

CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
May 13- June 3	Monday is the last day to donate to the School Supplies Collection Drive – Collection box outside front office
June 2	Play Like a Girl –10:00am-1:00pm Memorial Park
June 4	PTA General Meeting (rescheduled) 6:00pm (food at 5:45pm!)
June 3-7	Cornell Library Book Exchange – During library time
June 5	Last Community Time of the year - All are welcome! 8:30am on play ground
June 5	Crazy Hat & Picnic Day – During all Lunches – All families are invited! Purchase tickets in the office - \$5 – Wear your crazy hats!
June 8	AMS Annex Grand Opening - 2:00 –Opening Ceremony & Ribbon Cutting 2:30-5:00pm Self-Guided Tours
June 14	Last Day of School 2018-19 – Early Release Day – Wednesday Schedule for 1 st thru 5 th Graders, Kindergarteners will all be Early Birds (8:30am to 1:00pm)
June 14	5 th Grade Promotion Ceremony – 12:30pm on the playground
August 26	6 th Grade AMS Student/Parent Orientation
August 27	First Day of School 2019-2020

Principally Speaking . . .

SAFETY FIRST! Parents, we want you to know we had a wallet stolen on campus this week. The kids and staff were safe at all times, however, there was a theft. While we are always incredibly surprised by theft, we need to be more vigilant as a community with regardless to awareness and support for each other. Thank you for your partnership with the tips below.

1. **Identify yourself if asked** When on campus, please don't be offended if we ask you who you are and/or how we might be able to help you. The staff is large and we don't all recognize you individually sometimes. It's important that staff check in with people to ensure that only those allowed and welcomed on campus are here.

2. **Sign in** Please be sure you ALWAYS sign in when visiting campus for any reason. Even if you think you're well known and/or only 'here for a minute', you need to sign in and get an ID sticker. The only caveat is during pick-up and drop-off. If you are staying on campus after a drop-off, you must sign in.
3. **Gate safety** Never ask a child to open a locked gate for you when you are on the outside and they are on the inside. Gates are locked during specified times of the day to provide a higher level of campus security. Thank you for taking the time to walk to the front door and modeling that we all hold regard for the school safety rules.
4. **Report suspicious activity** Never hesitate to bring safety concerns to the office. If you think you see a stranger, let us know. Know that we rarely have anything to report and it is also rare that reports pan out to be a problem after investigating. With that being said, safety first is our rule. It never hurts to check and could be dangerous if you don't.

THE BOOK EXCHANGE START NEXT WEEK Kids, look around at home for any unwanted books that are in good shape and appropriate for K-5 students, which you'd like to trade at the Book Exchange in the Library! The Book Exchange happens during library time for each class during the week of June 3-7. Get ready for summer reading with some new titles!

AERIES PORTAL EARLY/LATE BIRD & CLASS ASSIGNMENTS 2019-20

Early Bird/Late Bird Status (incoming 1st-3rd grade families) Your student's early bird/late bird status will be available for you to view **Friday, June 21**, after 4pm. Once you have logged into Aeries, go to Demographics screen. For incoming 1st-3rd grades, you will see "EB or LB" on right hand side of screen near the bottom. If you would like to request a change from your assigned start/finish time, please email the school in our office jough@ausdk12.org.

Aeries Portal On **Monday, August 5, 2019**, the Aeries Portal will open for incoming 1st-5th and new enrollee families to update data. In order to view your class assignments you must update your data prior to August 23.

Class Assignments will be posted on **Friday, August 23** after Noon.

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY FOR SUMMER VACATION Students who are absent 10 or more consecutive days and are not returning before the last day of school, June 14, will be dis-enrolled from school to avoid being reported as truant. Students must re-enroll at the District Office upon returning to Albany. Returning students will be assigned to an elementary school based on space availability. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Nerheim, at cnerheim@ausdk12.org

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING BACK TO SCHOOL IN 2019-20 Please inform the office immediately if you know you will not be returning to AUSD for next year. **For those students who do not attend school by the 3rd day of school, we dis-enroll on the 4th day.** Students must re-enroll at the district office and re-verify their Albany address upon returning to the district. Students will be admitted to the assigned school 2 – 3 business days after re-enrolling.

STAFFING 2019-20 As we prepare to transition into 2019-20, I want to reach out and share about some of the many changes Cornell will experience. Over the remaining weeks of school, I'll be writing out about various transitions coming up for us. There are a few things to know that may be helpful.

1. We have 3 classroom teachers retiring, and we are incredibly sad to lose them (Mr. Brandley, Mr. Mark, and Ms. Johnson).
2. We are welcoming 2 teachers from Ocean View to teach kindergarten during the temporary housing transition while Ocean View is rebuilt. These teachers will likely have only Ocean View students.
3. Kindergarten will be on an AM/PM schedule with 2 teachers sharing each room, taking up 3 classroom spaces for 6 classes. **The am schedule will be 8:10-11:30am and the pm will be 11:50am-3:10pm.**
4. We will be adding after-care for families in one classroom, to be run by AUSD, while also

maintaining the Chinese School up above us. If interested, please contact ACC at flien@ausdk12.org.

5. We will be sharing our Multi-Use Room with the YMCA, in partnership, as they also work to increase childcare options (particularly as our kinder am/pm need grows for after-care needs).
6. We will be shifting the use of the play yard outside the office on Talbot (the small yard). It will no longer be available for community use during 7:30am-6:00pm weekdays as it will be used by the school and AUSD after-care programs. The yard will have continued availability during weeknight evenings and weekends.
7. Janet, our fantastic secretary, is moving on. Oh dear, will we miss her! Please stop by to wish her your best before the end of the year. Janice Ough, our full-time office clerk, will be replacing Janet, as secretary, and we're thrilled about that. Sui-Ling, our wonderful part-time clerk, is moving to Janice's position as full-time clerk. Lots of movement in the office and a new person will be hired to take Sui-Ling's spot.
8. Other staff who will not be returning...Greg Paoli (speech), Margalit Mathan (school psychologist), Martha Schneidau (SDC teacher), Gabrielle Galvarro (RSP teacher). We will miss them all so much as they retire, move on to new jobs, or to new schools within AUSD.

DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION DRIVE HAPPENING NOW THRU THIS COMING MONDAY, JUNE 3 We are a group of four Girl Scouts from Troop #33535. We would like to donate school supplies to kids who need them and we need your help. We will set out a bin by the office entrance starting on Monday, May 13 and it will be there until Monday, June 3. Please donate school new school supplies like paper, pens, pencils, art supplies, scissors, tape, glue, and more. If you have any questions, please reach out to Louise Berhau at LBerhau@hotmail.com. Please donate - thank you!

Other News . . .

THE COYOTE FUN RUN has been in full force this week and students went above and beyond running their hearts out to support our school. THANK YOU to those 100 families who have already used our online system and sent out sponsor requests. If you haven't, it's not too late. This will literally take you 5 minutes! Go to <https://pledgestar.com/cornell/>

1. Enter your name and email address, then click Register Now*
2. Enter jogger information & link to classroom
3. Follow instructions to send messages to 5-10 family and friends

For families collecting offline pledges, they can be turned into your student's teacher by June 7th.

Class winners will be announced during Community Time on June 5th. Thanks for your support.

The Coyote Fun Run Committee (Jennifer Basurto, Sabine Klensch, and Heather Makiharju), 510-517-3100, cornellcyotefunrun@gmail.com

LAST CALL 5th GRADE GROUP PHOTO PURCHASE Folks, you have until this Sunday, June 2 to visit the website of Cornell's new school photographer, Nathan Phillips Photography. Use the log-in you were sent by your student's teacher to view and order their photo, which is a really great photo!

PLAY LIKE A GIRL 2019 THIS Sunday, June 2, 10am - 1pm, Memorial Park, 1325 Portland Avenue, Albany - Free event! It's no surprise that girls who play sports have better standardized test results than non-athletes. Or that female athletes go on to earn 7% higher annual wages than their non-athlete peers. And we all know sports also help boost self-esteem. So the City of Albany is stepping up to the plate to encourage girls to kick, run, shoot, and PLAY LIKE A GIRL!! The Play Like a Girl event is aimed at getting girls involved in sports in a fun and supportive environment! The City of Albany, AUSD, and organizations from Albany, Berkeley, Oakland and beyond will be offering more than TWENTY different sports to try out. Each organization will offer hands-on activities so girls ages 2-17 can really experience each sport. At this year's event, there will also be music, demonstrations, professional athletes, and fabulous raffle prizes including a FREE sports camp! So bring your sister, daughter, cousin, or neighbor - this fabulous FREE event is for all girls both young and

old.

FIRST MONDAY June 3 = As you Wish Frozen Yogurt. Treat yourself and your kids and 10% of all sales go to SchoolCARE! Tuesdays = www.Fillgood.co Join the zero waste movement and start living plastic free! This online refill store makes zero waste easy and 5% of sales from Albany residents EVERY Tuesday to SchoolCARE! Fridays = Les Petits Carreaux Online French designed clothing. They've committed 10% of sales Every Friday to SchoolCARE! www.lespetits-carreaux.com

CRAZY HAT, HOT DOG & PICNIC DAY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 Each year we celebrate the coming summer with a "Crazy Hat & Picnic Day". The school lunch this day for students will be: hot dogs (beef or veggie), chips, fruit and sherbet for the usual lunch price of \$4.00. Parents and siblings who do not attend Cornell can also buy the same lunch for \$5.00. To help avoid long student lunch lines, we encourage parents and students who don't usually eat a school lunch to pay for a lunch in advance in the school office. This can be done via the usual lunch purchase means. If your child has free, reduced or already has lunch money in their account—no special payment is needed. This event will occur during normal lunch times. Kindergarteners play from 11:05-11:20am and they eat from 11:20-11:50am. 4th & 5th graders start playing at 11:45am and begin eating their lunch at 12:10pm and finish at 12:30pm. 1st thru 3rd graders play at 12:10pm, begin eating at 12:30pm and finish at 12:55pm.

COME AND CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE NEW ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNEX!

Date: Saturday, June 8 - Time: 2:00 - 5:00pm - Location: Corner of San Gabriel and Brighton Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting at 2:00pm. Self-guided tours-anytime between 2:30 - 5:00pm (come and go at your convenience). Take a self-guided tour of the Annex to see new classrooms, computer lab, outdoor learning areas, and the Drama Space. Talk with our Sustainability Docents to learn about how the Annex is highly energy efficient and utilizes natural airflow and lighting. Raise a non-alcoholic toast to cheer the opening of new classrooms that will reduce overcrowding and provide a safe learning environment for Ocean View students during temporary housing. All ages are welcome! The AMS Annex is the first of four projects funded by school bond Measures B and E, approved by Albany voters in June 2016.

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, on file in the school office, before the start of first grade. If you have not already taken care of this, please do so. Extra medical and dental forms are available in the office. Thank you!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SNACK CART VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The middle school cart sells snacks every day during lunch period and is staffed by two parents each time. Most volunteer's sign up for one shift every two or four weeks, usually with a partner of their choosing, or help out as substitutes on an occasional basis. If you're looking for a fun lunchtime volunteer opportunity at AMS, or just have questions, please contact Kyungmi Yoo via email at kmyoo@hotmail.com. She can provide a training session for anyone who's interested.

SUMMER READING AT THE ALBANY LIBRARY Albany Library offers fun ways for kids to keep learning throughout the summer! From June 1- August 1, children can pick up their summer reading game board at the Albany Library. Win prizes for time spent reading or being read to (there are game boards for adults, teens, and pre-readers too). Players have until the end of August to claim their prizes. The library will also be hosting magicians, musicians, puppets, animals, and much more all summer long!

2019-2020 AUSD SCHOOL [Calendar Link](#)

ANNUAL RESIDENCY VERIFICATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR Per Board Policy, parents/guardians of students who are Albany residents, are required to verify their Albany address each school year (AR 5111.1). This year, address verification is from April 1, 2019 – June 29, 2019. Your time is valuable, and we encourage

you to complete the address verification via email or through our new address verification website. The piloted website is also mobile phone friendly. Walk-ins to the district's Enrollment Center, located at 1200 Solano Avenue, are also welcome. For instructions on how to complete your residency verification, please visit the AUSD website.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP FOR YOUR KIDS AGES 7-14 Cougar Camps are led by the AHS coaches and players and offer valuable instruction, friendly competition, and life skills lessons. Camps will be offered for the weeks of June 17 - 21, June 24 - 28, and July 15 - 19, and will take place from 9am - 3pm in the Albany Middle school gym. Interested in a GIRLS ONLY Basketball camp? Led by the Albany High coaches and Girls' team players, it will take place July 22-26 from 9-3pm in the Albany High school gym. To register, please go to the following Link: [Albany Camps](#). Spread the word!

FREE CLASSES IN THE PARK In November 2016, Albany voters approved the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax (Measure 01) -- a tax on the distribution of sugary beverages and the products used to make them. The tax has provided funding for various new programs and projects with the goal of improving public health in mind. One of the new implementations is a host of free fitness classes held in Albany parks. Schedule below:
All in One Fitness: Train Smart, Play Hard, Live Well!

Ages 40+ | Tuesdays - 5:30 to 6:30 pm | May 7 - Aug 20 | Ohlone Greenway Fitness Center

An hour of a well-rounded routine that incorporates a warm-up routine (stretches and myo-fascia release to align all your joints), cardio exercises, weight resistance/strength training, cool down stretches and myo-fascia release.

Caregiver Bootcamp with Infant/Toddler

All Ages | Saturdays - 9:00 to 10:00 am | May 11 - Oct 12 | Ocean View Park Tennis Courts

Get fit and toned and meet other parents in this fun fitness class. All caregivers can improve cardio fitness and perform toning body weight exercises next to their little ones. Workouts take place in a safe, contained space where toddlers form friendships through playing together.

Girls & Women's Ultimate Frisbee Pick-up

All Ages | Tuesdays - 5:00 to 6:30 pm | July 2 - Oct 29 | Ocean View Park

Bay Area Disc will be hosting a pick-up game for girls, women (cis and trans) and non-binary players. All experiences and skill levels are welcome! Ultimate Frisbee is a 7v7 team-based game that combines elements of basketball, soccer, and non-contact football.

AdaptAble Family Wheeled Mobility

All Ages | Sundays - 3:00 to 5:00 pm | June 23 - Aug 25 | AMS Courtyard & Cougar Field

We seek to build an inclusive, multi-generational, multi-ability community of wheeled-mobility fanatics! Whether you are incredibly experienced, want to assist someone as they learn or if you are just learning to ride a bike, propel a kick-scooter, roller skate or blade, or run track—come!

Dance Party in the Park

All Ages | Saturday, July 27 - 11:00 am to Noon | Memorial Park Stage

This is your chance to enjoy the park with an added twist—free dance session led by Albany resident, Giti Dadlani Morris. Her playlist of pop hits and energizing dance moves will inspire you to get fit while having tons of fun.

Tai Chi in the Park

All Ages | Saturdays - 9:00 to 10:00 am | May 11 - June 22 | Memorial Park Stage

Tai Chi is great for all ages and emphasizes deep breathing and meditative elements. Tai Chi helps circulation, loosens joints and improves balance.

SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME TO SPEND AT THE POOL Come join us for a swimmingly good time in all of our many programs; swim lessons (open for registration), kids scuba lessons, fitness swimming class, aqua camp, family swim, and our giant inflatable obstacle course on Saturdays and springboard diving board on weekdays and Sundays! We look forward to swimming with you this summer. You can find more information on our [WEBSITE](#). Albany Aquatic Center – 1311 Portland Avenue.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE TO OUR E-PINKIE? Articles due by Tuesday at 12pm (Noon).
[Submit Article](#)

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Ms. Duncan
Cornell Principal
Go Coyotes!

