

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 23, 2016

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Three Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

Mon May 23: **Breakfast with Principal Bertolo**, 8:30 -9:30 a.m., Cafeteria
Tue May 24: **Open House**, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Classrooms
Wed May 25: **Spring Choir Concert**, 12:40 p.m. (students), 7 p.m. (family & friends), Auditorium
Thu May 26: **Sequoia Stomp Walkathon**, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Begin walk on school yard
Thu May 26: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday**, 3 p.m., School yard
Thu May 26: **Healthy Start End-of-Year Showcase**, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Auditorium
Fri May 27: **In Lieu of Lincoln's Day Holiday: No School For Students**

Mon May 30: **Memorial Day Holiday: No School For Students**
Tues-Fri: **Spirit Week**
Tues May 31: **Instrumental Spring Concert**, 8:30 a.m. (students), 6:30 p.m. (family & friends), Auditorium
Wed Jun 1: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30 a.m., Auditorium
Fri, Jun 3: **Sequoia Stomp Pledge Forms Due**

June 6-9: **Minimum Days, 1:20 p.m. Dismissal**
Mon June 6: **End of the Year Potluck**, 6:30 p.m., School yard near kindergarten play structure
Tue June 7: **Dimond Night Out**
Wed June 8: **Last Day of Healthy Start After School Program**
Wed June 8: **Principal's Volunteer Appreciation Tea**, 8:15 a.m., Library
Wed June 8: **Sequoia Stomp Awards Assembly**
Thu June 9: **Last Day of School**
Thu June 9: **Lost & Found Items Cleared Out and Donated**
Thu June 9: **Third Trimester Report Cards Sent Home**
Thu June 9: **Fifth Grade Promotion (Attendance by Ticket Only)**, 9:30 a.m., Auditorium
Fri June 10: **Teacher Planning Day**
Sun June 12: **Fathers Day**

Sequoia Open House on May 24

Join us for the annual Open House at Sequoia from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24. All the classrooms will be open so you can visit and see what your student has been working on all year.

This is also an opportunity to visit the classrooms of the grade your student will be entering next year.



Spring Choir Concert on May 25

Come enjoy the lovely harmonies of the Sequoia Choir at our spring performances on Wednesday, May 25 in the auditorium.

The evening performance will take place from 7-7:30 p.m.. The daytime assembly is at 12:40 p.m.



Sequoia Stomp is This Week – Volunteers and Pledges Needed

The Sequoia Stomp Walkathon is happening this Thursday, May 26. The event helps Sequoia raise money for art, music, garden and other enrichment classes. There are several important changes to note with dates, so please read details below.



Important Dates

Event Date and Time: Thursday, May 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Pledges and Forms Due: Friday, June 3 – **Deadline extended by one week!**
Awards Assembly: Wednesday, June 8 – **New date!**

Event Day Volunteers Needed

We need 24 parent volunteers for the day of the event. We need at least one parent from each class to be present to record laps for their class.

To volunteer, please visit the signup form at <http://sequoiaschool.net/sequoia-stomp/volunteer> or contact Anna Keeffe (annakeeffe@gmail.com, 503-329-2323). If you can volunteer at the last minute, just show up between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to help.

Kids Can Win Prizes!

Participants can win one of several prizes, including: a Santa Cruz skateboard, a Razor scooter, skates, balls, a FitBit activity tracker, jump ropes and pizza. There are many ways to win:

- Number of pledges: Get as many different people as possible to donate any amount, big or small. We'll count the number of pledges and award prizes to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
- Classroom prize: Classmates can work together to win a classroom prize. One classroom wins.
- Most laps: One kid from each classroom will win a prize for most laps walked.
- Most money: One winner from the school will get a prize for most money raised.
- Raffle: All participants will be entered into a raffle to win prizes.

How to Win

1. Encourage classmates to turn in pledge forms to win the pizza party! Winning classes usually have more than half of their students turning in pledge forms. Monica's class has won three years in a row! Who can beat them this year?
2. Ask everyone you know for pledges: relatives, hairdresser, dentist, friends, neighbors, church members, co-workers.
3. Tell folks you don't see often they can pledge online at <http://sequoiaschool.net/sequoia-stop>. Click the Donate button to pledge with PayPal or a credit card.

Awards Assembly

The Sequoia Stomp awards assembly will be held June 8. We'll congratulate winners, announce raffle prizes, and announce whether we met our \$10,000 goal. And, Sequoia teachers have some great entertainment planned to end the school year with a fun day.

Contact

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact your Sequoia Stomp leads:
Anna Keeffe - AnnaKeeffe@gmail.com or 503-329-2323
Donna Milich - Donna@DiggityDog.com or 415-601-9198

Four-Day Holiday Weekend

In lieu of Lincoln’s Birthday, there will be no school on Friday, May 27. Also, there will be no school on Monday, May 30 to commemorate Memorial Day. Please adjust your schedules to accommodate this four-day weekend.



En lugar de cumpleaños de Lincoln, no habrá clases el viernes, 20 de mayo de 2016. Además, no habrá clases el lunes 23 de mayo de 2016 para conmemorar el Día de los Caídos. Por favor, ajuste sus horarios para adaptarse a este fin de semana de cuatro días.

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Thay cho sinh nhật của Lincoln, sẽ không có trường học vào thứ Sáu, ngày 20 tháng năm 2016. Ngoài ra, sẽ không có trường học vào thứ hai 23 tháng 5, 2016 để kỷ niệm Memorial Day. Vui lòng điều chỉnh lịch trình của bạn để chứa bốn ngày cuối tuần này.

在林肯代替的生日,上周五2016年5月20日就没有上学。此外,为了纪念阵亡将士纪念日,在周一,2016年5月23日就没有上学。请调整你的日程安排,以适应这四款天的周。末

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 to the Communications Team, for keeping our community informed and engaged about school- and volunteer-run events:

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- Kendra Magnuson – Facebook group
- Emily Songster – school calendar and newsletter/website graphics
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- Donations: Tarin, Armaan, Gracie; Reminders: Nel
- Box Tops: Pablo; Library and Story Cycles: Aruna; Motor Skills: Aruna, Vicki, Jeffrey, Keith, Ann, Jeannette, Sean, C. Banks, Tiffany, Caren, Erik, Susannah, Matt, Tracey, Kristin; Fairyland chaperones: Marijoy, Acela, Erik, Carolina, Aruna, Evelyn, Vicki, Rachel, Elizabeth, Clara, Vannette, Kenyatta, Nel, Sarah, Michael, John, Efur, Mr. Bertolo, and Ms. Kalin; Snack set-up: Ms. Brenda, Aruna, Josh, Elizabeth

Join the Communications Group

The Communications Group is looking for volunteers for the 2016-17 school year. Specifically, we need newsletter editors (should be familiar with PowerPoint and have a good eye for detail; an editorial background is nice but not necessary) and someone to update the Facebook page. For more information, please contact Andrew Gordon at agordon72@gmail.com.

Show Your School Spirit Next Week

Spirit Week starts Tuesday, May 31, and it’s a great opportunity for Sequoia students to show off their tremendous school spirit. The schedule for each special daily theme is as follows:
Tuesday, May 31 – Pajama Day
Wednesday, June 1 – Sports Day
Thursday, June 2 – Crazy hair and Outfit Day
Friday, June 3 – Twin Day



End of Year Concert on May 31

Come check out what the band, strings and All-Star drummers have been doing this year! The end-of-year concert is on Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium with guest artist Don Benham. Donations welcome but not required. There will also be a daytime concert at 8:30 a.m..



Fourth and 5th grade families, please come support your kids and their classmates! TK through 3rd grade, come see what instrument you might want to play when you get older!

Volunteer for Summer Clean-Up

Are you shocked that the school year is ending and you haven’t found time to volunteer as much as you had intended? Don’t despair - there’s still time this summer!



We are forming a committee to tidy/ purge/ declutter/ organize Sequoia this summer. The primary focus will be the Lobby/ Auditorium/ Office/ Cafeteria spaces, and we will move on from there as time permits.

Your participation would involve an initial meeting or two in June, then some dedicated work hours in August to get the school looking wonderful for the first day back. All ideas are welcome! The goal is to provide a tidy, respectable environment that the kids, the staff and the public will inherently treat with respect (including not littering!).

Anyone interesting in participating please reply directly to Caren Roddy at azcaren@gmail.com.

Last Week, Last Day of School Info

The last week of school is just two weeks away. First, the week will be a short week, with Thursday, June 9 the last day of school; there is no school on Friday, June 10. Second, every day that week (Monday-Thursday) will be a minimum day, with dismissal at 1:20 p.m.



The first day of the new school year is Monday, Aug. 22.

Lost & Found Cleared Out June 9

The last day of school, June 9, is the last day to claim items from the lost and found. Check the lost and found before the school year ends, as all unclaimed items will be donated.