



January 18, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Jan. 18	Spirit Day here at Cornell – Wear your pajamas to school. Please no stuffed animals.
Jan. 18	PTA Movie Night – 6:00pm, MPR
Jan. 20	Albany Beach Clean-Up Day – 1:00 to 3:00pm
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Jan. 24	PTA General Meeting 6pm, 5:45 small bites!
Jan. 26	Meet Author/Illustrator Gianna Marino-Author of Zoopa and Meet Me at the Moon 11am – Multi-Purpose Room –Everyone is invited!
Jan. 26 Feb. 1	Annual Cornell Book Fair
Jan. 29	Cornell's Got Talent Sign-Up Deadline
Jan. 29	TK & Kindergarten Orientation Night – 6:30-8:00pm – Ocean View Multi-Purpose Room
Feb. 2	Cornell Crew – 9:00 to Noon – Bring your students too!
Feb. 6	100th day of School! Spirit Day: 100th day T-shirts!
Feb. 12	5th Grade Poetry Night – 7:00 to 8:00pm in our Multi-Purpose Room
Feb. 13	Bike Mobile at Cornell – Lunch time and after school

Feb. 18-22	Mid-Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
Mar. 5-14	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences Wednesday Schedule for 1st thru 5th 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	4th 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 thru 3 rd 12:30pm
June 14	Last Day of School 2018-19 – Early Release Day-Wednesday Schedule Kindergartners will all be Early Birds and will be released at 1:00pm

January
Skills to Foster Equity and Inclusion
I Include Others

Ability to:

- identify and address inequities and choose appropriate interventions to create environments, policies, and practices to ensure diversity and fairness
- develop skills for continual self-development, including for self-education, self-reflection, and personal change
- effectively respond to biased comments, address inequitable group dynamics, and create culturally inclusive work and learning groups
- develop skills for creating societal change by being able to work collaboratively with others to foster social justice
- develop skills to transform institutions such as being able to create, critically analyze, implement or advocate for organizational norms, policies and practices that are equitable and inclusive
- negotiate conflict constructively due to cultural differences and the dynamics of inequality

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING...

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 21-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY There will be no school on Monday, January 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. All schools will be closed this day to commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. In classrooms, students will be remembering

the wonderful achievements of Dr. King, his leadership in civil rights, non-violent demonstration and acceptance of all.

HUNDRATHON- CALLING ALL COYOTES - SPIRIT DAY The PTA is excited to announce the kick-off for this year's Hundrathon Fundraiser. The PTA will be offering coffee and donuts at drop-off time during the week of the 100th day of school (February 4 thru 8). We are also supporting the celebration by kicking off a T-shirt "Spirit Day" on the 100th day. Students are encouraged to find an old T-shirt, their creative spirit and hard-earned math skills to make a shirt to wear that represents the number 100! Students can wear their personal creations to school on February 6! Since this is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, the PTA is also asking for a \$100 donation from each Cornell family between now and February 6. Each family will receive a PTA membership for their \$100 tax-deductible donation. The PTA membership comes with its own perks, including free movie nights, PTA newsletters to keep you up-to-date and in-the-know, Academy of Science discounts, free ice cream and a chance to be part of what makes Cornell a strong community and much more. Please look for your donation envelope and Spirit Day T-shirt directions in your student's Friday folders.

CORNELL CREW IS COMING SOON Welcome all parents and students. **Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:00a-12:00pm.** Grab a hammer, rake, or paint brush and come join us at Cornell Crew; no experience needed ... just the desire to beautify our school, meet people, and have fun. Bring the whole family everyone is welcome. Stay for an hour or stay for the morning. We will be doing general cleanup and weeding around the grounds and landscaping with wood chips. Coffee, Coldwater, bagels and donuts will be provided. Please meet at Cornell main yard; gates will be unlocked. Hope to see you there!

BIKE MOBILE COMING TO CORNELL WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13 FROM 11:45-3:30PM What it is: Bike Mobile is a mobile bicycle repair shop free for Cornell students, sponsored by Safe Routes to Schools and run by Cycles of Change (a nonprofit organization based in Oakland). Bike Mobile staff will be on hand to check students' bikes, make adjustments, tighten screws, apply oil, etc. to get their bikes ready for the year ahead! **What to do:** Help your child bring their bike to school Wednesday February 13, lock it up in a bike rack around Cornell. At lunch, Coach Joel will escort kids to the bike racks to get their bikes and bring it to Bike Mobile, where their expert staff will thoroughly check it and make repairs as needed! Bike Mobile will also be available after school.

CORNELL'S GOT TALENT IS COMING SOON The stage is set! You should receive the sign-up sheets for our talent show in your student's Friday folders today. Do you play an instrument, sing, dance, tell jokes or perform magic tricks or skits? We are looking for all sorts of performers – individuals, groups, or even your whole class. The sky's the limit, so be creative!!! Sign-up sheets are due in the office by Tuesday, January 29. More information coming soon!

COLD/FLU SEASON IS HERE Some simple things can help us all stay healthy this season—Wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizers; cover a cough or sneeze with your arm and stay home with a fever (99.8 or higher), vomiting or diarrhea. If your child is ill, please call our attendance line: 558- 4787.

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! ■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

OTHER NEWS...

BOOK FAIR KICK-OFF Please join us in welcoming famous children's author/illustrator Gianna Marino! Her children's books include Zoopa: An Animal Alphabet, One Too Many, Meet Me at the Moon, Too Tall Houses, Following Papa's Song and Night Animals. Her special presentation will be here at Cornell Saturday, January 26 at 11am on the first day of the Book Fair! All families welcome!

MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT Come join us as we show the Pixar animated movie, Incredibles 2, TONIGHT - Friday, January 18 in the multi-purpose room! Doors open and cartoons shown at 6pm; movie starts at 6:30pm. Just showing up automatically enters you into a raffle to win the DVD at the end of the night - no more donations at the door this year; entrance is FREE! Dinner (sandwiches, salads, wraps, pizza) and the usual movie snacks (popcorn, candy, juice boxes) will be available for purchase. Remember your sleeping bag and PJs if desired! (Adults: Please note that unfortunately we cannot accept child drop-offs).

CHESS AT CORNELL ELEMENTARY DATES Thursdays, January 17 to April 4, 2019 There are still openings for the morning and two afternoon classes. Join in! No class on February 21, March 7 & 14
Times: 8:30 – 9:30am, 2:05 – 3:05pm, 3:10 – 4:10pm; Grades: 1 – 5. Tuition: \$126 for the 9-weeks

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT A district-wide Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten information night is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29 from 6:30-8:00pm at Ocean View Elementary School in their multi-purpose room. Come meet the school site principals, get information regarding before and after school programs, the Early Bird and Late Bird program, and the enrollment process. Please alert your Albany friends and neighbors. This is an event for adults only. **No childcare is provided.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 12--YOUR LOCAL BANDS "CONTROLLED BURN" AND "THE SEROTONINS" will perform to benefit SchoolCARE. Tickets are sure to sell fast (many of the band members are fellow Albany parents and friends of ours!). Tickets on sale NOW on the Ivy Room Website: <https://www.ticketfly.com/event/1775878-controlled-burn-serotonins-albany/> Doors open at 7pm, Music starts at 8pm. Let's enjoy some live music and good company, while helping our Albany Schools! Cheers, Members of the SchoolCARE Board.

THE BOOK FAIR IS NEARLY HERE January 26-February 1, when the Books Inc. Book Fair will come to the Cornell Library. The theme this year is "Books are Bridges". Books Inc. contributes 25% of all proceeds to the Cornell Library for the acquisition of new books. Please plan on volunteering and helping make this year's Book Fair a success.

BOOK FAIR NEWS We are excited to announce the winners of the Library's 2019 Books are Bridges Book Fair Poster Contest. Congratulations, Winners! You have earned a popsicle party for our class. Thank you to all of the students who submitted posters. They are amazing and will decorate the Book Fair and Hallways.

The winners are:

- K Gavyn K. Room 2
- 1 Dylan Y. Room 23
- 2 Nicholas L. Room 13
- 3 Sharon Y. Room 12
- 4 Sophia P. Room 11
- 5 Anna M. Room 18

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED If you have ever wanted to work in a book shop, now's your chance; starting on Friday, January 26 and for a week thereafter we transform the Cornell library into a great Book's Inc. book fair and we need your help! Man the cash registers, check receipts, help kids count their money and pick out great books, or be a "gatekeeper" in our ever-popular trinket area! Sign up here: [To Volunteer](#). You can volunteer for a single or multiple slot, we certainly can use your help. Thank you in advance!

UPCOMING SALAD BARS We will honor our dedicated teachers and staff with a salad bar for lunch, compliments of Cornell families, and the PTA. The salad bars will start in January and continue through March every alternate Tuesday. You will receive an email from your room parent with details. Look for it!

AND...THANK YOU FOR THE SALAD BAR THIS WEEK Amongst the drops of rain there was sunshine in the staff room this Tuesday. We so enjoyed the lovely lunch presented to all of our staff by our 5th Grade students and PTA. So fun not to have to bring a lunch!

PARENTING IN A DIGITAL AGE - FOUNDATIONS FOR A MINDFUL DIGITAL LIFE Sunday, January 27 from 3:00 to 4:00pm. Location: Albany Library in the Edith Stone Room. Children and teens today are increasingly surrounded by technology. How can we help them develop the skills necessary to participate creatively and make healthy choices in the digital realm? In this interactive presentation, we'll explore family practices that deepen connection, reduce conflict, and build trust, including how to model for our kids the ability to reflect on and self-monitor digital activities. Parents will leave with a rich set of resources. Presenter Claudia L'Amoreaux has worked at the intersection of technology and education as a consultant, speaker, curriculum designer, and coach for 25 years. She helps individuals and families navigate the social and emotional complexities of digital life and writes the weekly Mindful Digital Life blog.

THE LOUSE IS STILL HERE AT CORNELL We continue to have cases of pediculosis capitis (head lice). Please watch for signs: itching, redness at the nape or scalp, small gray eggs (nits) attached to the hair shaft. You can help us keep the problem under control by frequently checking your child's hair and scalp at home, and removing nits/using a lice treatment if your child has lice; please also notify the school office. Thank you!

Effective Lice Treatments:

Store for in-store treatment, combs, and products:

[Lice Control](#) 510.727.1280

Laundromat that will wash lice clothes and bedding:

[Solano Cleaning Center](#) 510.524.0254

In-home lice treatment service paid by the hour:

[Organic Lice Guru](#)

Only comb that gets nits out: [see here](#)

Dimethicone oil is recommended treatment. Can be found at Lice Control, [Amazon](#) as brand LiceMD, Kaiser OTC section in their pharmacies.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ON JAN 20 FOR ALBANY KIDS AND PARENTS There's an Albany Beach cleanup on January 20, from 1:00 to 3:00pm. This is in collaboration with East Bay Regional Park District and others. You may know that Albany Beach reopened on December 28, after being closed since August 2018. The new sand has quite a bit of small plastics and plastic film, so we're suggesting that people bring sieves and trowels, if they have those handy. Also, January 20 is a "Dollar Day" at Golden Gate Fields, so if people can't find free parking they can use the racetrack parking lot for just \$1. (Entering on Buchanan Street. Then they would walk back out to Buchanan and follow the paved path to our sign-in table on the bluff above the beach.)

ORIENTATION STARTING FOR WRITERCOACH CONNECTION If you are interested in becoming a WriterCoach at AMS this winter, we have orientations beginning this week. Get details and sign up for orientation here [More Information](#) for details. Writer Coaches work with the 8th-graders on their I-Search 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, January 29 thru March 28. Coaches commit to one 2-hour shift per week, either Tuesdays or Thursdays. WriterCoach Connection provides training & support. Questions before you commit? Write Site Coordinator Mary Flaherty at amscoaching@gmail.com. Thank you for considering it.

LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN BECOMING NOON SUPERVISOR SUBSTITUTES 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!