

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Oct. 26, 2015

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Two Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days



- Tue Oct 27: **SSC Meeting**, 5 – 6 p.m., *Library*
- Fri Oct 30: **Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated**
- Fri Oct 30: **Halloween Parade & Classroom Celebrations**
Parade time: 12:30 p.m., *School yard*
- Fri Oct 30: **Minimum Day**, 1:20 p.m. dismissal
- Sat Oct 31: **Harvest Festival**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., *Cafeteria and school yard*
- Sat Oct 31: **Halloween**
- Nov 1 - 2: **Días de los Muertos**
- Sun Nov 1: **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

- Wed Nov 4: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30 – 9 a.m., *Auditorium*
- Thu Nov 5: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7 – 8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd)*

Get Ready for Sequoia's Annual Harvest Festival!



Join us for Games & Prizes, Arts & Crafts, Face Painting, Dads' Club BBQ, Jumpy House, Costume Parade, and Bake Sale.

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Volunteer! We need your help. Can you set up booths (8-10 a.m.), break down booths (2 – 4 p.m.), run a booth or bake for the bake sale? Please contact Susana Torres at susanatorres65@yahoo.com or 510-302-5026

The Dads' Club will also be hosting its annual BBQ at the Harvest Festival. For more information or if you would like to volunteer please contact Chris Songster at songsterc@gmail.com.

El Festival de Otoño es el Sábado 31 de Octubre. Vengan y disfruten de un día agradable con la familia. Inviten a sus familiares y amigos. También necesitamos su ayuda para adornar, encargarse de algún juego, o de hornear para la venta de postres. Por favor contactar a Susana Torres por correo electrónico susanatorres65@yahoo.com o al 510-302-5026.

مهرجان الخريف هو يوم السبت 31 أكتوبر. تعال وتمتع لطيفة اليوم مع الأسرة. دعوة العائلة والأصدقاء. نحن بحاجة أيضا إلى مساعدتكم لتزيين وترتيب لعبة، أو الخبز لبيع الخبز.

Harvest Festival là vào ngày 31 tháng 10, năm 2015. Hãy cùng chúng tôi và những cháu sinh viên trường Sequoia đến dự Ngày Lễ vui vẻ này với gia đình và bạn bè của bạn! Chúng tôi cũng cần sự giúp đỡ của bạn để xếp đặt và đứng đầu một gian hàng làm trò chơi cho các cháu. Ngoài ra bạn có thể giúp Ban Tổ Chức dọn dẹp, hoặc nấu nướng đồ ăn, hoặc bán bánh trái để gây quỹ cho trường.

豐年祭是在10月31日，2015年請加入我們的行列，並與家人一番情趣！邀請您的親朋好友。我們還需要你的幫助來設置，運行一個攤位，清理，或烤的烘烤銷售。

Halloween Celebration This Friday October 30 is a Minimum Day

The Halloween Parade is this Friday, Oct. 30 at 12:30 p.m. on the playground. Please make sure to stand behind your student's class to make sure the students have an unobstructed view. PLEASE do not wear costumes to school—bring them in a bag. Students will be given time at lunch to change. NO weapons are allowed and costumes must be appropriate for school. If students do not celebrate Halloween, they may come to the office after lunch or be picked up early. Also, October 30 is a minimum day and students will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m.

El desfile de Halloween es este Viernes, 30 de octubre a las 12:30 p.m. Por favor, asegúrese de estar detrás de la clase de su hijo para asegurarse de que los estudiantes tengan una vista sin obstáculos. Por favor, no usar las disfraces a la escuela – llevar las en una bolsa. Los estudiantes se les dará el tiempo para cambiar después de comer. NO se permiten armas y disfraces deben ser apropiados para la escuela. Si los estudiantes no celebran Halloween, pueden venir a la oficina después de comer o ser recogido temprano. También, 30 de octubre es un día mínimo y los estudiantes saldrán a las 1:20 p.m.

万圣节大游行是本周五，10月30日下午12:30在操场上。请一定要站在后面的学生的班级，以确保学生有一个通畅的看法。请不要穿的服装在一个袋子学校带给他们。学生将有时间在午餐改变。没有武器被允许和服装必须适合的学校。如果学生不庆祝万圣节，他们可能会到办公室午饭后或有所回升初期。此外，10月30日是一个最小的一天，学生们将在下午1:20被开除

Halloween Parade là thứ Sáu này, ngày 30 tháng 10 lúc 12:30 trên sân chơi. Xin chắc chắn đứng đằng sau lớp của học sinh để đảm bảo sinh viên có cái nhìn thông suốt. XIN không mặc trang phục đến trường mang lại cho họ trong một túi. Học sinh sẽ được đưa ra thời gian vào giờ ăn trưa để thay đổi. NO vũ khí được cho phép và trang phục phải phù hợp cho các trường học. Nếu học sinh không ăn mừng Halloween, họ có thể đến văn phòng sau khi ăn trưa hay được chọn sớm. Ngoài ra, ngày 30 tháng 10 là một ngày tối thiểu và học sinh sẽ bị miễn nhiệm 1:20

هالوين موكب هذا الجمعة 30 أكتوبر في تمام الساعة 1230 من مساء يوم الملعوب. يرجى التأكد من تقف وراء ففة الطالب الخاص بك للتأكد من أن الطلاب لديهم وجهة نظر دون عائق. يرجى عدم ارتداء الأزياء إلى المدرسة تقديمهم في كيس. سيتم منح الطلاب وقت الغداء للتغيير. لا يسمح للأسلحة ويجب أن تكون الملابس المناسبة للمدرسة. إذا كان الطلاب لا احتفال بعيد جميع القديسين، فإنها قد تأتي إلى المكتب بعد الغداء أو يمكن الحصول عليها في وقت مبكر. أيضا، أكتوبر 30 هو الحد الأدنى في اليوم، وسيتم رفض الطلاب في 0120

SSC Meeting Tuesday

Please join us for the next School Site Council (SSC) meeting this week, Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. in the library. We will discuss the Title 1 parent compact as well as the Scholastic Reading Inventory and the Scholastic Math Inventory data.



The SSC is a group of Sequoia teachers, parents and community members who work together with the principal to develop, review and implement an ongoing School Improvement Plan.

Sequoia 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 shout out to shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net.

A huge thank you to all the parents supporting traffic safety efforts: Kirsten Dahl, Kristin Dewelly, and Leslie Ollson for diligently putting out and taking in cones and signs daily. Maxine Ressler for donning a green vest and monitoring the drop-off zone EVERY Friday. Joel Tena for garnering the interest of the City Council. Geneva Toliver for getting the ball rolling with the upcoming Safety Patrol Program for 4th and 5th grade students. Monique McGough for stepping up to be an adult coordinator. All your efforts are greatly appreciated by your Sequoia community!

Thank you to anonymous donors as well as the Gumataotao, Milich, and King families for your generous donations for Sequoia Water bottles!

Thank you TK and K!

- Donations: Tarin, Myles
- Book Fair Donations: Heather King & Sequoia Community
- Box Tops: Ms. Kalin
- Snack set-up: Hailey, Aruna, Josh, Elizabeth, Kirsten
- Dimond Library Chaperones: Kirste, Erik, Michael, Aruna
- Classroom help: Nel
- Motor Skills: Jeffrey, Keith, Hailey, Aruna, Chet, Michele, S. Wyhmiller, Raylene, Matt, Kristin

Garden Notes



This week students learned what goes into making a hearty compost for our decomposers to breakdown into healthy soil. They learned there are three categories: the

GREEN category which includes garden debris, fruit and veggie scraps and is MOIST; the BROWN category which includes dry brown leaves small sticks and twigs which is DRY; and the BLACK category which is a little soil to add to the mix. We discussed the fall season and how it is the perfect time to collect materials for the BROWN category, which we did. We are abundant in carefully collected dry oak leaves ready for building our next compost.

Kinder students also looked carefully at some of our resident decomposers in the current compost bin. All students enjoyed the last of the apples from Sequoia's trees this season. Thank you to whomever left the anonymous gift of red worms for our soil building program!

Join the Sequoia Yahoo Group

Email: sequoiacommunity-owner@yahoogroups.com

How to Submit to the Newsletter

Use our online form to submit an article for inclusion in the upcoming week's newsletter by 5 p.m. Tuesday the week before you wish to have your content published in the school's weekly newsletter. You can find the form at this link:

<http://bit.ly/1np1pcO>

3 More Days to Email in Sequoia Directory Corrections



Parents, please look in your child's backpack for an orange half-sheet of paper that shows how your family will be listed in this year's Sequoia Directory (our school-wide phone book). Check your information carefully to make sure your directory listing is correct.

All changes must be emailed to directory@sequoiaschool.net by this Wednesday, Oct. 26. Include your children's names in your message. Please contact dunstanb@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Sequoia Silent Auction & Family Dance - Save the Date!



The Sequoia (mostly) Silent Auction & Family Dance was a big hit last school year, with 300+ attendees of all ages enjoying the party and raising over \$10,000 for Sequoia enrichment programs. We'll be doing it again the evening of Saturday, February 6th, so please mark your calendars!

The event team is seeking business sponsorship to defray the (modest) costs of the event. Last school year, Liz McGuire of McGuire Real Estate generously served as the event sponsor. However, we wanted to give first dibs on sponsorship to one or more members of the Sequoia community. Sponsors' businesses will be prominently featured on the auction website and at the event itself, and the goodwill generated within the school community is priceless!

Lots of details will follow in the coming weeks and months, including FAQs on auction item donation, fundraising goals, volunteer opportunities and more. For more information contact Lynn at lynn.f.lewis@pacbell.net or Jocelyn at Jocelyn.fabello@gmail.com.

Seeking Adult Coordinator...

To support and assist with Traffic Safety Patrol Program. 4th and 5th grade student volunteers will soon be trained to run a traffic safety plan during drop-off. They will monitor the drop-off zone so that parents can drop their children off and pull away safely and efficiently. This well-established program has done wonders at many other Oakland schools but Sequoia could use another adult to guide and support these students. The time commitment would be approximately a half hour daily in the mornings (8:10 - 8:40) to be shared with another parent that has already stepped up (thank you Monique McGough!) and this adult coordinator can be a parent or other family member, community member, or teacher. Training will be provided and there is a \$500 stipend. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Mr. Bertolo right away or send an email to aruna70@gmail.com.