

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 2, 2016

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Two Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- 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**

- Mon May 9: **Sequoia Stomp Kickoff Assembly**
Tue May 10: **Calendar Planning Meeting for 2016-17, 6 - 8 p.m., Library**
Fri May 13: **Movie Night, 5 - 8 p.m., Auditorium**
Sat May 14: **FOSS Meeting, childcare provided, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Dimond Rec Center (3860 Hanly Rd)**

Support the Schools Our Students Deserve



On Wednesday, May 4, teachers from public schools in many cities across the country, including Oakland, will be participating in a "walk-in." Sequoia teachers will be gathering in front of the school (on the Lincoln side) from 7:45-8:15 a.m. and walking in together. We invite you to join us!

The theme of Oakland's walk-in will be "supporting the schools our students deserve." At Sequoia, we will be holding signs in support of adequate funding and other resources for Oakland's neighborhood public schools.

This walk-in is part of a national walk-in movement sponsored by the Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools. Here is a link to find out more: <http://www.reclaimourschools.org/updates/join-may-4-national-walk-ins>

We hope you will bring a sign and join us on the morning of May 4 to show your support for the schools Oakland's students deserve!

Motor Skills Volunteers Needed



Kindergarten/TK Families, Tuesday morning motor skills needs you! Now that we are in the last six weeks of school, we could really use your help to keep Motor Skills classes going smoothly.

If you can help out, please stop by for your child's class (or for more classes, if you can:-):

- Ms. Heather- 8:50 to 9:25 a.m.
Mr. Fleischman- 9:30 to 10:05 a.m.
Ms. N- 10:10 to 10:45 a.m.
Ms. Love- 10:50 to 11:25 a.m.

Thank you -Ms. April, Motor Skills Teacher

FOSS Meeting on May 14

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.

Join us for coffee, snacks and conversation at the next FOSS meeting! It might be the end of the year but it's never too late to start coming to meetings. They are always informative, fun and inviting. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 14 at the Dimond Rec. center from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Childcare is provided.

Únase a nosotros para el café, en la próxima reunión de software libre! Podría ser el final del año, pero nunca es demasiado tarde para comenzar a venir a las reuniones. Siempre están informativo, divertido y atractivo. Nuestra próxima reunión será el sábado 14 de mayo en el Dimond Rec. del 10-12 de centrar. Se proporciona cuidado de niños.

Tham gia với chúng tôi để cà phê, tại cuộc họp FOSS tiếp theo! Nó có thể là sự kết thúc của năm, nhưng nó không bao giờ là quá muộn để bắt đầu đến các cuộc họp. Họ luôn thông tin, vui vẻ và mời. cuộc họp tiếp theo của chúng tôi sẽ được vào thứ Bảy Tháng 5 14 tại Dimond Rec. trung tâm 10-12. Chăm sóc trẻ em được cung cấp.

加入我們的咖啡，在下次會議源碼！這可能是今年年底，但它永遠不會太晚開始來到會議。他們總是知識性，趣味性和邀請。我們的下一次會議將在週六，在迪蒙德建議5月14日。從10-12中心。提供托兒服務。

الانضمام إلينا لتناول القهوة، في الاجتماع البرمجيات القادم! قد يكون نهاية العام ولكن ذلك لم يفت في وقت متأخر لبدء القادمة إلى الاجتماعات. هم دائما بالمعلومات، متعة وتشويقا. سيكون لنا القادم في السبت 14 مايو في ديموند تم. تركز 10-12. يتم توفير رعاية الطفل.

SHS TK/Kinder Applications

Applications for the 2016-2017 Sequoia Healthy Start (SHS) Afterschool Program for TK/Kindergarten will be available in the main office starting Wednesday, May 4. Please turn applications in to the SHS mailbox in the main office. Families will be notified of enrollment status by June 17.

Some details about our afterschool program:

We are funded completely by parent fees. For 2016-17, our fees are \$430/month for M-F, \$320/month for M/W/F, or \$180/month for Tu/Th. There are 10 equal payments/school year. We run from when the bell rings (including minimum days) until 6 p.m. every day (we are closed on school closure days), and provide a healthy snack and juice.

Our main focus is on social-emotional learning (how to get along with others and self-control of emotions), and support skills that are taught during the school day. We offer a range of activities, from movement and outside games to art to science and gardening.

Please feel free to contact Amara Lisy with any questions at 510-482-7213 or amara@ebac.org.

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 this week!

Traffic Safety Reminder



Did you miss the drop-off zone last week? Traffic Safety Patrol was suspended last week due to the 5th grade Science trip and 4th grade SBAC testing, and it was sorely missed! Thank you to Monique McGough (mom of Jakayla) and our kids for doing a great job on Hearst Avenue getting cars through the drop-off zone, making sure our kids are on time and safe each morning.

If you come up Scenic Avenue on the other side, you are surely familiar with the back-up during drop-off and pick-up. We are seeing lots of double-parked cars blocking traffic - this makes everyone later and disturbs the neighbors. Please look at the traffic safety map to plan your best route to enter Hearst Avenue from Lincoln and use the drop-off zone. Try it out and let the office know what you think. It's only with input that we can create plans that work for everyone!

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/>

Thank you K and TK
Donations: Tarin, Annah
Reminders: Nel
Garden: Sarah G.
Motor Skills: Aruna, Vicki, Jeffrey, Kirsten, Michele, Jeannette, Kristin N., Carlos, V. Guzman, Amanda, Susannah
Snack set-up: Hailey, Aruna, Josh, Elizabeth, Ms. D

More Teachers to Appreciate!

As we say thanks to Sequoia's great teachers this week during Teacher Appreciation Week, let's not forget to recognize the enrichment teachers, education specialists and instructional support staff.

We are collecting money, gift cards, notes of thanks, student letters and art work. Give as little or as much as you can, but always give thanks.

Ways to contribute:

- 1) Donate using PayPal at the email address Donna@DiggityDog.com.
 - 2) Drop items off in school office. Look for box labeled "Teacher Appreciation Week, Give Here"
 - 3) Give items to primary teacher before Friday May 6
 - 4) Give items directly to Jenny Kimball or Donna Milich
- *Include a note if you wish to earmark your contribution to someone in particular, otherwise it'll will go in the pot for all.

Enrichment and other professional educators (Please forgive any omissions!)

Robert Frazier (Mr. Bob): Music
Joyce Baker: Music
Becky Hunter: Science
Kyra Rice: Garden
Debbie Koppman: Art 3-5
Jill McLennan: Art K-2
Kathleen McNulty: Library
Jennifer Bowman: Library
Lorraine Holmsteadt: Stip sub
Victor Chan: Stip sub
April Schlenk: Motor skills Computer
Jesse Inclan: Physical Education
Fred Brauer: Physical Education
Nick Garcia: Speech
Mason McKinley: Resources
Kristen Pappia: ELD
Kara DeKernion: Literacy Coach
Sonia Thatcher: Inclusion teacher
Dyendis Davis (Ms. D): Inclusion Teacher
Brenda Evans: Inclusion Teacher
Gloria Gains: Inclusion Teacher
Guillermina Molina: Inclusion Teacher
Evelia Ramos: Inclusion Teacher
Judith Kaye: Inclusion Teacher
Aaron Pratt: Special Day Class
Danielle Thompson: Special Day Class

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.