

## OCEAN VIEW PARENT NEWSLETTER—DECEMBER 7, 2018



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*Ocean View strives to support a safe and secure learning environment  
that treats all students with dignity, respect and high expectations.*

### PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FREE OCEAN VIEW FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

OV Multipurpose Room from 6:30-8:30 pm! Wear your coziest pajamas and enjoy the hit "Transylvania 3"! Children are encouraged to bring a sleeping bag or blanket to sit on during the movie. We will have pizza, popcorn, drinks, and snacks for sale. In addition to this being a fun family event we are also collecting items for a local homeless shelter. **If you are able, please bring gently used coats or jackets and new, unwrapped toys to donate.** Please note that there is no childcare -- children must be accompanied by an adult and cannot be dropped off. Please email [volunteers@oceanview-pta.org](mailto:volunteers@oceanview-pta.org) if you can help with the event. We need volunteers: 3 volunteers to help with set up at 5:45pm, 4 volunteers to help set up and sell concessions at 6pm, 4 people to help with clean up after the movie.

**LUNCH RECESS HELP NEEDED** Stop by the school office or call (510) 558-4800 to let us know if you are available to help with lunch recess supervision. We can use volunteer help, and we also have paid lunch duty aide positions available for 11:00AM - 1:00PM

**AEF BOOK FAIR** Albany Education Foundation book fair at El Cerrito Plaza Barnes & Noble on Saturday, December 8th, 9am - 6pm. Come do some shopping and a % of what you spend will be donated to AEF (make sure to tell the cashier that you want your purchase to benefit AEF). This works on LEGOs, toys, books, magazines and even a cup of coffee in the café (Gift cards don't count). Our number (1234571) will still be valid Sunday and Monday. We get a % of on-line sales those days too. Shopper must go to [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs), make a selection and then enter our number **1234571** at checkout. Any member discounts/coupons, etc. that a shopper may have, are still valid. A "Wish List" of books requested by our librarian will be displayed Saturday and AEF volunteers will be available from Saturday 9am - 6pm to help if you would like to purchase a book for our library.

### JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT DECEMBER 12 AT 6:30PM—MARIN SCHOOL MPR

**NOTE:** RSVP for attending is recommended, but is not required: <https://tinyurl.com/yc98kb6p>

Despite the SF Bay Area's rich history of social and economic justice and diverse population, it is not untouched by racism— in particular, anti-blackness in predominantly white "liberal" communities often operates at unconscious levels and impacts parents, teachers, and most importantly, the ways in which children see themselves and treat everyone. In this workshop, Dr. A. Breeze Harper, an Albany parent and national speaker and consultant on systemic racism and white supremacy, will provide an introductory talk and an interactive workshop about engaged and mindful parenting around racism, power, and anti-blackness. We welcome everyone's perspective as we learn together and from each other. **RSVP for FREE childcare is needed to make sure we get enough sitters and pizza. Children must be potty trained and ages 4 and up.** Please stop by Marin Elementary School's office to sign up for childcare for this Parent Ed event. Or, if you're unable to come by the office, you can also sign up for childcare remotely using this [CHILD CARE SIGNUP FORM HERE](#). Questions? Please email us at [MarinDiversityCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:MarinDiversityCommittee@gmail.com)

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

**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), at [ausdk12.org](http://ausdk12.org) under "Enrollment" or use the following link: [AUSD Student Exit Form](#)

**OVERLOADED LOST AND FOUND** Our lost and found is overflowing (large yellow wooden box, located in right corner next to Kinder Hallway doors). Phones, keys, smaller items are kept in the school office. Please check and claim any items that belong to your family. Unclaimed items will be donated to a charity soon.

**SPEAK UP BE SAFE PARENT ED NIGHT** All AUSD Elementary Parents are invited to the Speak Up Be Safe Parent Education Night on Tuesday, January 15th, 6:00pm - 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 research-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 two-part lesson series. For more information on the curriculum and its implementation, please join us at the Parent Education night. We encourage all parents to attend if you have questions about the program.

**THE LOUSE IS BACK** Recently, we've had a few 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!

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR WRITERCOACH CONNECTION AT ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL THIS WINTER 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, 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 <http://www.writercoachconnection.org/> for details. Questions before you commit? Write Site Coordinator Mary Flaherty at [amscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:amscoaching@gmail.com). Thank you for considering it--Mary Flaherty, Site Coordinator, Albany Middle School [WriterCoach Connection](#)

**DO NOT LEAVE VISIBLE ITEMS ON YOUR CAR SEATS/FLOORS** The holiday season is often the season for car break-ins: Car windows have been broken and the items on the seats or on the floors have been stolen. **Please do not leave any items visible in your car.**

**SHOPPING ON AMAZON? PLEASE USE AMAZON SMILE TO EARN \$ FOR OCEAN VIEW!** Amazon Smile is a quick and easy way for Ocean View to benefit from purchases that you make on Amazon. For eligible purchases, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to our school. **Please paste this link into your browser to get directly to the Ocean View PTA Amazon Smile webpage: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-6174605>** You may also go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) but then you need to choose Ocean View PTA, Albany CA as your charity to ensure that our school will benefit from the funds. We encourage all of our families to share this with your friends and family so that our hardworking teachers and kiddos can earn funds to help provide classroom materials, enrichment support for music, art, chess and dance and field trip transportation. For questions or help with setting up your account, please contact Barrie Quan at [bqnd390@gmail.com](mailto:bqnd390@gmail.com). Thanks!

**PTA PIZZA DAYS** We are excited to announce our upcoming pizza days for first half of the school year. Little Star has generously partnered with the Ocean View PTA to help us fundraise to fulfill our teachers' wish lists for classroom supplies. Following will be the upcoming pizza days (\$3.00/cheese slice which is available only at the Ocean View after school pizza days, not at Little Star the restaurant): **December 19.** Thank you for supporting our amazing Ocean View teachers (while getting to enjoy delicious pizza, too) and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming pizza days (we will be set up outside the MPR).

**OTTER POP WEDNESDAYS** ...an Ocean View favorite after-school tradition! We are looking for volunteers, this is a great way to be get involved in your child's school. Please sign up via VolunteerSpot: <https://tinyurl.com/ovotterpop> Otter pops, juice pouches and ice cream are sold after school on Wednesdays at the Multipurpose Room kitchen window. Prices are as follows (please help your student have exact change): \* Otter pop - \$0.25 \* Juice Pouch - \$0.50 \* Ice Cream - \$1.00 \* **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SELL**

**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 an 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.

**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 558-4801 before 9:30 AM 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, Kendra at [kknowles@ausdk12.org](mailto:kknowles@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

*Have a wonderful weekend—*

*Terry Georgeson, Principal*

## **CALENDAR**

<b>Fri., 12/7</b>	<b>Free OV Family Movie Night (6:30PM – 8:30PM)—OV MPR</b>
<b>Mon., 12/10</b>	<b>School Site Council (4:00 PM)—OV Campus (Room TBD)</b>
<b>Wed., 12/12</b>	<b>Parent Education Night (6:30PM – 8:30PM)—Marin School MPR</b>
<b>12/24 – 1/04</b>	<b>Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)</b>
<b>Tue., 1/15</b>	<b>Speak Up Be Safe Parent Ed Night (6PM – 7PM)—Marin School MPR</b>
<b>Mon., 1/21</b>	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—No School</b>
<b>2/18 – 2/22</b>	<b>Mid-Winter Break</b>

