

## CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
June 8	Tomorrow, AMS Annex Grand Opening - 2:00 –Opening Ceremony & Ribbon Cutting 2:30-5:00pm Self-Guided Tours
June 14	Last Day of School 2018-19 – Early Release Day – Wednesday Schedule All Kinders released at 1:00pm 4-5 <sup>th</sup> Graders-1:40pm 1-3 Graders-1:45pm
June 14	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony – 12:30pm on the playground
August 26	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade AMS Student/Parent Orientation
August 27	First Day of School 2019-2020
September 2	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL – Holiday
October 14	Staff Development Day – NO SCHOOL For Students
November 11	Veteran’s Day – NO SCHOOL – Holiday
Nov, 27-29	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
Dec. 23-Jan. 3, 2020	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
June 12	Last Day of School 2019-2020

#### *Principally Speaking . . .*

**COME AND CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE NEW ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNEX!** Tomorrow Saturday, June 8 from 2:00-5:00pm - Location: Corner of San Gabriel and Brighton Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting at 2:00pm. Self-guided tours-anytime between 2:30-5:00pm (come and go at your convenience). Take a self-guided tour of the Annex to see new classrooms, computer lab, outdoor learning areas, and the Drama Space. Talk with our Sustainability Docents to learn about how the Annex is highly energy efficient and utilizes natural airflow and lighting. Raise a non-alcoholic toast to cheer the opening of new classrooms that will reduce overcrowding and provide a safe learning environment for Ocean View students during temporary housing. All ages are welcome! The AMS Annex is the first of four projects funded by school bond Measures B and E, approved by Albany voters in June 2016.

**CORNELL 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PROMOTION** – 5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Families, we look forward to seeing you at your student's promotion next Friday, June 14 here at school at 12:30pm on the playground. Students have been preparing for a lovely ceremony. After the ceremony, the children will return directly to their classroom to receive report cards and to say their goodbyes, and they will rejoin their families on the yard. Thank you for waiting for your child on the yard instead of going inside the classroom(s). After the ceremony, you are welcome to present your student with balloons, flowers, or other special gifts.

**AERIES PORTAL EARLY/LATE BIRD & CLASS ASSIGNMENTS 2019-20 Early Bird/Late Bird Status** (incoming 1st-3rd grade families) Your student's early bird/late bird status will be available for you to view **Friday, June 21**, after 4pm. Once you have logged into Aeries, go to Demographics screen. For incoming 1st-3rd grades, you will see "EB or LB" on right hand side of screen near the bottom. If you would like to request a change from your assigned start/finish time, please email our school Secretary, Janice Ough [jough@ausdk12.org](mailto:jough@ausdk12.org).

**Aeries Portal On Monday, August 5, 2019**, the Aeries Portal will open for incoming 1st-5th and new enrollee families to update data. In order to view your class assignments you must update your data prior to August 23.

**Class Assignments** will be posted on **Friday, August 23** after Noon.

### ***Other News . . .***

**CRAZY HAT, HOT DOG & PICNIC DAY** this past Wednesday was a blast. Thanks to all parents, guardians, aunts, uncles, grandparents, siblings and all who came to celebrate their students and enjoy the food and time together.

**2019 COYOTE FUN RUN NEWS** Cornell Families, last week's Coyote Fun Run was a great success. Cornell students went above and beyond, setting personal goals and pushing themselves to new limits. We had 546 students run 7,177 laps, an all-time record for Cornell. In the 6 year run history, our student body has collectively run 41,275 laps or 4,127 miles! That like running from Albany, CA straight across the ocean to Iceland! Well done Cornell students!

Classes with the highest lap averages were grouped into 3 categories, K/1, 2/3 & 4/5. The winning classes that earned a popsicle party and extra recess are:

Ms. Dennis' 1st graders (12.04 lap average)  
Ms. Zmichs' 3rd graders (14.9 lap average)  
Ms. Barker's 4th graders (16.43 lap average!)

**Deadline for donations is June 7.** It is not too late to turn in donations to your child's teacher or the main office! Please collect those remaining funds. Every penny counts.

I want to personally give a shout out to everyone who participated and supported this important event. HUGE THANKS go to our students who did an amazing job running their legs off, to our parent volunteers who helped the run flow smoothly, to everyone who made donations and participated in the fundraising, to Cornell staff for your support, to the AMAZING team of co-chairs (Sabine Klensch & Heather Makiharju) and last but not least, A BIG THANK YOU TO COACH JOEL. Your energy, support and enthusiasm are crucial in making this event such a success. THANK YOU!!!  
Here's to another great year! Go Coyotes!!  
Jennifer Basurto, Coyote Fun Run Chair

**COYOTE FUN RUN APPRECIATION** HUGE thanks to our wonderful Coyote Fun Run Coordinator Jennifer

Basurto and her team – Sabine Klensch, Heather Makiharju and Coach Joel (all volunteers!) for helping with this most successful Cornell School event!!

**PLEASE RETURN ALL SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS NOW** There is only a week until the last day of school and we have the daunting task of collecting all Cornell Library books. Please support your child in finding and returning their books to the library now. Just drop them in the drop box outside the library or bring them into the office. Tremendous thanks for your help! – Ms. Staton

**CHILDREN'S BOOK, TOY AND PUZZLE SWAP This Sunday, June 9 – 9:00am to 11:00am** Location: Albany Community Center - 1249 Marin Avenue. Swapping begins promptly at 9:15 am – arrive early for the best selection! Are your toys bored with your kids? It's not fair to torture them any longer. Take the time to clean your house and give your gently used items a new home! How it works: Walk around your house with your children and have them help identify books, toys and puzzles they no longer use. Make sure everything is working properly, has all its pieces and is clean. Pack up a box, bring them down to the Albany Community Center, and take home a few 'new to you' items.  
Clean toys thoroughly beforehand \* Toys must be gently used and in working order \* No missing pieces  
\* No stuffies

**OUR LAST AND FINAL WALK 'N ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY FOR SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12**  
Feel free to stop by the MPR for treats, stickers and pencils. Thank you so much for giving all your heart to support our monthly Walk and Roll to School Day, International Bike to School Day, Golden Sneaker Contest, Bike Mobile, and Bike to School Day as well. Stay safe and have a Happy & Healthy Summer to all.

**LAST WALKING SCHOOL BUS ON WALK/ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12** Walk to school in the morning with your neighbors. Try something new, and save time by avoiding drop off traffic. Walking School Buses are walking groups led by Cornell parent volunteers. Anyone can join!  
• Meeting point: The northwest intersection of Portland and Talbot  
• Time: arrive at 8:20 am  
**Questions?** Contact Amy Dhall at [amydhall1@gmail.com](mailto:amydhall1@gmail.com)

**PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE PICK UP YOUR STUDENT'S MEDICINES/INHALERS FROM THE OFFICE BY JUNE 14**  
Any medications left in the Cornell office beyond June 14 will be discarded.

**CORNELL PTA NEWS** We would like to introduce our newest board member Whitney Birge. She will be the Treasurer for the next fiscal school year. Whit has a child in Kindergarten and a younger child that will be attending Cornell in the coming years. Thank you so much for stepping up Whit!  
Next years' PTA board has some major holes that we will need to fill before July:  
VP Communcations: OPEN  
VP Volunteers: OPEN  
You will find a list of all volunteer openings for next year in the last Friday folder.  
At the last PTA meeting we approved an interim budget for 2019-20 school year.  
You can find our 2019-20 approved interim budget on our website [www.cornellpta.org](http://www.cornellpta.org)  
please review the budget and let us know what you think. Your input is critical to our success. We will be saying farewell to 4 of our current board members:  
Jassen McNulty, Treasurer  
Jackie Bittner, VP Volunteers  
Erin Schafstein, VP Volunteers  
William Judd, VP Communications  
We want to thank you all for the time, energy and heart you have dedicated to the Cornell community! I would also like to say thank you to all of those who have given time this year to make Cornell PTA events a success. You are what makes Cornell Elementary a great community. Have a wonderful summer, Tera Ritter PTA President.

**KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES** Present kindergartners need to have the “Physical Exam form” [Click for Physical Form](#) (this is not the immunization record) and the “Oral Health form” [Oral Health Form](#) completed by their doctor/dentist, on file in the school office, before the start of first grade. If you have not already taken care of this, please do so. Extra medical and dental forms are available in the office. Thank you!

**CHECK LOST & FOUND** Items from Cornell’s Lost & Found will be removed June 14. We could use your help donating our lost & found. Please email or call Janet in the office [jscaglione@ausdk12.org](mailto:jscaglione@ausdk12.org) or 510-558-3700. Also check the “Small Items” Lost & Found kept in the office.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** As the school year draws to a close, it’s time to gather up and submit those stray Box Tops you’ve been saving. Simply clip the Box Tops from the packages of participating products (Kleenex, Ziploc, cereals, crackers, etc.) and place them in the marked container in the office. Cornell earns 10 cents for each Box Top, and believe it or not, they add up to hundreds of dollars a year for the PTA! Please visit [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com) for more information. Thank you for your continued support.

**INCOMING AMS 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS WE NEED YOU** The middle school cart sells snacks every day during lunch period and is staffed by two parents each time. Most volunteer’s sign up for one shift every two or four weeks, usually with a partner of their choosing, or help out as substitutes on an occasional basis. If you're looking for a fun lunchtime volunteer opportunity at AMS, or just have questions, please contact Kyungmi Yoo via email at [kmyoo@hotmail.com](mailto:kmyoo@hotmail.com). She can provide a training session for anyone who's interested.

**STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY FOR SUMMER VACATION** Students who are absent 10 or more consecutive days and are not returning before the last day of school, June 14, will be dis-enrolled from school to avoid being reported as truant. Students must re-enroll at the District Office upon returning to Albany. Returning students will be assigned to an elementary school based on space availability. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Nerheim, at [cnerheim@ausdk12.org](mailto:cnerheim@ausdk12.org)

**STUDENTS NOT RETURNING BACK TO SCHOOL IN 2019-20** Please inform the office immediately if you know you will not be returning to AUSD for next year. For those students who do not attend school by the 3rd day of school, we dis-enroll on the 4th day. Students must re-enroll at the district office and re-verify their Albany address upon returning to the district. Students will be admitted to the assigned school 2 – 3 business days after re-enrolling.

**SUMMER READING AT THE ALBANY LIBRARY** Albany Library offers fun ways for kids to keep learning throughout the summer! From June 1- August 1, children can pick up their summer reading game board at the Albany Library. Win prizes for time spent reading or being read to (there are game boards for adults, teens, and pre-readers too). Players have until the end of August to claim their prizes. The library will also be hosting magicians, musicians, puppets, animals, and much more all summer long!

**2019-2020 AUSD SCHOOL** [Calendar Link](#)

**ANNUAL RESIDENCY VERIFICATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR** Per Board Policy, parents/guardians of students who are Albany residents, are required to verify their Albany address each school year (AR 5111.1). This year, address verification is from April 1, 2019 – June 29, 2019. Your time is valuable, and we encourage you to complete the address verification via email or through our new address verification website. The piloted website is also mobile phone friendly. Walk-ins to the district's Enrollment Center, located at 1200 Solano Avenue, are also welcome. For instructions on how to complete your residency verification, please visit the AUSD website.

**SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME TO SPEND AT THE POOL** Come join us for a swimmingly good time in all of our many programs; swim lessons (open for registration), kids scuba lessons, fitness swimming class, aqua camp, family swim, and our giant inflatable obstacle course on Saturdays and springboard diving board on weekdays and Sundays! We look forward to swimming with you this summer. You can find more information on our

WEBSITE. Albany Aquatic Center – 1311 Portland Avenue.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** Board of Education Members. Student Board Members, AUSD Staff, Parents and Students. Board of Education

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE TO OUR E-PINKIE?** Articles due by Tuesday at 12pm (Noon).  
Submit Article

**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 for important news, dates and events.

Ms. Duncan  
Cornell, Principal  
Go Coyotes!

