



October 3, 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

October 7:	Parent Ed. Night-6:00 pm. Multi Purpose Room
October 8:	Community Time 8:35 a.m. and Walk & Roll to School
October 10:	Staff Development Day – School Closed
October 16:	Picture Days–Hot Shots
October 17:	Picture Days–Hot Shots
October 24:	Make-Up Picture Day
October 25:	Silly Olympics Prep Party - Playground
October 26:	Silly Olympics–Playground
October 31:	Halloween Parade
November 10-25:	Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 11:	Veteran’s Day–School Closed
November 21:	International Potluck 5:30-8:30 pm
November 26-28:	Thanksgiving Break

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.



THE CORNELL WAY As teachers and staff have been starting off the year, I shared last week that we’ve been building common understandings with students about expected behavior for common areas on campus. Over the next few weeks I’ll share these guidelines with you so that you can know them as well and perhaps even talk at home. This common language between home and school strengthens our partnership of support for your children. This week will provide a short review of *all areas and classroom*. Thank you!

<u>Area</u>	<u>Be Safe</u>	<u>Be Respectful</u>	<u>Be Responsible</u>
<u>All Areas</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself - Use all materials and equipment appropriately - Walk in quiet single file lines - Always walk when indoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use inside voices when indoors - Use kind words and actions - Wait your turn - Clean up after yourself - Use attentive listening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be ready to learn. Be on time - Be helpful - Follow directions the first time - Show a positive attitude - Be honest - Take care of materials - Do your best work
<u>Classroom</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Push in your chair - Store backpacks safely - Put jackets in backpacks - Line up appropriately - Walk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include everyone - Share materials - Be open to differences - Work quietly so students can concentrate - raise hand before sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listen to the speaker - Raise your hand to speak - Take turns - Keep the classroom clean - Participate in class and group work

MESSAGE FROM CHEF CLELL, AUSD EXEC. CHEF Change in October lunch menu. Some of you may have received, printed or viewed the lunch menu for October showing Aidell's Chicken Hot Dogs for Oct. 6th. The hot dogs have not arrived, so please note the change: Lunch for Monday, Oct. 6th will be Hamburger, Roasted Potatoes, Sunflower Butter & Jelly, 1% milk, Non Fat Chocolate Milk and Garden Bar. Thank you!

THE AERIES PARENT PORTAL DATA CONFIRMATION DEADLINE has been extended to **October 17th**. Parents must complete the Student Data Confirmation process to update student contacts, medical and health conditions and authorizations and prohibitions. Parents must also download and return the Acknowledgment Form to their school office. Access the Parent Portal by logging on <https://abi.ausdk12.org/aeriesportal/> **Existing Users:** log in with your email address and password or **New Accounts:** Email Account, Student Identification Number, Student Verification Code and 3. Area Code & Telephone Number. If you do not have your student's verification code and student ID# contact Janet in the office.

A message from Mrs. Duncan regarding AERIES and contact information given to us: Dear Parents, please do make sure that you have updated your contacts in Aeries completely and

accurately. Whenever a phone number changes please alert us immediately. As I've been reaching out to contact families, I'm noticing regularly that we have limited phone numbers and/or inaccurate phone numbers for families entered in Aeries. It's critical that we be able to reach you promptly in emergencies or even just when your kiddos are here and ill at school. We ask that you give us all the possible numbers to reach you at and back-up folks to call when you may be unavailable. We know sometimes you may be away from your phone and we never want sick children to be stuck here at school when they need to be able to get home, safe and snug with you when they are feeling really badly and need to be picked up. We also ask that you share plans with us like when you may be traveling and children are staying with a relative or friend or any number of other special plans for a day or longer. Please alert the office or teacher so that we can partner with you as needed. **If you've had any difficulty with the portal, give us a call so we can help and/or so that we can get contacts updated with you right on the phone or come on in the office desk. We're here to help.** Thank you!

YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT Regular attendance is vital to your child's success in school, and to the fiscal health of the district. Thank you for helping to ensure that your child attends school every day, as much as possible. In the event that your child is going to be absent, please either email ppope@ausdk12.org or call our Attendance line at 558-3701 before 10:00 AM and leave a voicemail message, indicating your 1) Child's Full Name, 2) Room Number or Teacher, and 3) Reason for the Absence. If we don't hear from you when your child is absent, an auto dialer call will be sent.

ATTENDANCE As we continue to draw attention to the importance of attendance, you might recall the term "chronic absenteeism." Do you remember the definition? Remember it means missing more than 10% of school for any reason. But what would it take to miss more than 10% of the school year? Really just about 2 days a month. That might not seem like a lot in the moment, and we all know that at some point this year our children are likely to get really sick for 3 or 4 days straight. So let's do what we can not to needlessly miss days in the Fall and Spring. To the extent possible, we would encourage you to schedule appointments and vacations around school days/hours so that your student is present each day. As an interesting fact, chronic absences in students have been shown to be a better indicator than test scores about a student's likeliness of graduating high school as 12th graders. Each day counts!

THE ALBANY ELEMENTARY GIVING CAMPAIGN (AEGC) is the only way that the elementary PTAs can fund specialists to offer enriching subjects like chess, theater, and poetry 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. AEGC now has \$35,790 to fund programs this year, but we need more. 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 office. Thank you!

PARENT EDUCATION EVENING AT CORNELL Please join us for a viewing of the film "Race to Nowhere" followed by a discussion on Tuesday, October 7, at 6:00 pm in the Cornell MPR. Race to Nowhere is a call to action for families, educators, and policy makers to challenge current

assumptions on how best to prepare the youth of America to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens. For a link to the event, and for free registration, please go to: <http://www.racetonowhere.com/epostcard/7431> For child-care, please RSVP to [Jessica Cross <jessieacross@yahoo.com>](mailto:JessieCross<jessieacross@yahoo.com>) Give us the name of your child(ren) and their ages/grades. Children attending the childcare must be 4 years or older, and potty-trained.

FOOD SERVICE and FREE/REDUCED LUNCH STATUS Albany Unified students must renew their free or reduced lunch programs each year. The deadline to renew is October 9, 2014. If returning students do NOT submit a new application and are given an approval of a free or reduced status, they will AUTOMATICALLY REVERT BACK TO PAID STATUS on OCTOBER 10, 2014. New students need to submit an application no matter what their status in their last district. If you need to submit a new application, visit the AUSD website under AUSD Food Services. Thank you! If you have any questions please call [\(510\) 558-2608](tel:5105582608).

TEA COLLECTION FUNDRAISER COMING UP! Do you every buy Tea Clothes for your kids? If so, consider making your next purchase during Tea's School Days Oct. 13-19th. Visit their website: www.teacollection.com and enter this code: SDF14CORNELL. Tea will donate 20% of the merchandise total to Cornell! And you receive FREE SHIPPING!

PUMPKIN PATCH FUNDRAISER AT WESTBRAE NURSERY! Starting Oct. 4th and continuing through Halloween, Oct. 31st, Westbrae Nursery, located at 1272 Gilman St., will be selling pumpkins and donating 100% of the proceeds to our school! In addition, on Sun. Oct. 19th Westbrae will host a special Pumpkin Patch Party with a free puppet show and a bake sale! This is a wonderful fundraiser for us, so please consider Westbrae when you buy your pumpkins this month!

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR SILLY OLYMPICS OCTOBER 26, 2014 How it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <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. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Lacy Cline (lacycline@hotmail.com) or Dorothe Piluso (dorothe@gmail.com) and we can sign you up manually.

ALBANY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM – EAST BAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Classes **have begun here at Cornell**. Be sure you know when they will not have classes due to our schedule here at Cornell School. **No classes Fri. 10/10/14 (next week).**
No classes Nov. 10th thru Nov. 25th.

THE CORNELL PTA WANTS YOU! Please help us decide how best to provide technology for our classrooms; green Cornell with new trees, awnings for shade, and concrete removal; support teacher professional development through workshops; oversee the donation of reading materials to each of the classroom libraries; select diverse performers for all-school assemblies

and much, much more. We invite you to join us for the first time or renew your membership. Remember, membership is annual and must be renewed each year. And do it soon! Every 50th member gets a free Cornell tote bag! Membership forms are in the office. Questions? Contact: membership@cornellpta.org

CORNELL PTA IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER MASTER GARDNER who will make a big difference in beautifying Cornell, educating our kids and improving the environment in which our kids play and learn at Cornell. This volunteer position would average 1-2 hours per week, however volunteering is not required every week and the work can be completed on the weekends or during off-hours as needed. If interested, please contact Lacy Cline at VPVolunteers@cornellpta.org.

ORIGINAL WORKS, ORIGINAL ART! Have you received your Original Works packet? If not there are extras in the office. The idea is to have your child draw or paint a picture on the paper provided (watercolors and markers work best), submit your order, and wait for your artwork to be transformed into awesome gifts for friends and family. All items will be delivered to students before the holidays and you will be so glad to have great gifts to share. An excellent opportunity for you to get a jump on some great holiday gifts. Siblings are welcome to participate; just include Cornell student's name on the order form. Additional packets are available in the office. Completed orders should be returned to the office by **October 22nd** with a check made out to **Cornell PTA**. Questions? Contact Georgia at Georgiahpeach@gmail.com

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PART-TIME WORK? CONSIDER OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT!!!! Albany Unified School District is hiring for the following positions: Substitute Café Asst., Substitute Clerical, Substitute 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 510-558-3758.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE 2014 HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR The Annual Holiday Craft Fair is coming up faster than you think. We need your help to make it a success. We need glass jars less (that are less than 20 oz. with no lids, washed with labels and glue removed); beads no bigger than your pinkie; and rubber stamps in different shapes or letters of the alphabet. Please drop all your donations in the box at the office. Questions: please contact petrasahmartin@gmail.com

ADAPTIVE MOVIE SCREENING AT THE ALBANY TWIN THEATER - 1115 Solano Ave. Come join us for a special adaptive movie screening at the Albany Twin on Saturday, October 25th at 10:30am. This is a lowered volume, lights kept on dim for those with special or sensory needs; however ALL CHILDREN and families are welcome! Please reserve your tickets here: <http://www.tugg.com/events/11474>

ALL-DAY CARE AT JCC WHEN CORNELL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 10/10 The JCC Afterschool's Berkeley Branch (1414 Walnut St.) provides School's Out Programming for students on most school holidays, vacation weeks (Winter and Spring Break) and professional development days.

We offer all-day programming, 8am-6pm- you pack the lunch, we do the rest! Most School's Out days are a combination of on-site activities and an off-site field trip.

Friday, 10/10 - Little Farm

Tuesday, 11/11 - Playland-Not-At-The-Beach

Wednesday, 11/26 - Lindsay Wildlife Museum

Berkeley Branch Contact: Sudha Darling at sudhad@jceastbay.org or 510-848-0237 x128

To register: <http://www.jceastbay.org/school-s-out-days-back-to-school-winter-and-spring-break-camps/CORNELL>

Albany Middle School Annual Arts and Crafts Fair: Artists Needed!! AMS will be holding its 6th annual Arts and Crafts Show on Sunday December 7th at the Middle School. If you make things, knit, paint, make pottery, make jewelry or anything of that sort and feel as if you might like to put it out in the world - we want you!!! The registration fee is low and you can share with a friend if you like. If interested in participating in the fair, contact Kirsten at AMSCraftfair@yahoo.com for more info and a registration form.

HOMEWORK CENTER Did you know the Albany Library offers both on-site and online homework assistance? The library's Homework Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:15-5:15 pm and serves students in grades 2 through 6. Online tutoring is available every day from 1 until 10 pm. To get started, go to the library's homepage, www.aclibrary.org, and click on *Homework Help Now!* Call [526-3720](tel:526-3720) or email Vivian Jaquette at viaquette@aclibrary.org for more info.

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