

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Jan. 30, 2017

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Two-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- Wed • Feb 1: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30–9 a.m., Auditorium
- Wed • Feb 1: **Breakfast with the Principal**, 9:30 a.m., Cafeteria
- Thu • Feb 2: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7–8:30 p.m., Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd)
- Sat • Feb 4: **Sequoia Family Workday**, sponsored by the Dads' Club, 9 a.m. –1 p.m., School yard
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- Mon • Feb 6: **100th Day of School**
- Mon • Feb 6: **Parent University**, Theme: Math, 6–7:30 p.m., Auditorium
- Tue • Feb 7: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., Library
- Tue • Feb 7: **FOSS Meeting**, Dinner served at 6 p.m., meeting from 6:15–8 p.m., childcare provided, Cafeteria
- Sat • Feb 11: **Sequoia Family Dance and Silent Auction**, 6–9 p.m., Cafeteria and auditorium

School Workday This Saturday

Mark your calendars and please join us in our upcoming Sequoia workday, this Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. –1 p.m. In order to keep our beloved school looking and functioning its best, it sometimes needs a little help from our parent community. We have jobs for all skill levels and interests. We will need people to maintain the various gardens (weather permitting) 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. This event is sponsored by the Dads' Club. Please contact Chris Coffee at ccoffee@gmail.com for more information.

Por favor, únense a nosotros en el próximo día de trabajo de Sequoia. Con el fin de mantener nuestra querida escuela funcionando y viéndose bien, a veces necesita un poco de ayuda de nuestra comunidad de padres. Tenemos trabajos para todos los niveles de habilidad e intereses. La jornada de trabajo será el sábado 4 de febrero de 9 a.m. a 1 p.m.

Hãy tham gia cùng chúng tôi trong ngày làm việc sắp tới ở Trường Sequoia. Để giữ cho trường thân yêu của chúng ta đẹp đẽ, hữu dụng và hoạt động tốt nhất, đôi khi trường cần chút giúp đỡ từ cộng đồng phụ huynh của chúng ta. Chúng tôi có công việc làm tình nguyện cho tất cả mọi người với khả năng khác nhau. Ngày làm việc dọn dẹp trường sẽ là Thứ 7 Ngày 4 Tháng 2 lúc 9:00 sáng - 1:00 chiều.

请加入我们的即将到来的红杉工作日。为了使我们的学校保持最佳状态，它有时需要我们的父母社区的一点帮助。我们有所有技能水平和兴趣的工作。工作日将是2月4日星期六上午9时至下午1时。

يرجى الانضمام إلينا لدينا ساعات العمل سيكويما المقبل. للحفاظ على مدرستنا تبحث وتعمل ما في وسعها، فإنه يحتاج أحيانا القليل من المساعدة من المجتمع الأم لدينا. لدينا فرص عمل لجميع مستويات المهارة والمصالح. ويوم العمل يكون السبت 4 فبراير 9:00 حتى 13:00

Get Ready for the Variety Show

The 2017 Sequoia Dads' Club Variety Show is right around the corner. The 28th annual event will be held coming up fast, on Saturday, March 18. Note that this year's show is on Saturday instead of Friday.



We're encouraging kids and parents to start thinking about how to get involved!

This beloved event lets students show off their talents, be creative and have a blast. Singing and dancing, comedy, magic, juggling, playing music and skits — we encourage acts of all kinds to perform.

New performers and volunteers needed

We're looking for fresh talent among students of all grades and ages. This is a great way for students to overcome shyness and enjoy the thrill of being on stage and putting together a spectacular performance.

Please begin talking to your students about being part of this year's Variety Show, whether as individuals or part of a group act!

We're also seeking new parent volunteers. We're looking for people who are willing to coach workshops, help out with auditions and rehearsals, sell ads for the program, solicit raffle prizes and more. Please contact Stacey Gordon (stacey@suiteseven.com) or Heidi Aboites (heidiaboites@gmail.com) if you want to get involved.

Key dates

- Saturday, Feb. 25 (10 a.m. –2 p.m.): Mandatory tryouts (you have to be there to be in the show!)
- Saturday, March 4 (10 a.m. –2 p.m.) or Wednesday, March 8 (2:30-6 p.m.): Workshops (you must sign up for a workshop to be in the show)
- Saturday, March 11 (10 a.m. –4 p.m.): First rehearsal (you'll receive a time window for your act; this rehearsal is mandatory)
- Thursday, March 16 (6:30–9:30 p.m.): Dress rehearsal (your performer must be there for the entire rehearsal)
- Saturday, March 18, 5–9 p.m.: Sequoia Variety Show performance

Visit our page on the Sequoia website (<http://sequoiaschool.net/varietyshow>) to get event updates. We are looking forward to another fantastic – and FUN – Sequoia Variety Show!

Breakfast with the Principal Meeting

Join us for the next Breakfast with the Principal meeting this Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 9–9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Principal Bertolo will discuss updates related to the district budget and enrichment programs for next year, as well as ideas for increasing volunteers and donations.

Sequoia Sings on Wednesday

Our next Sequoia Sings event of the school year is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1, in the auditorium. Sequoia Sings is a monthly event where Sequoia students gather to sing together as a community, and families are invited to attend. Please join us as Mr. Bob leads the students in song.

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Needed: Retail Partners Coordinator

We have a great opportunity for a Sequoia volunteer who likes to use email and social media. Please contact us if you want to help us increase our fundraising revenue from retail partnerships. This means promoting the use of shopping links, like Amazon Smile, so Sequoia receives a referral fee. This is a job you can do from home at any time that is convenient to you.



We have potential to earn several thousand dollars per year from these programs. For example, when a shopper begins an Amazon purchase with the Amazon Smile link on Sequoia's website, FOSS receives 6–8% of the sale!

Please contact Stacie Chun at staciechun@gmail.com if you are interested in this volunteer role.

Safety Patrol Volunteer Needed

The Sequoia Safety Patrol (SSP) needs a few volunteers to put out drop-off signs around the school every morning at 8 a.m. and bring them back in at 8:45 a.m. If you can help, please contact one of the following:

- Dolores, SSP Advisor: (510) 472-9767
- Monique: (510) 301-6861

Girl Scout Cookies are Coming

Girl Scout cookie season starts Wednesday, Feb. 1! Support Sequoia's new Brownies troop by buying your Thin Mints, Samoas and more from Sequoia Girl Scouts.

The Sequoia Girl Scout cookie booth will be open select days—both on the playground after school and outside the cafeteria during aftercare pickup 5–6 p.m. This week look for us Wednesday at 1:20 p.m., Thursday at 5 p.m. and Friday at 3 p.m. Cookies are \$5 per box. Girl Scout cookies are available only February 1 to March 5. More sale dates to come!

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. Are there teachers, staff, students or volunteers who deserve to be recognized and thanked for their efforts to improve our school and community? Send your Shouts Outs to the newsletter team using the form on the school website's newsletter page



Thank you motors skills volunteers:

Brady Golden, Melissa Hydemeller, Rachel Jimenez, Leigh Fites, Sam Hoover, Rob Schmidt, Melanie Kelsey, Keith Ogden, Tacy Franklin, Jeffrey Patricio, Annie Crocker, Reka Lal, Jenny; and Uche and Lanaya from Ms Dana's 5th grade class.

Thank you from the TK and kindergarten classes:

Donations: Miles, Kavya, Travis, Matthew, Abilene, Mariyah, Sofia, Taelin; Space Heater: Amanda; Photos: Reka; 100th Day Snacks: Abilene, Drew, Remi, Paxton, Hazel, Taelin; Valentine snacks: Naileah, Hazel, Sofia, Kavya, Taelin, Matthew, Abilene; Story Cycle Bags: Jenny; Snack set-up: Amanda, Stacey, Tara, Reka; Motor Skills: Annie, Reka, Jenny, Isabelle, Amanda, RaeBrady, Melissa, Rachel, Leigh, Sam, Rob, Melanie, Keith, Tacy, Jeffrey, Uche, Lanaya; Lunch help: Annie, Crystal, Reka, Jenny; Snack: Matthew, Naileah, Paxton, Nicole

Dads' Club Meeting This Week

The next Dads' Club meeting is this Thursday, Feb. 2 from 7–8:30 p.m. at Red Boy Pizza, 1500 Leimert Boulevard. The Dads' Club organizes and funds many of the annual family and community events, school enrichment programs and communication services that support our students and teachers.



School Site Council Meeting Feb. 7

The next meeting of the School Site Council (SSC) is Tuesday, Feb. 7 from 5–6 p.m. in the school library. 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.



FOSS Meeting Next Week

Please join us for the next F.O.S.S (Friends of Sequoia School) meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria; dinner and childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there!

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.

Family Dance & Silent Auction

Our annual Family Dance and (mostly) Silent Auction is a great way to enjoy good food and fun music for the whole family while raising money for Sequoia's enrichment programs such as library, music, art and garden. This year's event will be held from 5–8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11.