



## Two Week Calendar



Every Wednesday is a minimum day

Mon Sept 7:	<b>Labor Day Holiday:</b> No School For Students
Wed Sep 9:	<b>First Sequoia Sings!</b> , 8:30 a.m., Playground
Thu Sept 10:	<b>Back To School Night:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-6:45 p.m., TK-2<sup>nd</sup> Classrooms</li> <li>• 7-7:30 p.m., Auditorium (All Grades)</li> <li>• 7:45-8:15 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Classrooms</li> </ul>
Sun Sept 13:	<b>Rosh Hashanah</b> , begins at sundown
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Mon Sept 14:	<b>Support Sequoia Campaign Begins</b> , runs through Friday, Oct. 16
Tue Sep 15:	<b>FOSS Meeting</b> , Dinner served at 6 p.m., meeting from 6:15 – 8 p.m. (childcare provided), Cafeteria
Tue Sep 15:	<b>Central American Independence Day</b>
Wed Sep 16:	<b>Upper Grade Choir Meeting</b> , 1:25 - 1:45 p.m., Room 5
Wed • Sep 16:	<b>Mexican Independence Day</b>

## How to Volunteer? Check out the Sequoia Website

As a Sequoia parent, you just signed a pledge when school started to volunteer at least three hours a month. Looking for a way to fulfill your promise and get involved? Current volunteer opportunities are listed on the Sequoia website at <http://sequoiaschool.net/volunteer/current-volunteer-opportunities>. If you're interested in any of the volunteer roles listed there, reach out to the contact listed or email [sequoiavolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:sequoiavolunteers@yahoo.com)

Como padre Sequoia , que acaba de firmar una promesa cuando la escuela comenzó a ofrecerse al menos tres horas al mes . Buscando una manera de cumplir con su promesa y participar? Oportunidades de voluntariado actuales se muestran en la página web de la secoya en <http://sequoiaschool.net/volunteer/current-volunteer-opportunities> . Si usted está interesado en cualquiera de las funciones de los voluntarios que figuran allí , llegar a los contactos de la lista o correo electrónico [sequoiavolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:sequoiavolunteers@yahoo.com)

Là một phụ huynh ở trường Sequoia, bạn đã ký một cam kết là khi lớp học bắt đầu bạn sẽ tình nguyện ít nhất ba tiếng đồng hồ mỗi tháng. Muốn tìm kiếm một cách nào để thực hiện lời hứa của mình và tham gia ở trường? Cơ hội tình nguyện hiện tại được liệt kê trên trang web của trường Sequoia: <http://sequoiaschool.net/volunteer/current-volunteer-opportunities>. Nếu bạn muốn tham gia bất kỳ vai trò gì để tình nguyện, hãy liên lạc hoặc email đến [sequoiavolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:sequoiavolunteers@yahoo.com)

各位家長，校方希望有志願者可以協助學校，每位志願者在每個月至少做三小時。可以在這個網站 <http://sequoiaschool.net/volunteer/current-volunteer-opportunities>，選擇工作。如果你有興趣，請聯絡這個電子郵件：[sequoiavolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:sequoiavolunteers@yahoo.com)，多謝合作！

كوالد سيكوييا ، كنت وقعت للتو تعهد عندما بدأت المدرسة للتطوع ثلاث ساعات على الأقل في الشهر. تبحث عن وسيلة للوفاء بالوعد الخاص بك و التورط ؟ ونترد فرص التطوع الحالية على موقع سيكوييا في <http://sequoiaschool.net/volunteer/current-volunteer-opportunities> . إذا كنت مهتما في أي من الأدوار التطوعية المذكورة هناك ، وصول إلى الاتصال المدرجة أو البريد الإلكتروني [sequoiavolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:sequoiavolunteers@yahoo.com)

## Back to School Night is Sept. 10

Thursday, Sept. 10 is back to school night, and it is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and the parents of other students in the class. Here's the schedule:

- TK-2<sup>nd</sup> grades meet in their classrooms from 6-6:45 p.m.
- From 7-7:30 p.m. parents and guardians of all students are encouraged to join us in the auditorium to meet all the teachers and staff, and to hear principal Donald Bertolo discuss the school's goals for the new year.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades meet in their classrooms from 7:45-8:15 p.m.

## Childcare for Back to School Night

Back to School Night is an adults-only event. Friends of Sequoia School (FOSS) has arranged free childcare for 75 Sequoia students at Dimond Rec Center. Childcare is available from 5:30-8:45 p.m. The rec center staff will provide supervision, spaghetti dinner (meatless), and activities.

You must make a reservation to guarantee a spot! Call Dimond Rec Center at 510-482-7831, and ask to be placed on the list for Sequoia back to school night childcare. The rec center office is open weekdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. You can also leave a message at any time, and they will call you back to confirm. When you drop off your child, allow time to complete a short registration form including emergency phone numbers. Blank forms are already available in the school office if you want to pick one up ahead of time.

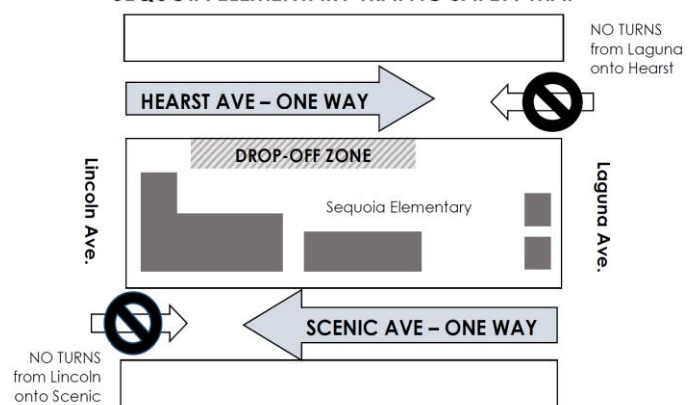
## Keeping Our Kids Safe at Drop Off

If you drive to Sequoia, please...think about your drop-off and pick-up routines last week—were you frustrated with the gridlock and general chaos? Please take a look at the traffic safety map below and follow these guidelines for a safer and more efficient routine for everyone:

- Only enter Hearst Avenue from Lincoln Avenue. It is important to use the designated drop-off zone on Hearst if you are dropping off or picking up your children. You must stay with your car in the drop-off zone on Hearst Avenue or find a legal parking spot so you may walk onto school grounds.
- Only enter Scenic Avenue from Laguna Avenue. There are no drive-by drop-offs or pick-ups on Scenic Avenue.
- No U or 3-pt.-turns— go around the block or park your car.
- Do not block driveways—our neighbors need to be able to get in and out of their driveways.
- Slow down and watch for pedestrians, especially at crosswalks.
- Be courteous and helpful to neighbors and other parents.

Please note: Yard supervision begins at 8:20 a.m. and TK/K parents must stay with their children until the 8:45 a.m. bell.

SEQUOIA ELEMENTARY TRAFFIC SAFETY MAP



## Scenic Gate Locked During School

Please be aware that the gate between buildings on Scenic Avenue will be locked by 8:30 a.m. each morning and will remain locked all day until 3:30 p.m. (1:45 p.m. on Wednesdays). There have been numerous U-turns and blocked driveways near this gate during pick-up and drop-off which backs up traffic on Scenic Avenue and endangers children as they enter and exit cars.

There are NO drive-by drop-offs or pick-ups at this gate. **DO NOT** have your child get out of the car to run up these steps or wait in your car for your child to run out this gate.

If you are staying with your car, please use the drop-off zone on Hearst Avenue. If you are entering school grounds for either drop-off or pick-up, you may use any of the open gates - but please remember to park your car in a legal parking spot.

## First FOSS Meeting Of the Year: Call for Agenda Items!



Our first Friends of Sequoia School (FOSS) meeting of the school year will be held on , Tuesday, September 15, 6- 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Dinner and child care will be provided.

We are putting together the agenda for the meeting this week. If you are interested in placing an item on the agenda please send your request to FOSS Co-Secretary Lissette Gomez at [gomezlissette@gmail.com](mailto:gomezlissette@gmail.com) by Friday, Sept. 11. Please come to learn more about upcoming projects, our enrichment budget, and hear from Principal Bertolo.

FOSS is a volunteer group, much like a Parent-Teachers Association (PTA), that supports students and teachers for basic classroom needs, teacher professional development, and Sequoia's enrichment programs — including art, music, kindergarten motor skills, science, garden, and library.

## First Sequoia Sings!



Join the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders as they introduce Sequoia's first "Sequoia Sings" on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Singing commences at 8:30 a.m. on the school playground.

## Amazon Shopping Earns Money for Sequoia



Did you know that you can help our school when you shop on Amazon.com? Just access Amazon via the Amazon Smile link on our website's "Shop for Sequoia" page: [sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia](http://sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia). When you do this, Amazon gives us 6-8 percent of your purchase price—at no cost to you!

The link on our website goes to "Amazon Smile"—it's the same as the regular Amazon site, except that you can choose a charity to support with your purchase. If you choose Sequoia Dads' Club as your charity, we get an extra half percent in addition to the money that we get because you used our link.

Remember, using the link brings us a LOT more money than choosing us as your Amazon Smile charity. Please bookmark the Shop for Sequoia link above, and tell your family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors to begin all their Amazon shopping at our school's website. Thanks for your support!

## Shout Outs!



Many thanks to Claudia Burgos, Huey Phan and Ivy Tom for providing translation in the Sequoia newsletter!

Thank you from TK/Rm. 9!

Donations: Kaydence, Tarin, Cooper, Leo, Connor  
Air Purifier: Kevin and Clara  
Snack set-up: Vicki, Kirsten  
Classroom help: Rachel  
Lunch help: Kirsten, Rachel  
Room Parents: Nel, Kate, Kirsten

## Stay Connected at Sequoia



Sequoia parents, teachers and staff have a number of ways to keep in touch about school, enrichment programs and volunteer activities. Be sure to read, subscribe to and join these resources to get all the latest news.

**Newsletter** – Each Monday, a group of parent volunteers — with the help of Sequoia staff and teachers — publishes and distributes a newsletter with announcements about upcoming events and happenings at Sequoia. A paper newsletter is distributed to individual students by each teacher, and an electronic version is distributed through the Sequoia Yahoo group and published to the website.

**Sequoia Community Yahoo Email Group** – This group is for members of the Sequoia 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. To join, send an e-mail to [sequoiacommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:sequoiacommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

**Website** – The school's website has the latest news, updates and calendars, as well as general information about the school, resources for parents, volunteer opportunity information, event information and ways to donate.

**Facebook** – If you're a Facebook member, be sure to join the Sequoia Elementary Facebook Group to get timely updates and reminders in your feed. This group is meant to provide another way to get news and updates that also appear in the newsletter and on the website.

**For more information about these resources**, including how to submit items to the newsletter and website, visit [sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities](http://sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities)

## How to Submit to the Newsletter

Use our online form to submit an article to the communication team for inclusion in the upcoming week's newsletter (as well as on the school website and Facebook group) by Tuesday, 5 p.m. of the week before you wish to have your content published in the school's weekly newsletter. The newsletter team has the right to edit content for length or clarity, and will send a proof of the article before it publishes in Monday's newsletter.

You can find the form at this link:  
<http://sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities/newsletter-submission-request-form/>