

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 30, 2016



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Two Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

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**

End-of-Year Potluck June 6

Mark your calendars for the upcoming End-of-Year Potluck, taking place next Mon., June 6, at 6:30 p.m. on the playground. If you have come before you know it's a lot of fun. Everyone is invited.

We sit outside on the lower grade playground, eat together, let the kids play, and enjoy each other's company one last time before summer break. We will be saying goodbye to our graduates and to families who are leaving, and making playdates for the summer.

There is talk of grilled pizzas and home-made pies, so add to the mix and bring something to share. Not sure what to bring? Hearty dinner food and salad/vegetables are great to balance our usually overflowing dessert table.

FOSS will provide paper plates, forks, cups, napkins, etc. Help setting up cleaning up is always appreciated! Please contact sequoiavolunteers@gmail.com if you would like to help. See you on June 6!

Show Your School Spirit This 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



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.

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.

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.

Fifth Grade Promotion

Our fabulous fifth graders will be having their promotion ceremony on Thursday, June 9 from 9:30-11 a.m. We are excited to hold promotion outside this year, in front of our new Bay Friendly Garden. Tickets are required to attend.

Join the Communications Team

The Communications Team 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.

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 from TK and K!

Reminders: Nel

Box Tops: Benny, Caleb

Sequoia Stomp Volunteers: Michael, Nel, Clara, Vicki, Carolina, Acela, Evelyn

Motor Skills: Vicki, Jeffrey, Keith, Kathleen, Kristin N., Tracey

Summer Book Giveaway Attendees: Aruna

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

Sequoia Healthy Start 1st-5th Applications Available June 6

Applications for the 2016-2017 Sequoia Healthy Start (SHS) Afterschool Program for 1st-5th Graders will be available in the main office starting Monday, June 6. Please turn applications in to the SHS mailbox in the main office. Families will be notified of enrollment status the week of June 20.

Priority is given to current students, siblings of current students, students identified by the school as high need, and students who can meet the attendance goal of five days/week. Students not accepted into the program will automatically be placed onto our waiting list.

Some details about our afterschool program:

Our vision is "Every student's spark is kindled, nurtured and encouraged to radiate!" We accomplish this by exposing students to a variety of academic and enrichment activities, carried out in a safe and supportive environment. We support and encourage students to use their voice, build their character, and connect with their communities. We also provide snack and juice every day.

The first day of program is Wednesday, Aug. 24, and the last day is Thursday, June 8. Please note we are closed the first two days of school and the last day of school for staff training. Otherwise, we run from when the bell rings (including minimum days) until 6 p.m. every school day (we are closed when school is closed).

SHS is funded through our ASES state grant and program fees paid by families. Program fees allow us to continue our level of service and quality of programming despite the loss of major grants. We are grateful for our family contributions and support. The fee amount is determined on a sliding scale based on household income. We do not ask families for proof of income as we trust our families to be honest. We will not turn any families away for the inability to pay.

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

Sequoia Stomp Thanks!

We couldn't have pulled it off with the help of our AMAZING and committed group of volunteers! Shout-outs and much appreciation to:

Monique McGough, Marie Jones, Lisa Sutton, Katie Coffee, Aruna Sokol, Tracey Kelp, Tracy Downard, Margaret Byron, Ruth Ramirez, Nancy Ogden, Shizue Seo, Melanie Kelsey, Leslie Olsson, Jason Flory, Sharon Blaschka, Mr. Bob, Stephanie Pepitone, Tiffany Dacko, Anna Smith Clark, and anyone I missed and all the additional volunteers who enthusiastically showed up to walk with the kids!

Fin de Año Potluck 6 de junio

Marque su calendario para la próxima Potluck de Fin de Año, que tendrá lugar el próximo lunes, 6 de junio a las 18:30 en el patio. Si ha llegado antes de lo que se trata de un montón de diversión. Todos están invitados.

Nos sentamos afuera en el patio de recreo menor grado, comen juntos, dejar que los niños jueguen, y disfrutan de la compañía una vez más de uno al otro antes de las vacaciones de verano. Vamos a decir adiós a nuestros graduados y para las familias que están saliendo, y hacer citas para jugar para el verano.

FOSS proporcionará papel platos, tenedores, vasos, servilletas, etc. Ayuda para configurar y de limpieza es siempre apreciada! Nos vemos el 6 de junio!

在學期結束之前，學校會有一個便飯局在學校的操場，邀請各位家長和親友來。時間是下午六時三十分在六月六日，星期一。

如果你可以帶食物來，請帶來同大家分享。如果你想幫手配置和清潔，請你聯絡 sequoiavolunteers@gmail.com

祝各位有個愉快的晚上和愉快的暑假！多謝！

End-of-Năm Potluck 6 Tháng 6

Đánh dấu lịch của bạn cho End-of-Năm Potluck sắp tới, diễn ra Mon. sau, 06 tháng 6, tại 6:30 trên sân chơi. Nếu bạn đã đi trước khi bạn biết điều đó là rất nhiều niềm vui. Mọi người đều được mời.

Chúng tôi ngồi bên ngoài trên sân chơi cấp thấp hơn, ăn cùng nhau, hãy để trẻ em chơi, và tận hưởng công ty một thời gian cuối cùng của nhau trước khi nghỉ hè. Chúng tôi sẽ nói lời tạm biệt với sinh viên tốt nghiệp của chúng tôi và gia đình đang rời đi, và làm cho playdates cho mùa hè.

Phần mềm nguồn mở sẽ cung cấp giấy tắm, đĩa, chén, khăn ăn, vv Trợ giúp thiết lập và làm sạch luôn được đánh giá cao! Hẹn gặp lại vào ngày 06 tháng sáu!

في نهاية السنة الطعام المتوفر 6 يونيو
بمناسبة التقويمات الخاصة بك لنهاية دورة السنة الطعام المتوفر المقبل، تجري من الاثنين المقبل، 6 يونيو في 18:30 في الملعب. إذا كنت قد حان قبل أن تعرف انها الكثير من المرح. الجميع مدعو.

نحن نجلس في الخارج على انخفاض ملعب الصف، وتناول الطعام معا، والسماح للأطفال اللعب، والتمتع آخر مرة شركة واحدة لكل منهما قبل العطلة الصيفية. ونحن سوف نقول وداعا لخريجينا والعائلات الذين يغادرون، وجعل playdates لفصل الصيف.

سوف البرمجيات تقديم ورقة لوحات والشوك والأكواب، والمناديل، الخ مساعدة إعداد وتنظيف هو دائما موضع تقديرا! أراك يوم 6 يونيو!

And of course, thank you to Mr. Bertolo and the Sequoia teachers for supporting the event, counting laps, and having FUN!

HUGE thanks to Safeway, Peter's Kettle Corn, and Sharon Blaschka for donating snacks to feed our walkers!

Reminder that although the walking portion of Sequoia Stomp is over...there is still PLENTY OF TIME TO FUNDRAISE! You still have a week to collect pledges to support Sequoia's amazing enrichment classes and help us SURPASS our \$10,000 goal! Keep up the momentum! We can do it! Turn in pledge envelopes to teachers, the Sequoia Stomp box in the office, or on Sequoia website via PayPal link!

Keep on stomping Sequoia!

Your Sequoia Stomp Co-Leads,

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