



December 21, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Dec. 24- Jan. 4	Winter Break – No School
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. 28 Feb. 1	Annual Cornell Book Fair
Feb. 6	100 th day of School!
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

Principally Speaking...

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

SPEAK UP BE SAFE PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT FOR AUSD ELEMENTARY PARENTS 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.

OTHER NEWS...

CORNELL WINTER FUNDRAISER What a spectacular job we all did filling the barrels with goodies for people less fortunate than us! Coach Joel is making the delivery today and we want to say THANK YOU to all who contributed.

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), or use the following link: [Exit Form](#).

WALK ‘N ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019 Safe Routes to Schools wishes Cornell School a happy and safe holiday season

JANUARY MOVIE NIGHT! Come join us as we show the Pixar animated movie, Incredibles 2, on Friday, January 18 in the MPR; no smoke and no cancellations this time - yay! 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. Stay tuned for information on a visiting authors. 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 25th 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 at this link: <http://signup.com/go/nJqjGqK> for a single slot or multiple, we can use your help. Thank you in advance!

SCHOOLCARE PROUDLY ANNOUNCES A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH UMAMI INTERIORS Umami Interiors - custom window coverings in Albany, specializes in designing and creating beautiful custom window treatments such as curtains, Roman shades, roller shades, and cellular shades. They are a local small business who can truly attend to detail - resulting in a high-quality product. 10% of all sales go to SchoolCARE! www.umamiinteriors.com

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! ■ 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

PARENTS, VOLUNTEER AS A WRITER COACH THIS COMING JAN.-MARCH AT ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Get an inside look at the middle school while serving a good cause! We work with every 8th-grader on their major research project of the year, giving students feedback on their writing. The time commitment is for 8 weeks; coaches work once a week, for about 2 hours. Sign up now for an orientation session in early January at <http://www.writercoachconnection.org/>. Questions before you commit? Write Site Coordinator Mary Flaherty at amscoaching@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN BECOMING NOON SUPERVISORS 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!