

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: April 25, 2016

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Two Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- 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**, 8:30 a.m.- 11 a.m., *Cafeteria*
Sun May 1: **Science Fair Extravaganza**, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., *Auditorium*
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- May 2 - 6: **Teacher Appreciation Week**
Mon May 2: **Parent- sponsored Teacher Appreciation Lunch**
May 4-6: **4th Grade Camp Arroyo Trip**
Wed May 4: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30 a.m., *Auditorium*
Thu May 5: **Bike to School Day**
Thu May 5: **Cinco de Mayo**
Thu May 5: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Boulevard)*
Sun May 8: **Mother's Day**

Eat Pancakes to Support Sequoia

The annual Dads' Club Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, May 1 from 8:30-11 a.m. in the cafeteria. For just a few dollars (\$5 per Person or \$20 for families of four or more), you can come eat pancakes, bacon, fruit, and more. Sequoia neighbors and prospective families are welcome to join in the fun.



The Pancake Breakfast is a Sequoia tradition that goes back so many decades that no one even remembers when it started. The Dads' Club flips more than 1,500 pancakes and raise more than \$2,000 a year to help pay for Sequoia's library, science, drumming, garden, and art programs. Dozens of parents and students volunteer their time, and local restaurants and stores donate nearly all of the ingredients.

Volunteer for Pancake Breakfast

The annual Dads' Club Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, May 1 from 8:30-11 a.m., and we are looking for volunteers! Even if you can only come for an hour or two it is still a big help.

We need help on two days:

Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.: we will be cleaning the Sequoia kitchen, setting up the cafeteria, and preparing some of the food for the next day.

Sunday, May 1 from 6:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.: At 6:30 a.m. we will start working on the food. Once the cooking starts, we need some people to work on the grill, cooking eggs and pancakes, and a few others to wash dishes and clear off tables. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., we need a few more people to clean up.

If you are available to help, please email Jeff Lewis at jlewis44@pacbell.net.

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



This year's Science Fair Extravaganza is going to be an awesome fun-filled morning of exciting hands-on science. We will be serving up a series of hands on experiments for you and our kids to try. Join us in the auditorium from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

Science Fair Needs Volunteers

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.

Or sign up for donations here:

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

Volunteer sign up sheets are also posted outside the school office.

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

questionsleonore.reiser@gmail.com or ariannewagner@gmail.com.

Science Fair Projects Due 4/27

Science Fair Projects are due by Wednesday, April 27. Please bring your project boards to your class. We will collect the boards from the classrooms so we can organize them and set up the display in the auditorium on Friday.

All submissions need to be labeled with the student's name, grade and room number on the back of her or his board.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6

May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week. There are two ways to participate and show your gratitude to Sequoia teachers and staff.

1. Teacher Luncheon:

The whole school puts on a teacher appreciation luncheon, which will be a potluck provided by parents on Monday, May 2 from about 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.. Food can be dropped off to the teacher work room anytime before 11 a.m. There will be coolers for the cold food. We will need a few parents to "host" the luncheon as well. Please sign-up to bring some food or drinks for the luncheon using this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FABAD2AA4FB6-teacher1>

2. Bring a little gift for your teacher:

5/4 Monday - bring a flower

5/5 Tuesday - write a letter or a poem for the teacher

5/6 Wednesday - classroom or office supply

5/7 Thursday - draw a picture for the teacher

5/8 Friday - surprise (anything from a coffee and scone to a handmade art project)

Let's honor and appreciate the wonderful Sequoia teachers and staff!

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. Send your appreciations using the newsletter form:

<http://sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities/newsletter-submission-request-form/>

Earth Day at Sequoia – Thank You!

Thanks to those who came out for the Earth Day Workday on Saturday. A team worked in the garden, a team worked on the playground mosaic, and a group of Pre-K families got together on the kindergarten playground. It was a great morning to be at Sequoia.

Here's a mostly-complete list of garden volunteers: Erich and Jessica Vogel; Eric and Felix Mott and Sarah Thompson; Jesse, Nicole and Jonah O'Brien; Chris, Katie and Vincenzo Coffee; Brian, Elliott and peanut O'Keefe; David Cruz – custodian, who was at the school first; Chris Songster; Sarah and Miranda; Jesse, Finn and Liam Kelsey; Martin and Miles Bond; Thomas and Sean-Luca Jabusch; Joel and Coyo Tena; and Brian and Nora Dunstan.

Debbie Koppman led the mosaic team with (sorry incomplete list) Kirsten Dahl, Jocelyn and Amieh Brooks; Jessica and Desmond Appलगren; Ms. Dana; and lots of others.

At the same time, Melanie Kelsey, Tracey Kelp and Michela Marini had an enthusiastic turn-out at the Pre-K play-date, with a special visit from Mr. Bertolo.

Thank you from TK and K!

Story Cycles: Aruna

Dimond Library help: Acela

Donations: Bobbie

Poems: Ms. deKernion and Ms. Lisa

Fire Drill help: Jessica

Reminders: Nel

Motor Skills: Aruna, Ms. D, Jeffrey, Chet, Sean, Michele, Matt, Kristin N., Kristin E., Brandy

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

FOSS Needs Your Involvement

Would you like to be more involved in FOSS or at Sequoia but have been waiting for the right moment? The moment is now! There will be two openings on the FOSS Board for the next school year and it would be great to get some new volunteers in the mix.

One Co-Chair and Co-Secretary position will need to be filled. If you are interested, please email

sequoiavolunteers@gmail.com and come to the next FOSS meeting on Saturday, May 14, when we will be voting in the new Board members and approving next year's budget. You do not have to be on the Board to be involved however, all are welcome to FOSS meetings. Come share your ideas and make your voice heard.

تفضلوا بالانضمام إلينا في معرض العلوم و فطور البانكيك وذلك يوم الأحد تاريخ مايو 1. وسيقام معرض العلوم في قاعة الاحتفالات من 00:09 حتى 00:12 . تعالوا وشاهدوا المشاريع العلمية الرائعة المبدعة من قبل فصول سيكوييا والطلاب . ويعتبر فطور البانكيك الفطور الخيري السنوي لصالح الفصول والبرامج المدرسية ، وسيكون من 00:11 حتى 00:08 صباحاً في الكافتيريا .

加入我們，科學博覽會和煎餅早餐上週日，5月1日的科學博覽會將在觀眾席從上午9時至12時。幫助在煎餅早餐，從早上8點籌錢時至11時在食堂。

Únase a nosotros para la Feria de Ciencia y desayuno de panqueques el domingo, 1 de mayo La Feria de la Ciencia será en el auditorio 09 a.m.-12 p.m.. Ven a ver los proyectos de ciencia sorprendentes creados por las clases Sequoia y estudiantes. El desayuno de la crepe, una recaudación de fondos anual para las clases y los programas escolares, será de 8:30 am a 11 am en la cafetería.

Tham gia với chúng tôi để Hội chợ Khoa học và Pancake sáng ngày Chủ nhật, tháng 1. Bộ Khoa học Hội chợ sẽ được trong khán phòng 09:00-12:00. Hãy đến xem các dự án khoa học tuyệt vời được tạo ra bởi các lớp học và sinh viên Sequoia. Pancake Ăn sáng, một buổi quyên góp hàng năm cho các lớp học và các chương trình học, sẽ là 08:30-11:00 trong nhà ăn.

Bike to School Day is Coming

It's time to dust off your bike, pump up the tires, and check the brakes! Bike to School Day on Thursday, May 12 is just around the corner! Join your friends, or make new ones, reach out to your neighbors, form a bike train- hope on, and pedal! Bike commuting is good for our health, the community and the planet! Be part of the solution!



With thousands of riders pedaling on Bike to School and Work Day, it's one of the best days to try out cycling with your family; there's safety in numbers. Energizer stations are in place to congratulate your efforts and help give you a boost to your day! Treats and goodies will await you at Sequoia Elementary. Your Safe Routes to Schools Champions will greet riders with reflective stickers, treats from La Farine and high fives!

Don't forget: Children under 18 years old must wear a helmet. It is the law. Be a role model and wear your helmet too.