



January 11, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
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-
Jan. 18	PTA Movie Night – 6:00pm
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – NO SCHOOL
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
Feb. 6	100 th day of School! Spirit Day: 100 th day T-shirts!
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

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PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING...

HAPPY NEW YEAR It may be cool and very wet outside, but in Cornell classrooms we are busy and warm, settling into the New Year. It is good to have all your students back with us. Happy New Year!

A BIG THANKS TO OUR PTA for providing an amazing table of snacks right before our 2-week break. It was very much appreciated and perfectly timed! Thank you Ruchika!

OUR GRATITUDE TO CORNELL PARENTS/GUARDIANS for your outpouring of love, generosity and good wishes before we left for break. We are all so appreciative and feel so loved and blessed. Thank you thank you thank you!

4TH GRADE PARENTS CAMP CAMPBELL OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP Monday night, January 14 from 6:00 to 7:00pm please come to the information meeting to learn all about Camp Campbell and your student's upcoming overnight experience. Meeting will be in the Multi-Purpose room and we will be starting right on time.

SPEAK UP BE SAFE PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT FOR AUSD ELEMENTARY PARENTS – 1ST-5TH GRADES 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.

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.

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!

JANUARY MOVIE NIGHT! Come join us as we show the Pixar animated movie, Incredibles 2, on Friday, January 18 in the MPR. 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).

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. 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!

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](#) for a single slot or multiple, we 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!

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 [Sign Up Here](#). 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.

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!

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

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!