



September 20, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Sept. 20	All School Annual Ice Cream Social, 6:00-7:30pm – Join the PTA & Teachers for ice cream in the MPR
Oct. 2	Community Time 8:30-8:45am Location: Cornell yard
Oct. 3-4	Picture Day! Absent day photos on Oct. 8.
Oct. 12	Silly Olympics Prep party & banner painting 9am-1pm in the MPR
Oct. 13	Cornell’s Annual Silly Olympics! Everyone is welcome, kids rule the day! 11am – 3pm Location: Our blacktop playground
Oct. 14	Staff development day - NO SCHOOL
Nov. 12-26	Parent Teacher Conferences Wednesday Schedule 1 st thru 5 th grades; Kinder - No change
Nov. 27-29	Thanksgiving break
Dec 23-Jan 3	Winter Break
Feb 17-21	Mid-Winter Break
Mar. 10-19	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences Wednesday Schedule for 1 st thru 5 th Grades; Kinder – No Change
Mar. 20	Staff Development Day - NO SCHOOL

Apr 6-10	Spring Break
Jun 12	Last day of school 2019-20

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING...

PLEASE JOIN US TONIGHT for our annual Ice Cream Social 6-7:30pm tonight in our multi-purpose room. We so look forward to seeing many of you here.

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR PHOTO DAY on Thursday, October 3 & Friday, October 4. We will also need volunteers for Absent Day photos on Tuesday, October 8. Three volunteers will be needed for each day. Please contact Janice at jough@ausdk12.org if you can volunteer on any of the days. More details to come on which day your student's class will have their photos taken!

OTHER NEWS. . .

HELP MAKE THE 24th ANNUAL CORNELL SILLY OLYMPICS HAPPEN! The Silly Olympics are on Sunday, October 13 from 11am – 3 pm. We need parent volunteers! Treat your kids to that special experience of seeing their parent running a game or helping out. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/HZnwojD> for a 1-hour shift on October 13th, to help with the prep party the morning of Saturday, October 12th, and to donate supplies. Can you emcee the karaoke? Help build a maze out of cardboard boxes? Do you have a question (silly or not silly)? Contact Dan Cloak dan@dancloak.com or 510-919-7797. On with the silly!

DONATE AN INSTRUMENT Does your family have a band instrument laying around? The Albany Music Fund (AMF) is a non-profit organization that funds the Albany Unified School District music programs. They will take a donation of any band instrument and you can receive a tax deductible receipt. The elementary and middle school bands ran out of instruments this year, so they are looking for clarinets, flutes, trumpets and trombones. (Other instruments such as saxophones etc. are welcome as well.). Please email Mark Nemoyten at mnemoyten@ausdk12.org or Richard Chisholm at rchisholm@ausdk12.org to arrange the donation.

PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP EXPLORING THE DYNAMIC WORLD OF GENDER Do you have questions about the rapidly expanding subject of gender? Have you heard about using pronouns or all-gender bathrooms and thought "I'd like to know more about that"? Maybe your child has asked questions and you want to learn age-appropriate ways to discuss gender with children. Or, perhaps you hope to understand how our schools can be supportive and gender-inclusive. Presenter Olivia Higgins will lead us in a workshop where we can reflect, ask questions, and share; she'll address the most frequently asked questions and concerns about gender. Please join us on Thursday, October 10th, 6:30 to 8:30pm in the Marin MPR. All AUSD parents/guardians and employees are welcome. Child care available - sign up at the Marin office.

COME DANCE WITH US! Familias Latinas will be at Music in the Park on September 25th for the final performance of the year, featuring La Misa Negra's Heavyweight Cumbia and high-energy, Afro-Latin music. We'll have information about our plans for the year, as we look forward to sharing our heritage and culture with our neighbors in Albany.

SALT MARSH WALK AT THE ALBANY BULB WITH NATURALIST PATTY DONALD on October 12 from 3-6pm. Free! Albany's shoreline is a wonderland of habitats for birds, fish, and critters from lizards to nudibranchs. Join us for a kid-friendly environmental education walk to low tide with beloved naturalist Patty Donald. Details and free registration is [HERE](#). Sponsored by Love the Bulb, a community non-profit. Questions: moffat.susan@gmail.com

RE-APPLY FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER All returning students who received a free or reduced-priced meal last year, are strongly encouraged to re-apply by the end of September, to ensure no interruption in free or reduced priced meals. No refunds will be granted for a lapse in eligibility. If you need to submit a new application; you may go online to "Meal Applications" at: <http://ezmealapp.com/>

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES Present kindergartners need to have the "[Physical Exam form](#)" (this is not the immunization record) and the "[Oral Health form](#)" completed by their doctor/dentist, and on file in the school office, before the start of first grade. If you have not already taken care of this, please do so. These forms are on the Cornell Website under Parents, then Commonly Used Forms. If you have any questions, please call Janice in the office at 510-558-3700.

VOLUNTEERING AT CORNELL SCHOOL DMV driver's reports are good for one year from date of issuance. To request by mail, [INF 1125 form](#) (copies are available in the office as well). Check off the box for "DriverLicense/ID Record". Mail the form along with a check for \$5 to the DMV as noted on the form. Allow 6-8 weeks to arrive. **A reminder that the district requires an *official* copy of your Drivers Record and the online version you can print out is not considered an official document.**

NEVER VOLUNTEERED/CHAPERONED OR DRIVEN ON A FIELD TRIP? If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom, or drive for field trips, please be sure to get your TB clearance and fingerprints now. The volunteer approval process does take several weeks, so please have all your paperwork into the school office in plenty of time. If your paperwork is not complete at least 6 weeks before a field trip, you may be unable to chaperone. TB tests need to be renewed every 4 years, while Livescan fingerprinting only needs to be completed once. Please complete the Volunteer II application found on the district website at [AUSD volunteer website](#). The TB test is required before fingerprint. Please ask for the Livescan fingerprinting form from the Cornell office only after submitting your TB results. Please contact Sui-Ling at sangelidis@ausdk12.org with any questions.

[LINK TO 2019-20 AUSD SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

[LINK TO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS](#)

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
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Go Coyotes!