



## Two Week Calendar



*Wednesdays are minimum days*

- Fri Apr 22: **Earth Day**  
Sat Apr 23: **Earth Day Sequoia Family Workday**, sponsored by the Dads' Club, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., *Schoolyard*  
Sat Apr 23: **Playdate for Incoming Kindergartners**, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., *School yard by kindergarten play structure*  
Sat Apr 23: **Passover**, begins at sundown
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- Apr 25 - 29: **5th Grade Science Camp**  
Mon Apr 25: **Breakfast with Principal Bertolo**, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., *Cafeteria*  
Tue Apr 26: **SSC Meeting**, 5 – 6 p.m., *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 a.m.- 12 p.m., *Cafeteria*  
Sun May 1: **Science Fair EXTRAVAGANZA**, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., *Auditorium*

## CABIN LEADERS NEEDED For Walker Creek Camping Trip!

Are you or someone you know 15 years or older and looking for volunteer hours for college or your resume?

At Sequoia Elementary (just down the hill), we attend a week long outdoor science camp. During this program, we take high school students as chaperones to supervise and make science camp a fun and exciting experience for all kids. If you like working with children and being in nature, then this is the perfect opportunity for you. Five days and four nights of beautiful outdoor time, staying in comfortable cabins, and being fed delicious food!

You can receive over 80 hours of volunteer or community service work during this week. We will provide an official notice of hours completed.

If you are interested in joining us, we will be attending: April 25-29 at Walker Creek Ranch in Petaluma. We will depart April 25 at 8:30 a.m. from Sequoia Elementary and return April 29 around 1:30 p.m.

Contact Ashunda or Dana A.S.A.P. if you're interested in joining us: [ashunda.williams@ousd.org](mailto:ashunda.williams@ousd.org) or [dana.watchorn@ousd.org](mailto:dana.watchorn@ousd.org)

## Variety Show DVD Deadline Extended to April 22!

We've extended the deadline to order your DVD from the Sequoia Variety Show by one more week! You now have until Friday, April 22 to order yours. If you haven't ordered a DVD yet, go to <http://sequoiaschool.net/varietyshow/dvds> to place your order. Remember, next Friday is your last day to get a DVD from this year's show. Please contact Stacey Gordon at 415.310.7334 or [stacey@suiteseven.com](mailto:stacey@suiteseven.com) if you have any questions.

## 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 25.

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

## 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)

## 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.

Thank you from TK & K!!

Story Cycles: Ms. D. Library help: Aruna, Donations: Connor, Jeffrey, New Fridge: Caleb, Kate, and Paul, Box Tops: Santiago, Reminders: Nel, Motor Skills: Aruna, Vicki, Ms. D, Jeffrey, Keith, C. Banks, M. RamirezSnack set-up: Hailey, Aruna, Josh, Elizabeth, Kirsten

## Earth Day Workday: April 23

Please set aside some time for the next family workday, Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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 510-286-8876, [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 براين دونستان في 510-206-8876 [brian1dunstan@gmail.com](mailto:brian1dunstan@gmail.com)

## Frozen Fruit Bars!

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

## Neighborhood Appeal for Pancake Breakfast

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!



### VOLUNTEER:

Deliver – 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

Last week students did a beautiful job of pulling, shredding and spreading the green manure crop of bush beans into the playground garden beds. The final stage of readying beds for planting seeds for fall pumpkins. While doing so they also had the opportunity to explore the vital ecosystem that crop, mixed with other beneficial 'weeds,' can create over a single season. They found: snails, slugs, armadilladidia (rolly-pollies and sall bugs), millipedes, silk worms, couple of potato bug larva, many lady bugs and other beetles, tiny green, red, and nearly translucent spiders that eat aphids and other pests, and some little critters we weren't able to name. All of the decomposers were collected by careful small fingers and deposited in the Lincoln Garden composts.

## 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)