



January 9, 2015

Calendar of Events:	
January 14	Community Time
January 13	AUSD Board Meeting, 7pm
January 14	Restaurant Fundraiser
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL
January 23	Movie Night
January 24	Cornell Book Fair evening, Library
January 26	Cornell's Got Talent, Audition #1, Lunch Recess
January 26-30	Cornell Book Fair, Library
January 27	Parent Ed Night
January 27	AUSD Board Meeting, 7pm
February 2	Pt. Bonita trip (4th grade)
February 4	Community Time
February 9	Cornell's Got Talent, Audition #2, Lunch Recess

PTA RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER AT ALBANY PIZZA COMPANY Dine out and support Cornell! Our next PTA restaurant fundraiser is Wednesday, January 14th at Albany Pizza Company, 600 San Pablo Avenue. From 2pm - 9pm, they will generously donate 20% of your transaction to the Cornell PTA. Just show them the flyer coming home in your child's Friday folder this week for the school to receive credit. Thank you for supporting Cornell!

CORNELL BOWLING PARTY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th-10:00am-12:00pm AT ALBANY BOWL Take the kids bowling and support Cornell PTA! Grab your 'pin pals' and head on over to Albany Bowl for a fun morning of strikes & spares! Please note the change of date. \$10 gets you shoe rental & 2 games of bowling! Half of all proceeds go back to Cornell PTA to support our many programs & activities. RSVP to Beth Ellis-Dickson - beth.ellisdickson@gmail.com

BOOKS INC. BOOK FAIR JANUARY 24th-30th Help build our school library by shopping at the annual Book Fair from January 24th-30th. We are excited to announce we are working with a new vendor, Books Inc., this year! The Books Inc. Book Fair is open Saturday January 24th from 10:00am to 1:00pm every school day January 26th-30th from 8:00am to 12:30pm & 12:55pm to 3:30pm (2.30pm on Wednesday). Family Night is Friday, January 30th from 6:00-8:00pm, featuring an author presentation at 7pm. Proceeds of the book fair directly benefit Cornell library; this is our library's major source for new book purchases.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE BOOK FAIR We will need many volunteers in the library from Friday January 23rd (set up) through Friday January 30 for the Books Inc. Book Fair. Volunteers can help with set-up, staff the cash registers, and help supervise shoppers. Please watch your email for a link to the online sign-up sheet! Thank you.

AEF & ACF CHOCOLATE AND CHAMPAGNE GALA- SAT. 2/14 (7:30 PM – 10:30 PM) The [Albany Education Foundation](#) (AEF) and the [Albany Community Foundation](#) (ACF) are once again joining forces to host the Chocolate and Champagne Gala on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Northbrae Community Church, 941 the Alameda in Berkeley. This special evening will include champagne, wine and beer, chocolate and non-chocolate desserts and savory treats. The *Early Bird Quartet*, who delighted attendees the past several years, will once again perform. Many delightful offerings will be available at the silent auction. A list of our wonderful silent auction donors is listed on both of our web sites along with our fabulous sponsors.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT A district wide Kindergarten information night is planned for Wednesday, January 28, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the multi-use room at Ocean View Elementary School. Please, it would be very helpful if you could alert your Albany friends and neighbors. Come meet the school site principals, get information regarding before and after school programs, early bird and late bird, and the application process. **This is an adult event only. No childcare is provided.**
ENROLLMENT FOR 2015/2016: Priority enrollment for grades TK-5 for the school year 2015/2016 will begin on Monday, February 2, 2015, through Friday, March 27, 2015. For more information, please visit the district website at www.ausdk12.org, click on enrollment.

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. If at all possible, we ask that you schedule medical appointments after school, and that you plan family vacations for the weeks that school is out. Below are some dates that would lend themselves to vacation days. In the event that your child is going to be absent, **please call our attendance line at (510) 558-3701 before 9:30 AM. Thank you!** ■ **Mid-Winter Break: 2/16/2015 - 2/20/2015** and ■ **Spring Break: 4/13/2015 - 4/17/2015**

INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACTS: Although there is no substitute for the classroom experience, if your child must miss school for 5-20 days for reasons other than illness, medical appointments or bereavement, assignments can be given. **Requests for Independent Study must be made two weeks prior to taking leave from School.** In order for us to get state money for missed days, assignments must be **completed** and turned in to your child's teacher upon return to school. Independent Study Contracts are available in the office. Thank you.

FLU and COLD SEASON IS UPON US: Some simple things can help us all stay healthy this cold and flu season.

- Wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizers
- Cover a cough or sneeze with your arm
- Stay home with a fever or if you are contagious
- Keep your child home if you have severe cold symptoms. Please don't send them to school with excessive runny noses or coughs or extended sore throats.

If your child is ill, please notify our office at (510) 558-3701 and keep them home. Your children's health should be our top priority. Thank you for your help.

COUGAR KITTENS & CUBS CHEER CLINIC: Be a cheerleader for a week with the Albany High Cheerleaders. You will learn 2 cheers and a dance routine that you will perform at the Varsity Basketball game. You will get a Cougar Kittens & Cubs Tee Shirt, Poms or Megaphone. Fee is \$50.00. The clinic is Tuesday, January 27th, through Thursday, January 29th, 4:00-5:30 pm in the AHS gym lobby. Performance will be on Friday, January 30th, 6:30 pm in the AHS gym. For more info contact Renea at ahs.cougars.cheerleading@gmail.com

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