



October 11, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Oct. 12	Silly Olympics Prep party & banner painting 9am-1pm in the MPR
Oct. 12	Albany Fire Department Open House & Pancake Breakfast 8am - 12pm
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 SILLY OLYMPICS IS THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 FROM 11AM- 3PM Bring large cardboard boxes (big enough for a kid to crawl through) and wine corks to the prep party in the MPR the morning of Saturday, October 12th. Volunteer and treat your kids to that special experience of seeing their parents running a game or helping out. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/HZnwojD>. Questions? Contact Dan Cloak dan@dancloak.com or 510-919-7797. On with the silly!

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.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PHOTO DAY VOLUNTEERS Ina Muratas, Shirley Park, Esther Chung, Nada Nakahara, Imee Solomon, and Quan Tang. Photo day would absolutely not have run as smoothly as it did without you. We truly appreciate your help!

FIRE PREVENTION IS THIS WEEK OCTOBER 7-11 The Albany Fire Department is hosting an open house and pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 12th from 8am - 12pm to wrap up Fire Prevention Week. Learn how to use a fire extinguisher, see fire engines and an ambulance, sign up for CPR classes, and much more! All proceeds go to benefit local Albany charities. Students in K-3 had an informative assembly on Wednesday, teaching them ways to be safe at home.

OTHER NEWS. . .

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), 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.

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.

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](#).

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. Complete the Volunteer II application found on the district website at [AUSD volunteer website](#). TB tests are 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!