

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: March 21, 2016

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## Three Week Calendar



**Wednesdays are minimum days**

Mon Mar 21: **Breakfast with the Principal**, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria

Tue Mar 22: **SSC Meeting**, 5-6 p.m., Library

Thu Mar 24: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on Thursday Due to Friday Holiday**, 3 p.m., School yard

Mar 25-Apr 1: **Spring Recess: No School for Students**

Thu Mar 31: **Cesar Chavez Day**

Fri April 1: **April Fool's Day**

Sun Mar 27: **Easter**

Mon Apr 4: **School Resumes After Spring Recess**

Wed Apr 6: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30 a.m., Auditorium

Thu Apr 7: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7 p.m., Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Boulevard)

## Spring Recess March 25 – April 1

Please note that school is closed Friday, March 25 for the beginning of Spring Recess, which continues through Friday, April 1. School reopens on Monday, April 4.



Tuần nghỉ lễ mùa xuân sẽ là từ Thứ 6 Ngày 25 Tháng Ba đến Thứ Sáu, Ngày 1 Tháng Tư. Trường sẽ trở lại học Thứ Hai Ngày 4 Tháng Tư.

عطلة الربيع ستكون من يوم الجمعة 25 مارس إلى الجمعة 1 أبريل . وستبدأ المدرسة دوامها يوم الاثنين 4 أبريل .

Sequoia 3月25日至4月1日，没有学校。學校將再次開始在4月4日。

Receso de primavera será desde el viernes 25 de marzo al viernes por, 1 de abril La escuela comienza el lunes 4 de abril.

## 2016 Readathon Winners



Congratulations to all of our 2016 Readathon winners!

**Most Minutes Read:** Tarin Sokol (Ms. Love), Shawn Bloch (Ms. Heather), Diana Cardenas (Miss N), Eden Kinnon (Mr. Fleischman), Annie Bair (Ms. Loeser) - Winner for Minutes and Fundraising, Matthew Beardsley (Ms. Pancho), Mirabella Bond (Ms. Roth), Kristina Nguyen (Mr. Handy), Monrovia Prinz (Ms. Catalano), Francisco "Coyo" Tena (Ms. Jessica) Felix Mott (Ms. Chiodo), Jonah O'Brien (Ms. Lisa), Ebubekukwu Okereke (Ms. Oby), Nora Dunstan (Mr. J), Jessica Vogel (Monica), Samy Alsenae (Ms. Dana) Zoe Rhodes King (Ms. Ashunda) - Co-Winner, Naomi Zaro (Ms. Ashunda) - Co-Winner, Racquel Henry (Ms. Daniele)

**Most Money Raised:** Finn Salyk (Ms. Love), Lucy Roller (Mr. Fleischman), Ayana Sakamoto (Ms. Heather), Jackson White (Miss N), Eli Charny (Ms. Roth), Noah Hayes (Ms. Pancho), Sekou Kimmons (Ms. Catalano), Dante Mosier-Tidd (Ms. Jessica), Jett Routh (Mr. Handy), Mina Benham-Cunningham (Ms. Lisa), Eliza Rhodes King (Ms. Chiodo), Nathan Ruby (Ms. Oby), JD Sellman (Mr. J), Marcus Wilson (Monica), Jonas Magnuson (Ms. Ashunda), Ashlynn Magnuson (Ms. Dana)

**Honorable Mention (Over 2,500 minutes read):** Rachel Williams (Mr. J), Amelia Spong (Ms. Ashunda)

**Honorable Mention (Over \$340 raised):** Rose Dove (Ms. Loeser), Sonnet Kearney (Ms. Jessica), Ronit Ball (Ms. Oby)

Winner were invited to the Readers' Tea on Friday, March 18.

Thanks to all who participated! We hope everyone enjoyed the Readathon activities. Next week we will post the total funds raised for enrichment programs, and thank the many people who helped us with this event. Sequoia Readathon Committee (Melissa Benham, Brent Cunningham and Kathie Rhodes, sequoiareadathon@gmail.com).

## Order Your Variety Show DVD



The 2016 Variety Show is over, but the memories will live on in our DVD of the show! You can order yours now at <http://sequoiaschool.net/varietyshow/dvds>. The DVD features professional-quality footage from the entire show. Relive all the great moments of the night! Variety Show DVDs also make great gifts for grandparents, aunts and uncles, and faraway relatives who couldn't be there in person.

We ask for a \$10-\$15 donation per DVD to cover cost of production. You can pay using PayPal, or drop off a check or cash (in an envelope marked "Variety Show DVD" with your name and email address/phone number) in the secure FOSS mailbox in the Sequoia office. Orders are due April 12, 2016.

## Sequoia Science Fair Extravaganza



Packets are going home with information about this year's Science Fair Extravaganza. Here are the important dates to keep in mind.

- Week of March 21: students will discuss projects in science classes.
- Week of April 4: Interested students can turn in intent to participate form to bring home project boards.
- April 27-29: Students bring projects to school
- May 1: Science Fair Extravaganza and Pancake Breakfast (8:30-11:30 a.m.)

If you would like to volunteer to help with one of the science activity booths May 1, or need documents translated, please contact [leonore.reiser@gmail.com](mailto:leonore.reiser@gmail.com) or [ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com).

## Shout Outs!



Sequoia would not be such a wonderful school without the efforts of our volunteers. Each week we express appreciation for those efforts. If you know someone at Sequoia who deserves recognition, send your shout out to the newsletter using the online form on the school website.

### **Variety Show Shout Outs**

Many thanks to all the people who worked so hard to put on our fabulous Sequoia Dads' Club Variety Show on Friday, March 18. We appreciate everyone's dedication, generosity and passion for putting together this beloved event.

Core team: Heidi Aboites, Dave Ball, Douglas Berger, Suzy Bikakis, David Blaschka, Sharon Blaschka, Kirsten Dahl, Stacey Gordon, Joe Hayes, Anna Keeffe, Carlos La Roche, Jeff Lewis, Damion Mosier-Tidd, Josh Phillips and Vicky Scolini.

Many thanks to: Jay Ashford, Elicia Battaglia, Angelina Bazan, Donald Bertolo (the Great Yodolo), Lucas Blaschka, Stacie Chun, Chris Coffee, David Cruz, Khiry Culverson-Reece, Mia Deterer, Jocelyn Fabello, Madeleine Gordon, Marissa Ibarra, Brian Keeffe, Jesse Kelsey, Hoang Le, Luke Milich, Kathleen Rojas, Kieran Sullivan, Tim Sullivan, Noah Sutton, Mitch Tobias, Erich Vogel, Jessica Vogel and John Zaro.

Also thanks to all the people who donated food for intermission: Erich Vogel, April Schlenk, Brandlyn Davis, Cheta Okereke, Stacey Gordon, Marcela Weyhmiller, Alexis Ortiz, Sarah Thompson, Arianne Wagner, Kathie Rhodes, Stephanie Pepitone, Kara DeKernion, Tamara Harris Coleman, Caren Roddy and Brian Keeffe.

And thanks to all the volunteers who helped clean up the auditorium after the show.

And finally, thank you to our raffle sponsors: City Council Representative Annie Campbell Washington, Four Barrel Coffee and Head Over Heels.

Download the 2016 Variety Show Program - [http://sequoiaschool.net/varietyshow/VS\\_2016\\_Program.pdf](http://sequoiaschool.net/varietyshow/VS_2016_Program.pdf)

### **Thank you from the TK and kindergarten classes:**

Story Cycles and Library help: Aruna; Box Tops: Jamal; Reminders: Nel; Dimond Library Chaperones: Ms. D, Ms. Brenda, Mr. Bertolo; Classroom help: Rachel; Motor Skills: Jeffrey, Aruna, Keith, C. Banks, Jeannette, Jeff, Matt, Taison, Naomi, Milo; Snack set-up: Aruna, Josh, Elizabeth

## Dads' Club Meeting April 7



Join us for the next Dads' Club meeting on April 7, at 7 p.m. at Red Boy Pizza, 1500 Leimert Boulevard. The Dads' Club organizes and funds many of the annual family and community events, school enrichment programs and communication services that support our students and teachers.

## Garden Notes



With all the rain and the warm sunny Days that have followed everything is exploding with life and needs much tending. Garden students came up with a list of things to do, so stay posted for the date of the spring garden clean-up day!

Without legs to run from danger, nor mouths to speak when needing water or full of food for us to eat, all students learned that it is only by giving the garden our attention that it will teach and provide for us all its bounty, beauty and deliciousness. With a silent walk 1st graders took inventory of at least one thing that needs tending to in the gardens— from windmill repair to weeding, and from harvesting peas, carrots, spinach and collard greens to staking the heavy headed sunflowers and peas, to trimming back the wilting or brown foliage. First graders set off into some much needed weeding and propped up sunflowers, swept the steps and raked wood chips into place. Mr. Fleischman's and 2nd grade students chose one thing that they wanted to observe more closely and drew beautiful detailed drawings of that garden element. And prompted by our garden Ambassador, Amy (3rd, Ms. Chiodo), Ms. N's class used spring flowers as pigment to create beautiful artworks for their first time. Keep an eye out for garden drawings coming home. Ms. Thompson's class, and all of Friday's garden students got their share of the collards and added dandelion greens to their sauté this week. They drew what they were about to eat while I did the cooking. – Kyra Rice

## Remember to Check the Website

The Sequoia website features latest news and information about the school, volunteering and upcoming events. If you have a question, check the website first! And if you are running an event or group, be sure to use the website as an important resource for communication. Check out <http://sequoiaschool.net> for up-to-date information about our school.

## School Site Council Meeting 3/22

Join us for the next meeting of the School Site Council (SSC) this Tuesday, March 22 at 5 p.m. in the library. The SSC is a group of Sequoia teachers, parents and community members who work together with the principal to develop, review and implement an ongoing School Improvement Plan. The council will be looking over data from fall to winter and voting on additional Title 1 funding the school received.



## Sequoia Sings Concert

Join us for the Sequoia Sings concert on Wednesday, April 6 at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Students will lead the school in song at this monthly performance.

