



Two Week Calendar



Every Wednesday is a minimum day

- Wed Oct 7: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30 – 9 a.m., Auditorium
- Wed Oct 7: **International Walk and Roll to School Day**
- Fri Oct 9: **Support Sequoia Campaign Ends**
- Sat Oct 10: **Sequoia Family Workday, sponsored by the Dads' Club**, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., School yard
- Sat Oct 10: **FOSS Meeting, childcare provided**, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Library
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- Thu Oct 15: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday**, 3 p.m., School yard
- Thu Oct 15: **"Lights On After School" Healthy Start Celebration**, Cafeteria and Auditorium:
- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Program Tours
 - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Program Performances
 - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Potluck Dinner
- Thu Oct 15: **Al Hijra/Muslim New Year**, begins at sundown
- Fri Oct 16: **Professional Development Day for Teachers: No School For Students**

Oct. 10 FOSS Meeting



Please join FOSS (the Sequoia parent-teacher organization) on Saturday in the Sequoia library from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

This meeting overlaps with the Sequoia Family Workday, so it's a great chance to work together with other parents at both events! There will be coffee and snacks, and children are welcome.

We will be reviewing proposals for how to spend \$15,000 of our fundraising money for this year. Your input is valuable, so please come if you can.

Sequoia Family Workday



When: Saturday, Oct. 10 (9 a.m.- 12 p.m.)
Where: Sequoia School Yard

Mark your calendars and please join us in our first Sequoia family workday of the year. In order to keep our beloved school looking and functioning its best, it sometimes needs a helping hand from our parent community. We have jobs for all skill levels and interests. We will need people to maintain the various gardens and attend to various projects in the classrooms.

There is no requirement to stay for the duration, so drop in for as much time as you have. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. The playground will be open as usual so the kids can play while you work. If you are attending the FOSS meeting, you can stop by afterwards and kill two birds with one stone. This event is sponsored by the Dads' Club. Please contact Erich Vogel (erich.vogel@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

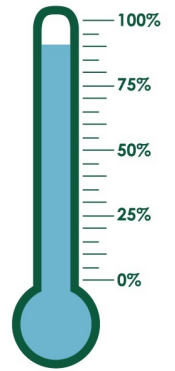
Sequoia Wellness Information Meeting

Please come to the Sequoia Wellness Policy information meeting in Room 8 on Thursday, Oct. 8 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. There will be light refreshments served! Kids OK! Hope to see you there!

-Miss N

Final Week for Support Sequoia!

The Support Sequoia fundraiser has received forms from nearly three quarters of Sequoia students, and together you have contributed over \$54,000 toward our art, science, music, and library programs. We are now 90% of the way to our \$60,000 goal. Thank you for generously supporting art, music, garden, library, and science programs for our students!



This is the fourth and final week of the fundraiser, so it is important for **every child to return a pledge form, with or without a donation, by Friday**. Even if you are not able to give a donation at this time, please send in your form. This lets us know that your child brought the form home and showed it to you.

A mysterious (but very awesome) school-wide surprise is will delight everyone if every student at Sequoia returns a form. This secret reward is in addition to the Sequoia wristband that every child receives and the extra recess earned by classes with 100% participation.

If you pledged to donate online and have not yet done so, go to <http://sequoiaschool.net/donate> to complete your pledge. You can make a one-time gift or sign up for twelve automatic monthly payments.

School Closed Oct. 16



Please note that Sequoia Elementary will be closed on Friday, Oct. 16 for a Professional Development Day for teachers.

Escuela Cerrada 16 de octubre

La escuela Sequoia estara cerrada el viernes 16 de octubre para un Día de Desarrollo Profesional para los maestros.

敬請家長留意, 在十月十六日, 星期五不要上學, 是老師日。

Xin lưu ý rằng Trường Tiểu Học Sequoia sẽ đóng cửa vào Thứ sáu ngày 16 tháng 10 để cho các giáo viên được một ngày học thêm để phát triển chuyên môn.

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Book Levelers Needed!



We have many wonderful books that need to be leveled. Please consider stopping by the auditorium and grabbing a bag or a box of books to level. It can all be done with a computer and a permanent marker at home. Look for the bags and boxes with bright pink directions attached (2-sided).

Yours in Reading!
Kara deKernion
Sequoia's Literacy Coach
(mom to Charlie, 1st and JD, 4th)

Shout Outs!



Shout out to everyone who made our fall potlucks so successful, especially to Aruna Sokol for organizing and publicizing these events so that we could reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Big thanks to all the volunteers who made Bike Day a lot of fun! Special shout out to organizer Joe Hayes. Thanks also to the folks from the Chinese School who kept everyone cool and happy with their snow cone booth, and to La Farine, Tacos El Grande, and the bike blender smoothie-making crew for making sure nobody went hungry.

Thank You TK & K!

Donations: Tarin, Connor
Snack set-up: Hailey, Aruna, Josh, Vicki, Elizabeth, Kirsten
Lunch help: Rachel
Science and garden help: Efur, Molly
Classroom help: Efur, Alicia, Molly, Rachel, Dads' Club
Motor Skills: Jeffrey, Keith, Aruna, Chet, Sean, Jon, Micholo, Heather, Wes, Matt, Tracey, Peter

Garden Notes



Do you have a prolific worm bin at your home? The Lincoln Garden could use a handful for our composting /soil building bins. The hot dry summer dried us all out. Please contact Kyra at kvradear@gmail.com if you would like to donate a handful!

This week in garden classes first and second graders looked at soil samples to learn about what makes good soil for planting our vegetable seeds in. They then prepared several garden beds for K and TK to plant cilantro, romaine and red leaf lettuces for the SNAC cafeteria salad bar, and bush beans to add nitrogen to the soil of beds that need a boost.

All students enjoyed fresh crisp apple snack picked from our trees and a few ripe sweet tomato slices from the gardens.

Walk & Roll to School Day!

Wednesday, Oct. 7th: Come meet District 4 Council Member Annie Campbell Washington who will be our esteemed sticker-applier for the "How Did You Get to School Today" poster.



We will have treats from La Farine, coffee courtesy of Hive and gluten-free treats courtesy of Mariposa. This is a great day to park a few blocks away from the school and join one of our walking school-buses, try carpooling with a neighboring family or take public transportation to school. Traffic around the school has been a serious issue this year with several complaints from neighbors, and each one of us can work towards reducing the morning chaos by finding alternative modes of transportation to school.

Employer Matching Donations

If you donated money to the Support Sequoia fundraiser, please check if your employer will match your donation. Many large companies have matching programs. Employer matching is a great way to double your donation without taking anything extra out of your own pocket.

Book Fair! Oct. 12-15



Come buy books at the Book Fair and help earn free books for teachers. There will also be books in bins that the teachers hand picked for parents to buy/donate to the classroom. Swing by the auditorium during the following times:

- Monday 3 – 4 p.m.
- Tuesday 3 – 4 p.m.
- Wednesday 1:20 - 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday 3 – 6 p.m.
- Friday - school closed

You can also buy online between October 7-20 at: <http://bit.ly/1FOnuQZ>

TK/K Reminder: No Lace-up Shoes or Tights on Tuesdays

Kindergarten/TK Families:

On Tuesday mornings, your little ones have Motor Skills class. In this class students are doing many balancing activities, so they go barefoot because socks and tights are too slippery. If at all possible, please help us keep Motor Skills running smoothly:
*send your children in shoes that are easy to get on and off (preferably no lace-ups)
*remember not to send your child in tights.

Thanks to all the awesome Kindergarten and TK family members who have been helping out on Tuesday mornings-- what a great group of folks! Everyone is welcome, so if you haven't come, please join us.
Thank you,

April Schlenk
Motor Skills Teacher
april.schlenk@ousd.org

Volunteers for Traffic Safety

Do you have some extra time one morning a week? We need two to four volunteers each morning from 8:10 - 8:40 a.m. to help make drop-offs smoother and safer for everyone.



Please go to the following link to enter your name and days that you are available: <http://doodle.com/ywvz9373uimbsqxf>. Follow that up with an email to aruna70@gmail.com so that we can send you instructions separately. You can also recruit others to help out - let's work together!

If you are available afternoons between 2:45 - 3:15 p.m. (Wednesdays 1:05-1:45 p.m.) - let us know. We are focusing on organizing the mornings first, but afternoons are needed too!

Volunteer Opportunities at Sequoia

As a Sequoia parent, you 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.