

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Feb. 13, 2017

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SequoiaSchool.net and [Facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary](https://www.facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary)



Three-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days



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*

Tue • Feb 28: **Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated**

Tue • Feb 28: **Family Reading Night**, 6:30–8 p.m.,
Auditorium

Wed • Mar 1: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**,
8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*

Wed • Mar 1: **Breakfast with the Principal**, 9–9:30 a.m.,
Cafeteria

Thu • Mar 2: **Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read Across America Day**

Thu • Mar 2: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7–8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd)*

Fri • Mar 3: **Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day**

Fri • Mar 3: **Second Trimester Report Cards Sent Home**

Sat • Mar 4: **Dads' Club Sponsored Variety Show Workshop**, 10 a.m. –1:00 p.m., *Auditorium*

Mar 6 - 10: Minimum Week: 1:20 p.m. Dismissal All Week

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.

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 survey is posted online at ow.ly/bqXt308UXdH. Paper copies were sent home last week.

La Encuesta de Niños Saludables de California (CHKS por sus sílabas en inglés) es una herramienta importante para que aprendamos acerca de cómo los niños, padres y el personal de la escuela están viviendo a Sequoia. Observamos los resultados cada año y tratamos de hacer cambios positivos. El año pasado el 58% de los padres completó la encuesta ... BRAVO! Queremos alcanzar más voces este año, especialmente la de las familias que hablan más de una lengua. La encuesta se traduce a varios idiomas porque queremos escuchar a toda nuestra comunidad. Le recomendamos que tome la encuesta en línea. El enlace esta a ow.ly/bqXt308UXdH.

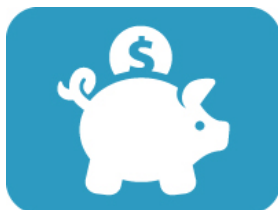
加州健康儿童调查 (CHKS) 是我们了解孩子，家长和工作人員如何体验红杉的重要工具。我们每年看看结果，并尝试做出积极的改变。58%的家长去年完成了调查... BRAVO! 让我们今年拍摄更多的声音，特别是说超过一种语言的家庭。调查被翻译成许多语言，因为我们想听到社区中的每个人。我们鼓励您在网上或在手机上。链接如下。

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استبيان كاليفورنيا الصحي للأطفال (CHKS) هو أداة مهمة بالنسبة لنا لمعرفة كيفية خبرة الأطفال وأولياء الأمور والموظفين عن سيكوييا. ونحن ننظر إلى النتائج من كل عام ونحاول إحداث تغييرات إيجابية. في العام الماضي 58% من الآباء أتموا الاستبيان ... برفوا! دعونا نتأمل لمزيد من الأصوات في هذا العام، ولا سيما الأسر الذين يتحدثون أكثر من لغة واحدة. حيث سيترجم الاستبيان إلى عدة لغات لأننا نريد أن نسمع من الجميع في مجتمعنا. نحن نشجعكم على عمل الاستبيان على الانترنت أو على الهواتف الخاصة بكم. واتباع الرابط. والنسخ الورقية منه سترسل الى البيوت الأسبوع المقبل أيضا. ow.ly/bqXt308UXdH

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.



Share Your Thoughts on OUSD's Next Superintendent

Oakland School Board Members have retained Leadership Associates to assist in facilitating the search process and are committed to an open and transparent process that will engage staff and community in determining the key qualities and attributes needed in the new superintendent.

This will involve opportunities for community members to have their voices heard in a variety of ways including open forums, group input sessions and an online survey. The online survey will be available at ousd.org/superintendentsearch from February 6–17. Community members are encouraged to participate in the online survey even if they plan to attend one of the engagement meetings held by BOE Directors or Leadership Associates. Learn more about the hiring timeline and process, and share your thoughts at: ousd.org/superintendentsearch

Khảo sát Healthy Kids California (CHKS) là một công cụ quan trọng đối với chúng tôi để tìm hiểu về cách thức trẻ em, phụ huynh và nhân viên đang gặp Sequoia. Chúng tôi nhìn vào kết quả hàng năm và cố gắng làm cho những thay đổi tích cực. 58% phụ huynh năm cuối cùng hoàn thành khảo sát ... BRAVO! Hãy bắn cho tiếng nói hơn trong năm nay, đặc biệt là gia đình những người nói nhiều hơn một ngôn ngữ. Cuộc khảo sát được dịch sang nhiều ngôn ngữ bởi vì chúng tôi muốn nghe từ tất cả mọi người trong cộng đồng của chúng tôi. Chúng tôi khuyến khích bạn mang nó trực tuyến hoặc trên điện thoại của bạn. Các liên kết sau. bản sao giấy sẽ trở về nhà vào tuần tới là tốt. ow.ly/bqXt308UXdH



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

Family Reading Night

Family Reading Night is coming up Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 6-8 p.m.

Dinner is at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria, reading is at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Free dinner! Free books! Fun community! Bring the entire family! You can even bring the kids in PJs.

Would you be willing to bring a salad or dessert to share? Can you help set up or clean up? Let us know! Email us at nancygrace99@yahoo.com or susannaheloyse@yahoo.com



New Fundraiser for Sequoia

It's that time of year again to start exploring and registering for summer camps (and spring break). Sequoia has partnered with ActivityHero.com as a way to help families find fun kids' camps and classes near them and help raise funds for the school.

ActivityHero donates a percentage of each registration you make at this link:

<http://camps.activityhero.com/sequoia-fundraiser/>



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 TK and K!

Donations: Matthew, Mariyah, Dad's Club, Taelin, Anabel
Classroom help: Annie, Reka, Jenny, Lucy, Joven
100th Day volunteers: Stacey, Amanda, Annie, Reka, Jenny
100th Day buttons: Mr. Inclan
Photos: Reka
Story Cycle Bags: Jenny
Snack set-up: Annie, Amanda, Stacey, Tara, Reka
Motor Skills: Julianan, Sachiko, Bruce, Brady, Leigh, Rob, Melanie, Keith, Jeff, Yuzuka, Ivan, Jasper, Kyra, D'Maurea, Joshua, Ebube, Lucy, Joven
Lunch help: Annie, Crystal, Reka, Jenny, Amanda
Snack: Abilene, Taelin, Anabel



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 on Saturday, March 18. Please 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 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!

Girl Scout Cookies

Girl Scout cookies will be available again before Family Reading Night on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. The sale runs through March 5. Cookies are \$5 a box.

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 5–6:30 p.m. To find out more and how to enroll your daughter online, contact sequoiagirlscouts@gmail.com.