



September 27, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Oct. 2	Community Time 8:30-8:45am Location: Cornell yard
Oct. 3-4	Picture Day! Absent day photos on Oct. 8.
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
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PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING...

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!

SMILE! PICTURE DAY IS OCTOBER 3rd & 4th All students will have their photo taken with their class and individually by Nathan Phillips Photography. One month from photo day, you will receive proofs and ordering information and will be able to order portraits directly online. Absent Photo Day will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 8th. Please see below to see which day your students class will have their photos taken:
Thursday, October 3rd: PM Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 4th grade, 4/5 grade (Gripman)
Friday, October 4th: AM Kindergarten, 3rd grade, 5th grade

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR PHOTO DAY on Thursday, October 3 & Friday, October 4. We will also need volunteers for Absent Day photos on Tuesday, October 8. Volunteers will receive a \$50 credit towards their photo purchases. Three volunteers will be needed for each day. Please contact Janice at jough@ausdk12.org if you can volunteer on any of the days.

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. . .

INTERNATIONAL WALK AND ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY IS OCTOBER 2 This annual event is held by schools across Alameda County - and the world - and encourages students, families, and the school community to walk, bicycle, or use other non-motorized transportation to get to school. This is an excellent opportunity to make streets safer and reduce traffic congestion near schools, improve air quality, and celebrate the school's community spirit. Cornell parent and special guest, Otoe Mori, will be playing the saxophone by the MPR at 8:20am. You won't want to miss it!

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!

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.

JOIN THE PTA AND HELP US BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY Use the following link to join: <https://cornellpta.membershiptoolkit.com/membership>. You can also find more details on the [PTA website](#) and follow the [Cornell PTA on Facebook](#).

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR SCHOOLS ON THE UPCOMING LAST SATURDAY AND LAST MONDAY Just remember to mention SchoolCARE! **Last Saturday**, Sept. 28 at YAZA (Socially responsible clothing and accessories) 1535 Solano donates 10% of sales to SchoolCARE. **Last Monday**, Sept. 30 at Mr. Dewie's Cashew Creamery on Solano. Splurge on dairy-free, organic goodness and 10% of all 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](#). They've committed 10% of sales EVERY Friday to SchoolCARE.

DONATE AN INSTRUMENT Does your family have a band instrument laying around? The Albany Music Fund (AMF) is a non-profit organization that funds the Albany Unified School District music programs. They will take a donation of any band instrument and you can receive a tax deductible receipt. The elementary and middle school bands ran out of instruments this year, so they are looking for clarinets, flutes, trumpets and trombones. (Other instruments such as saxophones etc. are welcome as well.). Please email Mark Nemoyten at mnemoyten@ausdk12.org or Richard Chisholm at rchisholm@ausdk12.org to arrange the donation.

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"? Maybe your child has asked questions and you want to learn age-appropriate ways to discuss gender with children. Or, perhaps you hope to understand how our schools can be supportive and gender-inclusive. Presenter Olivia Higgins will lead us in a workshop where we can reflect, ask questions, and share; 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.

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.

SALT MARSH WALK AT THE ALBANY BULB WITH NATURALIST PATTY DONALD on October 12 from 3-6pm. Free! 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](#). Sponsored by Love the Bulb, a community non-profit. Questions: moffat.susan@gmail.com

RE-APPLY FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCH BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER All returning students who received a free or reduced-priced meal last year, are strongly encouraged to re-apply by the end of September, to ensure no interruption in free or reduced priced meals. No refunds will be granted for a lapse in eligibility. If you need to submit a new application; you may go online to "Meal Applications" at: <http://ezmealapp.com/>

KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES Present kindergartners need to have the "[Physical Exam form](#)" (this is not the immunization record) and the "[Oral Health form](#)" completed by their doctor/dentist, and on file in the school office, before the start of first grade. If you have not already taken care of this, please do so. 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.

VOLUNTEERING AT CORNELL SCHOOL DMV driver's reports are good for one year from date of issuance. To request by mail, [INF 1125 form](#) (copies are available in the office as well). Check off the box for "DriverLicense/ID Record". Mail the form along with a check for \$5 to the DMV as noted on the form. Allow 6-8 weeks to arrive. **A reminder that the district requires an *official* copy of your Drivers Record and the online version you can print out is not considered an official document.**

NEVER VOLUNTEERED/CHAPERONED OR DRIVEN ON A FIELD TRIP? If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom or drive for field trips, please be sure to get your TB clearance and fingerprints now. The volunteer approval process does take several weeks, so please have all your paperwork into the school office in plenty of time. TB tests need to be renewed every 4 years, while Livescan fingerprinting only needs to be completed once. Please complete the Volunteer II application found on the district website at [AUSD volunteer website](#). The TB test is required before fingerprinting. Please ask for the Livescan fingerprinting form from the Cornell office only after submitting your TB results. 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!