



December 14, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Dec. 24- Jan. 4	Winter Break – No School
Jan. 14	4 th Grade Outdoor Education Parent Information Meeting – 6:00 to 7:00pm Location: Cornell Multi-Purpose Room
Jan. 15	Speak Up Be Safe Parent Education Evening – 7:00 to 8:00pm Location: Marin Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
Jan. 18	PTA Movie Night – 6:00pm
Jan. 28 Feb. 1	Annual Cornell Book Fair
Feb. 6	100 th day of School!
Feb. 12	5 th Grade Poetry Night – 7:00 to 8:00pm in our Multi-Purpose Room
Feb. 18- 22	Mid-Winter Break
Mar. 5- 14	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences Wednesday Schedule for 1 st thru 5 th Grades; Kinder – No Change
Mar. 15	NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day
Mar. 23	Cornell’s Got Talent Show Location: Ocean View Multi-Purpose Room
April 8-12	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
May 14-17	4 th Grade Outdoor Education Field Trip – Camp Campbell
May 23	Elementary Open House & Science Investigations Fair: 5:00 to 8:00pm

May 27	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 5	Crazy Hat & Picnic Day – Lunchtime Kinder 11:30, 4 th & 5 th 12:10pm and 1 st -3 rd 12:30pm
June 14	Last Day of School 2018-19 – Early Release Day-Wednesday Schedule Kindergarteners will all be Early Birds & will be released at 1:00pm

Principally Speaking...

WINTER BREAK REMINDER Albany Schools will be closed for two weeks beginning Monday, December 24, 2018. Friday, December 21, our last day of school, we will be on a regular schedule. We return to school on Monday, January 7, 2019. Happy Holidays!

SPEAK UP BE SAFE PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT FOR AUSD ELEMENTARY PARENTS Tuesday, January 15 from 6:00 to 7:00pm at Marin Elementary. AUSD implements the Speak Up Be Safe curriculum created by the Childhelp organization. Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe is a researched-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 lesson in a two part series. For more information on the curriculum and its implementation, please join us at the Parent Education night. We encourage all parents to attend this informative evening if you have questions about the program.

Other News...

CORNELL WINTER FUNDRAISER Cornell student are collections donations for homeless families in the Bay Area. You can help by donating: New (or VERY GENTLY used) Warm Clothing: hats scarves, gloves, jackets, sweatshirts, NEW socks. NEW Toys; NEW school supplies: backpacks, messenger bags, art supplies, etc. The yellow donation barrel will be in the hall by the office. Deadline: Fri., Dec. 21. Thank you Cornell families!

NOT RETURNING AFTER WINTER BREAK? If you plan on moving (out of Albany) during winter break and not returning this school year, please inform your child's teacher and the school office that your child will not be returning after the holidays (last day of school will then be considered 12/21/18). Also, please complete the "EXIT" form online (to be completed before leaving), or use the following link: [Exit Form](#).

WALK 'N ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 Safe Routes to Schools wishes Cornell School a happy and safe holiday season

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING! Please mark your calendars for January 26-February 1, when the Books Inc. Book Fair will come to the Cornell Library. The theme this year is "Books are Bridges". Students are encouraged to create a poster using the theme that will adorn the Library and hallways during the event. Books Inc. contributes 25% of all proceeds to the Cornell Library for the acquisition of new books.

Stay tuned for information on a visiting authors. Please plan on volunteering and helping make this year's Book Fair a success.

Book Fair Poster Contest!

We are planning a poster contest for all K-5 students to promote the Book Fair.

- * Poster size: 8 1/2 by 11, any color
- * Materials: Colored pencils, markers, collage or paint
- * Text to include: "Books are Bridges!" Cornell Book Fair, January 26-Feb 1. (Student's name and Room number should be clearly written on the backside of the poster.)
- * Due Date: Posters are due Monday, January 14th. There will be a collection box in the Library.
- * Prize: There will be a winner chosen from each grade level. Winners will get a Popsicle party for their entire class.
- * Display: Posters will be displayed in or around the Library during the Book Fair.
- * Questions? Please contact Ms. Staton in the Library. THANKS in advance for your participation!

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, unless they are ill. If at all possible, we ask that you schedule medical appointments after school, and that you plan family vacations for days 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 558-3701 before 9:30am and leave a voicemail message, indicating your 1) Child's Full Name, 2) Room Number, and 3) Reason for the Absence. OR email our Attendance Clerk, Sui-Ling at sangelidis@ausdk12.org (If we don't hear from you when your child is absent, an auto dialer call will be sent. Thank you! ■ Winter Break: 12/24 – 1/4 ■ Martin Luther King Jr., Day: 1/21 ■ Mid-Winter Break: 2/18 – 2/22 ■ Staff Development Day: 3/15 ■ Spring Break: 4/8 – 4/12 ■ Memorial Day: 5/27

WRITERCOACH CONNECTION AT ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS WINTER needs volunteers to work with the 8th-graders on their English research projects. Coaches meet with students, one-on-one, during the school day, providing feedback on writing, help with brainstorming, and positive vibes! The program is 8 weeks from Jan. 29-Mar. 28. Coaches commit to one 2-hour shift per week, either Tuesdays or Thursdays. WriterCoach Connection provides training & support. It's a great way to get familiar with the middle school and this major 8th grade project. Interested? See [Writer Coach](#) for details. Questions before you commit? Write Site Coordinator Mary Flaherty at amscoaching@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.

CITY OF ALBANY - ADVISORY BODIES TO THE CITY COUNCIL - LOCAL APPOINTMENTS LIST 2019-2020

Advisory Bodies positions are NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS! In accordance with the Maddy Act, City of Albany encourages residents of Albany to apply for positions on the City of Albany Boards, Commissions and Committees listed below. The City of Albany values community participation in City government and welcomes the opportunity for residents to serve on the City's Advisory Bodies to the City Council. Pursuant to the City of Albany Charter, Board, Commission and Committee members are to serve a two-year term with the term ending in December of even-number years, which coincides with the certification of the results of the General Municipal Election. Current appointees shall serve for a period of up to 45 days after the certification of the municipal election until the appointee is reappointed or replaced, whichever is sooner. Additionally, per City of Albany Resolution No. 08-59, the reappointments or new appointments are to commence their terms no sooner than January 1 after the certification of the election held for the election of Council Members in November.

In most cases, each City Council Member appoints one member to each of the Boards, Commissions and Committees. There are a few Commissions and Committees that additionally consist of members appointed at-large by the City Council and/or the Albany Unified School District Board of Education. Council Member appointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission must be ratified by the City Council. Advisory Body Vacancies:

Arts Committee: 5 vacancies, plus 1 Council at-large and 1 appointed by the Board of Education
Charter Review Committee: 5 vacancies

Community Media Access Committee: 5 vacancies, plus 2 appointed by the Board of Education

Economic Development Committee: 5 vacancies, plus 1 Solano Ave Association and 1 Chamber of Commerce

Library Board: 5 vacancies

Park & Recreation Commission: 5 vacancies, plus 2 appointed by the Board of Education

Planning & Zoning Commission: 5 vacancies

Social & Economic Justice Commission: 5 vacancies

Climate Action Plan Technical Advisory Committee (CAPTAC) (aka Sustainability Committee):
5 vacancies, plus 1 Council at-large and 1 appointed by the Board of Education

Transportation Commission (aka Traffic & Safety Commission): 5 vacancies

If interested, please apply on line [Apply Here](#) or contact the City Clerk Office at 510-528-5710 for an application form. Here is a link to all advisory bodies, [Advisory Bodies](#)

Peggy McQuaid, Mayor, City of Albany

LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN BECOMING NOON SUPERVISORS Cornell needs you! Talk to Sui-Ling in the office or email her at sangelidis@ausdk12.org

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE TO OUR E-PINKIE? You can find an easy link on our web page, [Submit Article](#) scroll down on the left under LINKS to Cornell E-Pinkie Submission, due by Tuesdays @ 12pm (Noon)

YOUR E-PINKIE IS ATTACHED AND ON OUR WEBSITE Copies are always available in our office and posted on our bulletin board in front of the school. Please visit our website at [Cornell Website](#) for important news, dates and events.

--Ms. Duncan, Principal
Go Coyotes!