

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: April 11, 2016

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## Three Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

Tue Apr 12: **FOSS Meeting**, Dinner served at 6:00 PM, meeting from 6:15 - 8:00 PM. Childcare provided. *Cafeteria*

Tue Apr 12: **Variety Show DVD Order Due**

Thu Apr 14: **Cambodian New Year Begins**

Fri Apr 22: **Earth Day**

Sat Apr 23: **Earth Day Sequoia Family Workday**, sponsored by the Dads' Club, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, *School yard*

Sat Apr 23: **Playdate for Incoming Kindergartners**, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, *School yard by kindergarten play structure*

Sat Apr 23: **Passover**, begins at sundown

Apr 25 - 29: **5th Grade Science Camp**

Mon Apr 25: **Breakfast with Principal Bertolo**, 8:30 - 9:30 AM, *Cafeteria*

Tue Apr 26: **SSC Meeting**, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, *Library*

Wed Apr 27: **Administrative Professionals Day**

Fri Apr 29: **Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated**

Sun May 1: **Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by the Dads' Club**, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, *Cafeteria*

Sun May 1: **Science Fair EXTRAVAGANZA**, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, *Auditorium*

## Get Ready to Have Some SUPER SCIENCE FUN on May 1!



This year's Pancake Breakfast/Science Fair Extravaganza is going to be an AWESOME fun-filled morning of syrup, pancakes and EXCITING HANDS-ON SCIENCE. Along with pancakes we will be serving up a series of hands on experiments for you and our kids to try.

We have planned activities where kids and adults can:

- Demonstrate problem solving and engineering skills by making the most stable marshmallow tower
- Build model microbes and learn about the most abundant life forms on our planet
- Observe actual sound waves with our Sonic Boomer
- Find out how different ingredients can be used make bigger or stronger bubbles
- Investigate the properties of conductors and insulators by constructing circuits with play doh, pickles and other materials
- Experiment with different marble ramp designs and
- Explore the properties of chemicals by making shaving cream art projects

We need YOU to help make this the BEST Science Festival and help our kids discover the exciting and often messy world of Science.

We need YOU to make this happen and ask you to volunteer at a booth and help guide the activities. SCIENCE EXPERIENCE IS NOT NECESSARY- we will show you what you need to do.

We are also accepting donations of materials for these very low cost, hands on activities. If you would like to donate sign up here and bring your items in by April 25th.

Go here to sign up for booths:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4FACA82BA7F58-science](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4FACA82BA7F58-science)

Or sign up for donations here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d49a8ac2ea4fb6-science>

You can email us to sign up or if you have any questions

[leonore.reiser@gmail.com](mailto:leonore.reiser@gmail.com) or [ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com)

## Variety Show DVD Orders Due April 12

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. For more information please email Stacey Gordon at [stacey@suiteseven.com](mailto:stacey@suiteseven.com).

## FOSS Meeting Tuesday, April 12

Please join us for the upcoming FOSS meeting on April 12th in the Sequoia cafeteria from 6-8 PM. All people and ideas are welcome. A light dinner and childcare will be provided. For more information please contact Anna Keeffe at [annakeeffe@gmail.com](mailto:annakeeffe@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!



## Reminder About Optional Science Fair Project Deadlines

If your child is planning to do an optional independent science fair project please turn in the 'Intent to Participate' form that was on the last page of the packet that went home with them before the break. Turn in the form to your teacher - we will collect them and exchange for a poster board. If you did not get a packet or have questions, please email us. Leonore Reiser: [leonore.reiser@gmail.com](mailto:leonore.reiser@gmail.com) or Arianne Wagner: [ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com)

## Sequoia Shout Outs

*Sequoia would not be the wonderful school it is without the efforts of our volunteers. Each week we express appreciation for those efforts. Email your appreciations to [shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net](mailto:shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net)*

### **Thank you TK and K!**

Story Cycles and Library help: Aruna

Sunscreen: Myles, Tarin

Box Tops: Jamal

Donations: Tarin, Annah

Dictation: Hailey

Reminders: Nel

Motor Skills: Aruna, Vicki, Ms. D, Jeffrey, C. Banks, Michele, Sean, Matt, Kristin N.

Snack set-up: Hailey, Aruna, Josh, Elizabeth, Kirsten



## Earth Day Workday:

### Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please set aside some time for the next family workday, Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This is our Earth Day themed workday, so we'll be working mostly in the gardens and green areas around the school. The whole family is welcome. For more information please contact Brian Dunstan at (510) 206-8876, [brian1dunstan@gmail.com](mailto:brian1dunstan@gmail.com).



Nuestro próximo día de trabajo es el sábado, 23 de abril de 09 a.m.-12:00 mediodía. Será "Día de la Tierra". Vamos a trabajar en los jardines y en las plantas alrededor de la escuela. La familia es bienvenida. Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con Brian Dunstan al (510) 206-8876, [brian1dunstan@gmail.com](mailto:brian1dunstan@gmail.com).

我们的下一个劳动日是星期六，4月23日，从上午9时至中午12时。这将是“世界地球日”。我们将在花园和学校周围的植物工作。家庭是值得欢迎的。欲了解更多信息，请联系布赖恩·邓斯坦在（510）206-8876，[brian1dunstan@gmail.com](mailto:brian1dunstan@gmail.com)。

Những ngày tiếp theo của công việc tình nguyện sẽ là Thứ 7 Tháng 4 23, 9:00-12:00 trưa. Nó sẽ là "Ngày Trái Đất". Chúng tôi sẽ làm việc trong các khu vườn và cây trồng xung quanh trường. Các gia đình được chào đón. Để biết thêm thông tin liên hệ Brian Dunstan tại (51) 206-8876, [brian1dunstan@gmail.com](mailto:brian1dunstan@gmail.com).

سيكون لدينا يوم العمل القادم سيكون في السبت 23 أبريل، 9:00 حتي 12:00 ظهرا. وسيكون "يوم الأرض". وسنعمل في الحدائق وعلى النباتات المحيطة بالمدرسة. الأسرة هي موضع ترحيب. لمزيد من المعلومات يرجى الاتصال بـ براين دونستان في 510-206-8876 [brian1dunstan@gmail.com](mailto:brian1dunstan@gmail.com)

## Frozen Fruit Bars!

Please support 5th grade field trips by buying refreshing frozen fruit bars. Students will be selling frozen fruit bars next to the cafeteria this Friday from 3:00 - 3:30 PM. There are six delicious flavors - strawberry, banana, mango, coconut, strawberry cream, and lime - and only \$2 each.



## Neighborhood Appeal for Pancake Breakfast

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The Neighborhood Appeal team needs volunteers to help spread the word to the Sequoia neighborhood and community to come support Sequoia at the Pancake Breakfast and Science Fair on May 1!

There are 2 ways you can VOLUNTEER:

1. Assemble - VOLUNTEER for Sunday April 10 to help assemble information packets into self-addressed stamped envelopes, ready to be delivered.
2. Deliver - Even more importantly, VOLUNTEER to take a half-hour walk with your child through the neighborhood to deliver these packets to each individual house within an assigned block. Packets would need to be delivered sometime during the week of April 18 or weekend of April 23, whenever you are able to fit it into your schedule.

FAQ: But I don't live in the immediate Sequoia neighborhood, so I'm off the hook, right?

No! You are never off the hook! We would love to have your help and can assign you a block of houses to deliver to.

Please email Caren Roddy at [on12feet@yahoo.com](mailto:on12feet@yahoo.com) if you would like to VOLUNTEER to assemble or deliver or both!

## Garden Notes

First graders noticed beautiful flowers blossoming right at their nose level for them to take in a waft, and even some early spring seed pods forming during their silent solo walk through the garden this week. We ate borage flowers, sipped nectar from nasturtiums, then picked seeds from the sunflowers and looked at the seed pods on a flowering dino-kale. After talking about how some seeds are designed for travel and the different ways they do, we ended class with a 2 minute video on seeds that travel by means of pressure and explosion like the violet flower, touch-me-nots, and a special kind of cucumber.



All Wednesday garden students, K and TK carefully picked the special ingredients for a garden salad: cilantro, nasturtium, borage, peas and mint. Students prepared their pickings for their serving of salad while I washed and prepared the salad greens, chopped up the last of the carrot harvest, and made a tangerine and olive oil dressing.

Second grade did an edible herb treasure hunt. With safety scissors earnestly held correctly in one hand and a bunch of carefully cut springs of deliciously smelling herbs in the other, they made their way on mindful, sentient journeys through the Lincoln garden.

## Join the Sequoia Yahoo Group

This Yahoo group is for members of the Sequoia Elementary School community to stay informed and communicate with one another. Members receive the weekly newsletter and have access to meeting minutes and other documents, plus can make announcements, ask questions, and share resources.

Send an email with your name, child's name, and grade, to: [sequoiacommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:sequoiacommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Questions? Email: [sequoiacommunity-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:sequoiacommunity-owner@yahoogroups.com)