30am  
November 13:        AUSD Board Meeting, Cornell Spotlight, 7pm in Cornell MPR  
November 15:        Movie Night  
November 19:        Restaurant Night  
November 20:        PTA Meeting 6:00, Pizza at 5:45!  
November 21:        International Potluck 5:30-8:30 pm  
November 25:        AUSD Board Meeting  
November 26-28:    Thanksgiving Break  
December 6:        Holiday Craft Fair  
December 12:       Movie Night  
December 9:        AUSD Board Meeting

**SILLY OLYMPICS** What a tremendous event, AGAIN! Proving to be a big success, and much fun, for families every year. Thank you to all the parents, AND staff, that showed up in force both before, during, and after this fun-filled day to make it fun for everyone involved. There was food, games, and activities galore for all to enjoy at our wonderful school. An event like this could simply not be possible without the major efforts of people that step forward to volunteer out of the goodness of their hearts. THANK YOU to Erika Ferguson and her mighty crew that extends far and wide!

**CORNELL CREW PARTY THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 9AM-2PM.** Join the Cornell Crew in the first "Crew Work Party" of the year. We will focus on cleaning up the edible garden, gardening, landscaping, and painting. Come even if you can only help for an hour. As always, this is also a chance to impress your family with your selfless volunteer efforts in support of our school. We will meet at the outdoor picnic tables (rain or shine). Please bring gloves, weeding tools, garden tools, painting clothes, etc. If you already have a Cornell CREW T-shirt please be sure to wear it to the work party. New members receive a
FREE T-shirt. Refreshments will be served. RSVP: Please email cornellcrewclub@yahoo.com to let us know whether you can make it. QUESTIONS: Call Kevin Reindl at 619-322-3368.

**ALBANY ELEMENTARY GIVING CAMPAIGN ENDING SOON** Wow! Our Albany Education Giving Campaign (AEGC) is so close to completion and here’s where we stand….in order for our schools to offer all the in-class programs planned for this school year, we needed to raise $75,000 from Albany elementary families, and we have raised $66,400 – just $8,600 to go! Did you intend to donate and haven’t had the time to take it to your school office? The AEGC can now take online donations with your VISA, MasterCard, AmEx, and Discover cards. Please go to [https://99pledges.com/fund/20142015AEGC](https://99pledges.com/fund/20142015AEGC) The funds raised are split between the three schools, based on school population, and each school then decides which programs to offer. Each school already has a program lined up for the year waiting to implement when we reach our goal. Your voluntary contribution is so gratefully appreciated. Thank you so much to everyone for your support of these programs–with enormous gratitude, The 2014 AEGC Committee.

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** We are looking forward to seeing all parents at conferences coming up November 10 thru November 25. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to schedule an individual time to meet with teachers. This is an important time of year when you are able to collaborate with teacher on your child’s progress and plan for next steps related to learning the rest of the year. These will be shortened days (Wednesday schedule) so please plan now for the schedule change:

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**AUSD “SPOTLIGHTS” SCHOOLS AT BOARD MEETING** Each month the AUSD Board will be hosting a school and ‘spotlighting’ their great work at its board meeting. Coming up in November, Cornell will have a CORNELL SPOTLIGHT NIGHT. It’s quite convenient, as also, the Cornell campus will be hosting the Board Meeting right here in our MPR on November 13th at 7pm. We do hope you’ll mark your calendar and come out to see our Spotlight Evening. Students have been working with us to design a presentation to share about our great school.

**OUR INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK IS COMING! – SAVE THE DATE** Mark your calendars for a fun evening of food and friends on Friday, November 21st from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This 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. More information to come regarding help needed at this event. Feel free to contact the Coordinator, Joanna Manqueros at (510) 708-3828.

**LIBRARY NEWS** Early in 2013, the Albany Education Foundation received an unexpected and totally surprising phone call that they were to receive a generous bequest from community member Elisabeth Bell. They were overjoyed and determined to use the money in a way that would please and honor Elisabeth. After long and hard thought and several conversations with Albany Unified School District, AEF decided to make a commitment to support the school libraries. We are grateful for a yearly stipend (for 5 years) to purchase new books. Thank you, AEF and AUSD for using Ms. Bell’s contribution to support our school libraries!

**UC BERKELEY SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY PEDIATRIC EXPERTS WILL BE COMING** to the Albany Elementary schools to provide free vision screenings for our students. All kindergartners, second grade students,
and referrals from other grades will be examined. Cornell's screenings will be on November 25th. Don't miss the day! If you have any questions regarding your child's vision, please contact Dr. Sarah Fisher, OD, PhD at UC Berkeley School of Optometry at sfisher@berkeley.edu.

CORNELL OFFICE SUPPLIES We are completely out of or in need soon the following supplies: 1/3 cut file folders (manila), ¾” wide blue painter’s tape, double AA batteries, ¼” wide Scotch Brand Tape, 1” wide 3” long (standard size) Band-Aids, yellow, blue and green copy paper, 3”x3” Post-It Notes, and a package of White-Out (dispenser-type not liquid). We appreciate your voluntary donations and 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 for more important news, dates, and events.