

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: June 4, 2018

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One-Week Calendar

Please note that multiple events may happen on the same day.

- Jun 4–Jun 7: **Minimum Days, 1:20 p.m. Dismissal**
- Tue • Jun 5: **Sequoia End of the Year Potluck, 6:30–8 p.m., School yard by Kindergarten play structure**
- Wed • Jun 6: **Last Day of Healthy Start Afterschool Program**
Sequoia Sings! Student Performance, 8:30–9 a.m., Auditorium
Principal's Volunteer Appreciation Tea, 9–9:45 a.m., Cafeteria
- Thu • Jun 7: **Last Day of School**
Lost and Found Items Cleared and Donated
Third Trimester Report Cards Sent Home
Fifth Grade Promotion, 9:30–11 a.m., Attendance by ticket only, Auditorium

August Important Dates

- Aug 3–Aug 8: **Registration/Information Packets** Fri/Wed, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; Mon/Tue, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Auditorium
- Fri • Aug 10: **Teacher Planning Day**
Meet and Treat (all grades), TK-K: 3:30–5 p.m., Grades 1-5: 4–5:00 p.m.
Healthy Start Orientation TK–K
- Mon • Aug 13: **First Day of School**
Welcome Tea
- Aug 13–Aug 17: **Minimum Days, 1:20 p.m. Dismissal**
- Tues • Aug 14: **Healthy Start Orientation, Parents Grades 1–5**
- Wed • Aug 15: **Healthy Start After School Program Begins Grades 1–5**
- Thurs • Aug 16: **Dads' Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Red Boy Pizza, 1500 Leimert Blvd.**
- Mon • Aug 20: **Healthy Start After School Program Begins TK-K**
- Thurs • Aug 23: **Room Parent Meeting 6:30–7:30 p.m.**
- Sat • Aug 25: **Welcome Picnic, Sponsored by the Dads' Club, Dimond Park**
- Wed • Aug 29: **Back to School Night**

Minimum Week June 4–7



Please note that this last week of school is a minimum week. Dismissal will be at 1:20 p.m. all four days.

Last Day of School June 7

A few reminders for the upcoming last day of school:

- **Lost and Found Items Cleared and Donated:** Please take a moment and visit one of the Lost and Found areas to pick up any misplaced items before they are cleared out for the summer.
- **Third Trimester Report Cards Sent Home:** Check backpacks for your student's final report card.

We wish our students a happy summer break and our fifth graders a fantastic transition to Middle School!

End of the Year Potluck June 5

Join the Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) and the Dads' Club as we celebrate the end of the school year with a potluck for ALL Sequoia families. The potluck will be held on Tuesday, June 5, starting at 6:30 p.m. near the Kindergarten play structure. The Dads' Club will be grilling hot dogs. Families should bring a dish to share. Any help setting up or cleaning up is appreciated.



Únase a la Organización de Padres y Maestros de Sequoia (PTO) y al Club de Padres para celebrar el final del año escolar con una comida para TODAS las familias de Sequoia. La cena se llevará a cabo el martes 5 de junio a partir de las 6:30 p.m. cerca de la estructura de juego de jardín de infantes. El Club de padres estará asando perros calientes. Las familias deben traer un plato para compartir. Se agradece cualquier ayuda para configurar o limpiar.

請來 Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) 和 Dad's Club 學生和家庭的年終晚餐日期是6月5日星期二下午6點30分起。靠近幼稚園操場我們將提供香腸包子。家人應該帶上一道菜去分享。我們也感謝幫助準備和清理。謝謝大家!

Tham gia Tổ chức Giáo viên Phụ huynh Sequoia (PTO) và Câu lạc bộ của Cha khi chúng ta kỷ niệm năm học cuối cùng với một cuộc thi đấu cho tất cả các gia đình của Sequoia. Potluck sẽ được tổ chức vào thứ Ba, ngày 5 tháng 6 bắt đầu lúc 6:30 chiều. gần cấu trúc chơi mẫu giáo. Câu lạc bộ của bố sẽ nướng xúc xích. Các gia đình nên mang theo một món ăn để chia sẻ. Bất kỳ trợ giúp thiết lập hoặc làm sạch được đánh giá cao.

انضم إلى منظمة PTO (Sequoia Parent Teacher) و Dad's Club وبينما نحفل بنهاية العام الدراسي مع وجبة طعام لكل العائلات من سيكوييا. سيتم عقد potluck يوم الثلاثاء، 5 يونيو ابتداء من الساعة 6:30 مساءً. بالقرب من هيكل رياض الأطفال. سوف يقوم نادي Dad's Club باستحضار الكلاب الساخنة. يجب على العائلات إحضار طبق للمشاركة. أي إعداد مساعدة أو تنظيف هو موضع تقدير.

Sequoia Sings! June 6

Our last Sequoia Sings event of the school year is this Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. The fifth graders and Mr. Bob's drumming group will be performing. During announcements, Mr. Inclan will present awards to the school's top runners in each grade. Families are invited to attend!

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Principal's Volunteer Appreciation Tea June 6

Sequoia would not be the school it is without our fabulous volunteers! Anyone who has volunteered for Sequoia is invited and welcome to attend the Principal's Volunteer Appreciation Tea. Please join Principal Bertolo right after Sequoia Sings in the cafeteria on June 6 at 9 a.m.

5th Grade Promotion June 7

Come celebrate the promotion of Sequoia's fifth graders. The ceremony will start at 9:30 a.m. This ticketed event will be held in the auditorium. There is a maximum of four seats per family. If bringing additional people, be prepared to bring your own seating or be standing. Fifth graders will be dismissed at the close of the ceremony.

Start of 2018–19 School Year August 13

Mark your calendars! The first day of school for the 2018–19 school year is earlier than usual this year: Monday, August 13. To learn more about the New (First) Day in OUSD, please visit ousd.org/newfirstday.

2018–19 OUSD District Calendar

You can find the district calendar for the 2018-19 school year on the OUSD website at www.ousd.org/districtcalendar.

Registration Packets for 2018–19 School Year

Make sure to complete your registration packets to register for the 2018–19 school year. ALL students must submit a registration form, including returning Sequoia students.

The Sequoia auditorium will be open for you to complete your forms as follows:

- Friday, Aug. 3: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 6: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 7: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 8: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

TK and Kinder Summer Playdates

There are two summer TK and K playdates on Saturday, June 23, 9–11 a.m. and Sunday, July 15, 10 a.m.–noon. These offer a great opportunity to meet other families and for the kids to start to make new friends and get comfortable with the transition to Sequoia.

Shout Outs!

Thank you TK!

Summer birthday treats: Angela and David **Rotary Party snacks:** Angela, Tomoko, Grandma Sharon, Melissa **Support:** Tomoko, Arin, Pam, Myisha, Gia, Erika **Donations and gifts:** Ruby and Room 9 **Classroom help:** Ms. A, Grandma Sharon, Erika, Angela, Tomoko, Melissa, Rollie **Box Tops:** Eliseo, Ava **Snack set-up:** Pam, Arin, Tomoko, Sasha, Angela, Saniyyah, Erich **After school help:** Tomoko, Pam **Snack:** Zeke, Audrey, Jordan, Kate, Kingston

Thank You SPTO Board Members

At the May 19 year-end meeting, the Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) passed a budget that includes long overdue raises for our enrichment teachers.

The SPTO also voted in the 2018-19 board, new members in **bold**:

Co-Chairs: **Aruna Sokol** and Jenaver Goodman
Co-Treasurers: Leslie Olsson and **Lynelle Lacey**
Co-Secretaries: Cara Brann and Hailey Magsig
Fundraising Chair:- **Lina Anderson**
Volunteer Coordinator: Jenny Kimball

Thank you SPTO for all you do for our school!

2018–19 Sequoia Healthy Start Grades 1–5 Afterschool Applications

Applications for the 2018-19 grades 1-5 Sequoia Healthy Start (SHS) Afterschool Program are available in the main office.

Our vision is that every student's spark is kindled, nurtured and encouraged to radiate! We do this by offering a wide range of academic and enrichment activities, carried out in a safe and supportive environment here at Sequoia. We provide snack and juice. We are open from when the bell rings until 6 p.m. almost every day school is in session. Some of our activities include reading help, recreation, music, legos, nutrition/cooking, gardening and more!

For our grades 1–5 program, we are grant funded. The program fees are on a sliding scale and no family is turned away for inability to pay. Priority is given to current students, siblings of current students, students identified by the school as high need and students who can meet the attendance goal of five days/week.

Please turn applications into the SHS mailbox in the main office as soon as possible. Families will be notified of enrollment status the week of June 11. Students not accepted into the program will automatically be placed onto our waiting list.

Please contact Amara Lisy, Program Coordinator, at amara@ebac.org or 510-482-7213 x.2101 with any questions.

Big Thanks to Communications Team

As we close out another year at Sequoia, I'd like to thank all the hardworking volunteers of our communications team: Virginia Afentoulis, Jenny Boyden, Elizabeth Hansen, Kathleen Hogan, Nadia Johnson, Bobby Jordan, Doug Kearney, Jesse Kelsey, Heather Pitman, Issabella Shields and Emily Songster. Special thanks to Emily and Nadia who are moving on, and to our team of volunteer translators: Claudia Burgos, Huey Phan, Ivy Tom and Mora Tulian. We couldn't do it without all of you!



—Vicki Moulton, Communications Team Lead