

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Feb. 6, 2017

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Three-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- Mon • Feb 6: **100th Day of School**
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*

Tue • Feb 14: **Valentine's Day**

- Mon • Feb 20: **Presidents' Day: No School For Students**
Tue • Feb 21: **SSC Meeting**, 5:00–6 p.m., *Library*
Thu • Feb 23: **Healthy Start Winter Showcase**, 5:30–6:30 p.m., *Auditorium*
Fri • Feb 24: **Readathon Begins**, runs through Monday Mar. 6
Sat • Feb 25: **Dads' Club Sponsored Variety Show Try Outs**, 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m., *Auditorium*

Math Parent University Cancelled

The Math Parent University that was scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6 is cancelled. It will be rescheduled later in the year.

Family Dance & Silent Auction

Grab the kids, and be prepared to Rock the Roost! Our 3rd Annual Family Dance & (mostly) Silent Auction is THIS Saturday, Feb. 11, from 5:00–8 p.m. in the Sequoia auditorium (enter on the Hearst St drop zone).



You'll find Mr. D of Mr. D's Music Club spinning upbeat, kid-friendly tunes in the dance hall (a.k.a. the auditorium), a fabulous photo booth by professional photographer Mitch Tobias in the main lobby, great eats from Ippo Ramen, Fist of Flour and El Paisa, tempting desserts from our fourth- and fifth-grade families, and over 180 useful/fun/interesting/enriching/exciting/luxurious items to bid on.

Make sure to bring your smart phone so you can quickly pay for your items online and take advantage of our express check-out at the end of the evening! We'll be encouraging folks to use PayPal or credit cards this year, as this makes life a lot easier for our dedicated school treasurers, Stacie Chun and Simone Jacques.

Check out the bidding website, where you can pre-bid or use the "Buy Now" feature to secure your favorites right away:
www.biddingowl.com/friendsofsequoia

And finally, we're seeking volunteers to help on the day of. If you can spare an hour or two before, during or after the event, we'll take it! No skills necessary—we can find a job for you that you won't hate. We also need baked goods for the Bake Sale for Science at the auction. Please contact SequoiaAuctionTeam@gmail.com, or look for an online sign-up sheet that will be sent out to the Sequoia Yahoo group shortly.

No School on Monday, Feb. 20

Sequoia will be closed Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. The school will reopen on February 21.

No hay clases el lunes, 20 de febrero

Sequoia estará cerrado el lunes, 20 de febrero en celebración de la fiesta del Día de los Presidentes. La escuela volverá a abrir el 21 de febrero.

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紅杉小學將在二月二十日, 星期一不要上課為總統日假期。

Không học vào Thứ Hai, Ngày 20 Tháng 2 để mừng

Trường Sequoia sẽ Đóng cửa Thứ Hai, Ngày 20 Tháng 2 để mừng Lễ Tổng Thống. Trường sẽ mở cửa lại Thứ Ba, Ngày 21 Tháng 2.

لا مدرسة على الاثنين 20 فبراير

سيتم إغلاق سيكوييا الاثنين 20 فبراير بمناسبة عطلة عيد الرؤساء. وسوف تقوم المدرسة بإعادة فتح في 21 فبراير شباط.

FOSS Meeting This 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.

School Site Council Meeting Feb. 21

The next meeting of the School Site Council (SSC) is Tuesday, Feb. 21 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.



California Healthy Kids Survey

Parents, your input is needed! The California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) is an important tool for us to learn about how kids, parents and staff are experiencing Sequoia. We look at the results every year and try to make positive changes. Last year, 58% of parents completed the survey. Well done! Let's shoot for more voices this year, especially from families who speak more than one language. The survey is translated into many languages because we want to hear from everyone in our community. We encourage you to take the survey on your phone or computer. The link to the survey is posted at <http://sequoiaschool.net>. Paper copies will come home next week.



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

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.

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!

Donations: Miles, Hazel, Mariyah, Kavya

100th Day Volunteers: Stacey, Amanda, Sean, Reka

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: Annie, Amanda, Stacey, Tara, Reka, Carolina, Sofia

Motor Skills: Annie, Andy, Jenny, Isabelle, Melissa, Melanie, Rob, Jeffrey, Tacy

Lunch help: Annie, Crystal, Reka, Jenny

Snack: Sofia, Ariana, Adriana, Erawan

Girl Scout Cookies

Thanks to everyone for their enthusiastic support of Sequoia's Girl Scouts by buying cookies! You can find us at Healthy Start on Monday, Feb. 6, from 5:00–6 p.m. and after school on Friday, Feb. 10, 3:00–4 p.m. Other dates will be announced. The sale runs through March 5. Cookies are five dollars a box.

Get Ready for Variety Show Tryouts

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.



Sequoia students will get to show off their unique talents by singing, playing, dancing, juggling, telling jokes, wowing us with magic and much more. The event is great fun for performers and audience members alike! Tryouts for the Sequoia Variety Show will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Sequoia auditorium. Tryouts are mandatory for any individual or group act that would like to be involved in the show.

Performing in the Variety Show

We are excited to see new faces at our tryouts this year, so encourage your student to get involved! Tryouts are really a chance for us to see your act; everyone who tries out can be in the show. Please see guidelines about acts and the commitment to the show here:

<http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/variety-show/performers/>.

Tryout schedule

To minimize the amount of waiting time people need to spend during tryouts, we will reserve the first 1.5 hours of the morning for acts that have pre-registered and submitted their music. Once you pre-register, we'll send you a time slot to appear for your tryout. If you don't pre-register, the first-come, first-served tryouts will begin at 11:30 a.m. To pre-register, please visit <http://sequoiaschool.net/varietyshow>.

Every student who plans to participate must be registered. One parent must also register each group act.

Workshops

Workshops are mandatory this year. We have two dates, Saturday, Mar. 4 and Wednesday, Mar. 8, when workshops will be available, and we can be flexible if those dates don't work for you. We will need to do a workshop with each act in order for them to be in the show.

Volunteers Needed!

This amazing production can't happen without the help of dozens of volunteers! We need people to help sell ads for our programs, solicit raffle donations, coach performers and help out on show night. We also need food donations for the event. If you're a parent or family member interested in helping, or if you can donate food items for the March 18 performance, please contact the team at sequoiavarietyshow@gmail.com. We hope to see your shining stars at the Variety Show tryouts!

Does the cookie booth make your second- or third-grader want to join Girl Scouts? There is still room in our Brownie troop. We meet the last Tuesday of each month from 5:00–6:30 p.m. To find out more and how to enroll your daughter online, contact sequoiagirlscouts@gmail.com.