



Three-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- Mon • Feb 20:** Presidents' Day: No School For Students
Tue • Feb 21: SSC Meeting, 5–6 p.m., Library
Wed • Feb 22: Deadline for California Healthy Kids Survey
Thu • Feb 23: Healthy Start Winter Showcase, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Auditorium
Fri • Feb 24: Readathon Begins, runs through Monday March 6
Sat • Feb 25: Dads' Club Sponsored Variety Show Try Outs, 10:00 a.m.—1 p.m., Auditorium
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- Tue • Feb 28:** Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated
Tue • Feb 28: Family Reading Night, 6:00—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
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- Mar 6 - 10:** Minimum Week: 1:20 p.m. Dismissal All Week

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.

Message From Principal Bertolo

About CHKS

I want to talk to you about the importance of the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS). As you know the district is using a new method of ranking schools called the School Performance Framework (SPF). Forty percent of that ranking is based on our responses from the CHKS data. It uses data from staff, parents, and students. This is where we need your support. You were asked to do a survey online, or turn in a paper survey. It is imperative that we get as close to 100% return as possible on those parent surveys. I cannot express to you how important your participation is

on that survey. Because those results are tied to our SPF, your input is tied to our budget funding, staffing, and overall public status. Last year, we did well on our SPF partly because of your responses. Please, take 5 minutes and fill out the survey. We would really appreciate your continued support for all of the amazing things that are happening here.

The deadline for participation is this Wed., Feb 22, 2017

Before School Policy

Please make sure that your child remains outside the building before school. The hallways should be completely empty of students and parents before school. This includes coming in to the building to hang up backpacks.

When it is raining outside, your child can go to the cafeteria, the auditorium, or hang out under the awning between those buildings until school starts and your child's teacher comes to collect him or her.

Thank you for helping us keep Sequoia a safe place and respecting the teachers' time to prepare for the day.

Por favor, asegúrese de que su hijo permanezca fuera del edificio antes de la escuela. Los pasillos deben estar completamente vacíos de estudiantes y padres antes de la escuela. Esto incluye entrar al edificio para colgar las mochilas. Cuando llueve afuera, su hijo puede ir a la cafetería, al auditorio, o pasar el rato bajo el toldo entre los edificios hasta que comience la escuela y el maestro de su hijo venga a recogerlo. ¡Gracias!

Hãy chắc chắn rằng con bạn vẫn còn bên ngoài tòa nhà trước khi đi học. Các hành lang nên hoàn toàn trống rỗng của học sinh và cha mẹ trước khi đi học. Điều này bao gồm sắp vào tòa nhà để treo lên ba lô. Khi trời mưa bên ngoài, con bạn có thể đi đến nhà ăn, hội trường, hoặc đi chơi dưới mái hiên giữa những tòa nhà cho đến khi bắt đầu đi học và giáo viên của con bạn có để thu thập họ. Cảm ơn bạn!

الرجاء التأكد من أن طفلك لا يزال خارج المبنى قبل المدرسة. يجب أن تكون الممرات خالية تماما من الطلاب وأولياء الأمور قبل المدرسة. وهذا يشمل الواردة إلى المبنى لشئق الظهر. عندما تمطر في الخارج، يمكن لطفلك يذهب إلى الكافتيريا، قاعة المحاضرات، أو شئق تحت المظلة بين تلك المباني حتى يبدأ مدرسة ومعلم طفلك تأتي لجمع له أو لها. شكرا!

请确保您的孩子在学校之前留在建筑物外面。走廊在学校前应该完全没有学生和家。这包括进入大楼挂断背包。当外面下雨时，你的孩子可以去自助餐厅，礼堂，或在这些建筑物之间的遮阳棚下面，直到学校开始，你的孩子的老师来收集他或她。谢谢！

Readathon Starts

This Friday!



Please check your child's backpack for their Readathon packet on

Friday, Feb. 24. It will contain all the materials you need to keep track of how many minutes your child reads between Friday, Feb. 24 and Monday, March 6. Being read to by another person, and listening to an audio book (book on tape/CD) also count. Please help your child track their minutes since the child who reads the most minutes in each class is invited to a special Reader's Tea.

Fundraising is the other important part of the Readathon. You and your child can solicit donations from family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, Facebook friends, etc. The Readathon packet will contain information about reaching out online through Razoo, which was very successful for a lot of Sequoia families last year. Please help your child keep track of donations on the log provided. The top fundraiser from each class is invited to the Readers' Tea.

We are looking for volunteers for the following Readathon events:

February 24: Help deliver packets to classrooms and explain Readathon to each class

March 3: Help sell La Farine pastries Peet's coffee on school yard before school

March 24: Bring food for the Readers' Tea, help set up and/or clean up, staff the button maker. Please email us at

sequoiareadathon@gmail.com if you can help.

Thanks, and Happy Reading!



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

School Site Council Meeting Today!

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.

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 www.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 Shout Outs to the newsletter team using the form on the school website's newsletter page.

Thank you TK and K!

Donations: Adriana, Anabel

Classroom help: Amanda, Reka, Annie, Carolin, Sidney, Tequila, Landon, Tracey

Box Tops: Adriana, Abilene

Newsletter Help: Jenny Boyden

Valentine snacks: Naileah, Hazel, Sofia, Kavya, Taelin, Matthew, Abilene, Laylah, Drew, Mariyah

Story Cycle Bags: Jenny

Snack set-up: Annie, Amanda, Stacey, Tara, Reka, Motor Skills: Annie, Reka, Jenny, Sachiko, Bruce, Juliana, Melanie, Amieh, Gina, Clark

Lunch help: Annie, Jenny, Sidney, Reka

Snack: Drew, Clara, Dominic, Hazel, Iris



Pre-Register for Variety Show

Tryouts!

Tryouts for the Sequoia Variety Show are this Saturday, Feb. 25! Your student must be at tryouts to be in the show.



Please consider pre-registering for tryouts! We're reserving the first 1.5 hours of tryouts for people who have pre-registered and sent their music. The schedule is as follows:

10—11:30 a.m.: Pre-registered performers can try out. If you pre-register by Friday, Feb. 24, we will send you an email with a specific window of time. ALL performers must be present when their tryout time comes, or we may have to move the act to the back of the queue.

11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.: First-come, first-served tryouts for people who haven't pre-registered. Please sign in when you arrive, and register your student at the registration table.

EVERY student who performs must be registered, and one parent must also submit a registration for each group act:
Individual registration: <http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/variety-show/registration/>
Group act registration: <http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/variety-show/variety-show-group-act-registration/>
Music upload: <https://dropitto.me/varietyshowmusic> (password: music2017)

If your student is singing, music MUST be instrumental or karaoke version. We require an MP3 or WAV file. If the song is too long, we can help you edit it. We can't pull music off of mobile phones, so please do your best to submit the music to us ahead of time. If you can't get the music, let us know what version you want to use and we can download it for you.

Workshops

Workshops are mandatory this year. We have two dates, Saturday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 8, when workshops will be available, and we can be flexible if those dates don't work for you or your children. We'll provide sign-up sheets for workshops during tryouts and online. We 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 night of the show.

If you're a parent or family member who's interested in helping out, or if you can donate food items for the March 18 performance, please contact the team at sequoiavarietyshow@gmail.com.

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.