



## Three Week Calendar



*Wednesdays are minimum days*

- Mon Nov 30: **artSPARK Project Submissions Due**
  - Mon Nov 30: **Breakfast with Principal Bertolo**, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., *Cafeteria*
  - Wed Dec 2: **Sequoia Sings! 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders Performing**, 8:30 – 9 a.m., *Auditorium*
  - Thu Dec 3: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7 - 8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd)*
  - Sat Dec 5: **artSPARK**, 3:30 – 6 p.m., *Auditorium*
  - Sun Dec 6: **First Night of Hanukkah**, *begins at sundown*
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- Dec 7-11: **Minimum Days, students will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m. all week**
  - Mon Dec 7: **Options Enrollment Period Opens**
  - Mon Dec 7: **Window Opens for Prospective Sequoia Family Classroom Observations**
  - Tue Dec 8: **School Site Council (SSC) Meeting**, 5 p.m., *Library*
  - Tue Dec 8: **Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night**, 7:15 p.m., *Library*
  - Fri Dec 11: **First Trimester Report Cards Sent Home**
  - Sat Dec 12: **No FOSS Meeting in December**
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- Mon Dec 14: **Breakfast with Principal Bertolo**, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., *Cafeteria*
  - Wed Dec 16: **Evening Choir Performance**, 7 p.m., *Auditorium*
  - Thu Dec 17: **Healthy Start Potluck & Showcase**, 6 p.m., *Auditorium*
  - Fri Dec 18: **Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated**

## Minimum Days All Next Week

Every school day is a minimum day during the week of December 7; students will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m. This is to accommodate parent-teacher conferences during the week. Teachers will contact families to arrange the dates and times of the conferences.



Todos los días serán días mínimos durante la semana del 07 de diciembre. Los estudiantes saldrán a la 1:20 pm. Esto es para que se lleven a cabo las conferencias de padres y maestros durante la semana. Los maestros se comunicarán con las familias para organizar las fechas y horarios de las conferencias.

每天,12月7日至12月11日是放早學, 放學時間是下午一時二十分. 是學生-教師開會. 教師聯繫你們的時間. 多謝各位家長!

Mỗi ngày đi học trong tuần của ngày 07 tháng 12 là một ngày học ngắn; các học sinh sẽ được mảng trường lúc 1:20 trưa. Lý do là để tạo cơ hội cho các Giáo viên và các Phụ huynh được gặp mặt trong tuần này để bàn luận về con cháu của chúng ta. Giáo viên sẽ liên lạc với gia đình để sắp xếp ngày giờ của hội nghị.

كل أيام المدرسة خلال الأسبوع من 7 ديسمبر ستكون الحد الأدنى من الدوام، وسيتم صرف الطلاب في 1:20 وذلك تجهيزاً لإجتماعات الآباء والمعلمين خلال الأسبوع. وسوف يقوم المعلمين بالتواصل مع الأسر لترتيب تواريخ و أوقات الاجتماعات.

## Auction Donations Needed

Our Second Annual Family Dance and (mostly) Silent Auction team is making great progress but we need you to help keep the momentum going. There are only a few weeks until winter break, and our deadline for receiving auction items is January 15; the event itself is February 6.

The process is painless! Donors can choose from four easy options:

- For donor-issued gift certificates, simply mail (or drop off) a gift certificate to the school, Attn: Silent Auction Team
- Register a donation using this simple form: <http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/dance-auction/>
- Email the details to us at [sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com) and we'll do the data entry for you
- If you donated last year and want to do the same thing this year, just let us know and we'll take it from there!

Do you or a family member have a particular skill or service we could auction? (Music teachers, electricians, landscapers, graphic designers, chefs, marketing whizzes, decorators— you name it, we need you!) Have a business relationship with a retail establishment or restaurant? Know the coaches at your kid's soccer class, gymnasium or baseball camp? Have a nice bottle of wine that you are willing to part with, or a connection who could donate a weekend at a vacation rental? Or maybe you work somewhere really neat and could arrange a tour? Help us make the auction a success by getting the word out to those you know and gaining donation commitments!

All proceeds will go toward Sequoia's enrichment programs such as science, library, art, garden and music. For more information please contact Lynn Lewis at [lynn.f.lewis@pacbell.net](mailto:lynn.f.lewis@pacbell.net).

## artSPARK is Saturday, Dec. 5

Join us this Saturday, Dec. 5 for artSPARK, a special event that honors our students' creativity and visual arts abilities while also celebrating Sequoia's dedicated art program.



Students have submitted their themed art projects and the Sequoia auditorium will be transformed into an amazing art gallery on from 3:30-6 p.m. on Saturday.

## Food Donations Still Needed

Please consider donating food to artSPARK. Donations of snack food such as cheese and crackers, small appetizers and sparkling water are still needed. Donations can be dropped off anytime before the event on Saturday (by 3 p.m.) by contacting sarah at [camillusoflellis@gmail.com](mailto:camillusoflellis@gmail.com) or dropped off the day of in the cafeteria from noon to 3 p.m.

## Support Sequoia with Box Tops

Just cut the BOXTOPS coupons from your cereal box and other grocery items. Put them in a plastic baggie with your student's name



and teacher's name and return to Angelina in the main office

## Prospective Parent Information Night



On Tuesday, Dec. 8, Sequoia will have a Parent Information Night. If you know families who are interested in attending Sequoia, please let them know about this information night. Also, any Sequoia parents who are interested in volunteering to be tour guides for this event, or help with the information night, please let us know right away. We will also be looking for tour guides to help with tours that will be held in December and January. The information meeting will be from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. in the Library. Spanish-language interpretation and child care will be provided. If you have questions or want to assist, please contact the main office.

## 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.*



Thank you from TK and K!

- Donations: Leo, Addison, Yanis, Oliver, Jamal, Tarin, Allen, Finn
- Box Tops: Allen, Walter, Pablo
- Classroom help: Aruna, Clara
- Dimond Library Chaperones: Kirsten and Sarah
- Snack set-up: Hailey, Aruna, Josh, Elizabeth, Kirsten
- Motor Skills: Jeffrey, Keith, Vicki, Stephen, Chet, Sean, Wes, Michelo, Matt, Oralía, Tracey, Koy

## Garden Notes



During the week of November 9 we welcomed Ms. Thompson's students Back to garden classes! They toured the garden and learned about the life cycle of a radish then planted radish and pea seeds in transparent containers so they can track the seedling's growth. We also enjoyed some of the seeds from the first pomegranate picked from the Lincoln Garden tree; still a bit sour, but really red and juicy.

TK-2nd grade students learned about the water cycle, took a closer look at Sequoia's water catchment system and how the garden stays hydrated, then reviewed what they learned in water-cycle drawings. First and 2nd grade students learned the vocabulary words evaporate, condensate and precipitate. Some big words for such little ones but many of them were familiar from science class cross over. All students enjoyed fuyu persimmons and grazed the fresh parsley for garden snack.

## Youth Programs at the YMCA

The Downtown Oakland YMCA has several programs for youth available to Sequoia families. These include "Kids Night Out Downtown Oakland YMCA", "Spanish Creative Movement" (physical, creative way to learn Spanish), "Jump In and Step Up" (Youth Hip Hop Dance Class), and an Indoor Soccer Clinic. All activities/programs are available for a fee at the Downtown Oakland YMCA, 2350 Broadway Oakland CA.

For more information or to register visit <http://ow.ly/UEA9a>

## Bret Harte Info Nights & Tour

Attention Prospective Middle School Parents: Visit Bret Harte Middle School! Come learn about all the great things that are happening at our amazing neighborhood middle school! Tours will take place on the following dates. (All tours begin at 9:30 am and meet in the office)

Friday, Dec. 4  
Wednesday, Dec. 9  
Monday, Dec. 14  
Friday, Jan. 8  
Thursday, Jan. 14



Please call 531-6400 or email [gayle.fake@ousd.k12.ca.us](mailto:gayle.fake@ousd.k12.ca.us) to reserve a spot.

Also, don't miss the prospective family information night: Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. (followed by our annual Winter Concert at 6 p.m.)

## Sequoia Is On Schoola.com!

Here's how it works:

1. Bring your gently-used women's and children's clothing to Sequoia. We'll send them onto Schoola for you!
2. Visit [schoola.com/schools/sequoia-elementary-oakland-ca](http://schoola.com/schools/sequoia-elementary-oakland-ca) to shop for adorable pre-loved clothes at dramatically reduced prices.
3. Forty percent of proceeds from each sale will go towards supporting Sequoia's awesome enrichment programs!

Questions? Please contact Angelina:  
[angelina.bazan@ousd.k12.ca.us](mailto:angelina.bazan@ousd.k12.ca.us)



## Six Flags Read to Succeed

When Sequoia students read for fun, they can earn a free ticket to Six Flags! The Six Flags Read to Succeed program encourages K-6th grade students to read six hours by February.



Here's how it works:

- Students read for fun (not homework or classwork). They read alone or with an adult.
- Families help students fill out a reading log, and sign off on children's reading.
- After students have read six hours, they turn in the reading log to their teacher.
- All reading logs must be turned in by February 12, 2016.
- In May, Six Flags will give out tickets to students who read/ logged six hours by the deadline.

Look in your child's backpack for a reading program packet. For more information please contact Jennifer Bowman at [jennifer.bowman@ousd.org](mailto:jennifer.bowman@ousd.org).

## Frozen Fruit Bars!

Please support 5th grade field trips by buying refreshing frozen fruit bars. Students will be selling frozen fruit bars next to the cafeteria on Fridays from 3 - 3:30 p.m. There



are six delicious flavors - strawberry, banana, mango, coconut, strawberry cream, and lime - and only \$2 each.