



October 4, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
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
Oct. 18	PTA Movie Night with doors opening at 6:00pm - Movie: Missing Link Location: MPR
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...

CORNELL PTA MEMBERSHIP This is a call out for parents and staff to please join our Cornell PTA. Membership to our PTA is a critical component of being an active member of our school community and supporting the group that takes on so much to support students overall at Cornell. At this point, we only have 65 PTA members for this current year. This is an all-time low and I know we can grow this number. We have over 300 families at Cornell and I know if folks can take a minute to send it in, you won't regret it. Attached is a membership form. Please join if you can and thank you if you already have! **You can sign up with a flat donation of \$20 per person or offer a monthly donation that goes straight to our PTA for the many programs they support at Cornell.**

AUSD ENRICHMENT At each site, we are very lucky and grateful to parents for the donations that make during-the-day enrichment classes possible in each class. At Cornell, we've had programs like dance, visual arts, theatre, chess, poetry, and much more. It is entirely through contributions that these programs become possible. In partnership, parent donations and SchoolCARE makes enrichment happen. We hope you'll donate, if at all possible, if you haven't already. You'll see the flyer attached. **The requested donation is \$80 and that would be fantastic.** However, any donation is welcomed and appreciated. Please do what you can to keep this program alive. Thank you to those that have already contributed.

WALK YOUR WHEELS We often see students on skateboards, bikes, or scooters riding through campus creating a safety hazard for students and adults as they walk on campus during school and supervision hours of 8:15-3:15. Students and adults are welcome to ride bikes, skateboards, scooters, etc., to and from school and for the safety of all, please walk these modes of transportation on campus between the hours of 8:15-3:15. Please support us by talking with your children to reinforce this guideline and reminding your children to walk wheels while at school. Thank you!

PM KINDER DISMISSAL Due to congestion during PM Kindergarten dismissal, please try to use the south gate on Talbot Ave or the Cornell Ave. gate instead of the front doors on Talbot when picking up your children at 3:05pm.

OTHER NEWS. . .

CORNELL SILLY OLYMPICS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 FROM 11AM- 3PM We need large cardboard boxes (big enough for a kid to crawl through) and wine corks. We also 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? Staff the entrance booth? Contact Dan Cloak dan@dancloak.com or 510-919-7797. On with the silly!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SILLY OLYMPICS We are in need of the following:

- Lots of cupcakes (not minis), homemade or store bought for the popular cupcake walk event

- Hansen's sodas - preferred flavors are Kiwi Strawberry and Mandarin Lime (no diet) but all flavors welcome

- Small used toys for our fishing pond game

Donation drop-off: All items can be dropped off at the MPR on Saturday, October 12th between 9am and 12pm or on Sunday morning, October 13th before 10am. Hansen's sodas can be dropped off in the office at any time.

FIRST MOVIE NIGHT OF THE YEAR Come join us as we show the animated movie, Missing Link (PG), on Friday, October 18th 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 and another small prize; 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 - kids can lay out on the mats in front of the screen (there are chairs for those of us who prefer to sit). Adults: Please note that unfortunately we cannot accept child drop-offs.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR SCHOOLS ON THE UPCOMING FIRST MONDAY Just remember to mention SchoolCARE! **First Monday, Oct. 7th** at As You Wish Frozen Yogurt. Treat yourself or your kids and 10% of sales go to SchoolCARE. **Every Tuesday** at www.Fillgood.co Join the zero waste movement and start living plastic-free. This refill store donates 5% of sales from Albany residents who mention SchoolCARE EVERY Tuesday. **Every Friday** at [Les Petits Carreaux Online French-designed clothing](http://LesPetitsCarreaux.com). They've committed 10% of sales EVERY Friday to SchoolCARE.

DONATE AN INSTRUMENT The Albany Music Fund (AMF) is a non-profit organization that funds the AUSD music programs. They will take a donation of any band instrument and you can receive a tax deductible receipt. They are looking for clarinets, flutes, trumpets, saxophones, and trombones. Please email Mark Nemoyten at mnemoyten@ausdk12.org or Richard Chisholm at rchisholm@ausdk12.org to arrange the donation.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT to learn more about the vaping epidemic that is turning children and teens into smokers. Since 2017, vaping among high schoolers has increased by 78%. Albany High School will be hosting an informative presentation for parents on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00pm in the AHS library.

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"? Presenter Olivia Higgins will lead a workshop where 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.

FALL INTO HAIKU DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 15 It's so easy, fun, and free: write a haiku with your child and submit to the City of Albany contest. Then wait a few weeks and find your haiku "published" on signs posted around town. Kids are delighted by this annual public art project.

Questions? Ask Cornell parent and Albany Poet Laureate Rebecca Black, albanypoetlaureate@gmail.com. Submit online [HERE](#).

SALT MARSH WALK AT THE ALBANY BULB WITH NATURALIST PATTY DONALD on October 12 from 3-6pm. 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](#). Questions: moffat.susan@gmail.com

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES Kindergartners need to have the "[Physical Exam form](#)" (not the immunization record) and the "[Oral Health form](#)" completed by their doctor/dentist before the start of first grade. 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.

DRIVING ON A FIELD TRIP DMV driver's reports are good for one year from date of issuance. A reminder that the district requires an *official* copy of your Drivers Record. The online version you can print out is not considered an official document.

NEVER CHAPERONED OR DRIVEN ON A FIELD TRIP? Please be sure to get your TB clearance and fingerprints now. Please complete the Volunteer II application found on the district website at [AUSD volunteer website](#). The TB test is required before fingerprinting. Questions? Contact Sui-Ling at sangelidis@ausdk12.org.

[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, Cornell Principal
Go Coyotes!