

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Mar. 6, 2017



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## Two-Week Calendar



**MINIMUM WEEK: 1:20 p.m. Dismissal**

- Mar 6–10 **Golden Sneaker Contest (week 2)**  
Mon • Mar 6: **Final Day of Readathon**, sponsor sheets and funds due  
Wed • Mar 8: **Dads' Club Sponsored Variety Show Workshop**, 6:30–9 p.m., *Auditorium*  
Thu • Mar 9: **Healthy Start Winter Showcase**, 5:30–6:30 p.m., *Cafeteria*  
Sat • Mar 11: **FOSS Meeting**, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., childcare provided, *Dimond Rec Center*  
Sat • Mar 11: **Dads' Club Sponsored Variety Show Rehearsal**, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., *Auditorium*

**Wednesday is a minimum day**

- Sun • Mar 12: **Daylight Saving Time Begins**  
Wed • Mar 15: **Prop 39/OSD Meeting**, 6–8 p.m., *Cafeteria*  
Thu • Mar 16: **Dads' Club Sponsored Variety Show Dress Rehearsal**, 6:30–9 p.m., *Auditorium*  
Fri • Mar 17: **St. Patrick's Day**  
Sat • Mar 18: **Dads' Club Sponsored Variety Show**, 6:30–9:30 p.m., *Auditorium*

## Minimum Days All This Week

Every day during the week of March 6 will be a minimum day, with dismissal at 1:20 p.m. The minimum days will allow teachers to have academic conferences with parents and students after school.

## FOSS Meeting Saturday, Mar. 11

Please join us for the next FOSS meeting on Saturday, Mar. 11, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., at the Dimond Rec Center. Childcare will be provided. We will discuss and prioritize the fundraising budget for the 2017–2018 school year, approve the new FOSS bylaws, and share open Board Member roles for next year. We'd love to have input from as many people as possible. See you there!

## Prop 39 and OUSD: Meeting at Sequoia Mar. 15

What is Prop 39 and how are public schools in Oakland affected by it? Come to the Sequoia cafeteria on the evening of March 15, 6–8 p.m., to learn more about Prop 39 and how some public school campuses in Oakland are being co-located with privately run charter schools. The meeting is kid-friendly and is sponsored by Parents United for Public Schools.

All Prop 39 charter school proposals are due to the school board this week and will be voted on at the March 22 school board meeting. Even though Sequoia is not on the list of public schools to be co-located with a privately run charter school, many other Oakland public schools are. Last year, both Montera and Bret Harte were on the list of middle schools threatened with a forced co-location, and are both still potential sites for a Prop 39 co-location offer.

This March 15 meeting is your chance to learn more and have your voice heard.

## No After School Enrichment Classes This Week

Due to the minimum week release schedule this week, please note there will be no after school enrichment classes offered. (Healthy Start is not affected.) Classes will resume the following week. Email [sequoiaafterschoolenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaafterschoolenrichment@gmail.com).

## Golden Sneaker Contest: Week 2

Golden Sneaker Contest is back for 2017! This is Sequoia's chance to get those little feet moving in the mornings. Families that live far from the school can park a few blocks from school and walk, drop their child off at a friend's house who lives in walking/rolling distance to the school, or start a carpool. The goal of the Golden Sneaker Contest is to encourage students and their families to think about changes they can make towards more active or shared transportation. Contact Jennifer Joey Smith at [510-545-6390](tel:510-545-6390) or [jenjoeysmith@gmail.com](mailto:jenjoeysmith@gmail.com).

## Come See the Variety Show Mar. 18

The Sequoia Dads' Club Variety Show is next Saturday, Mar. 18. Plan to come out and support our kids and enjoy a night of amazing talent—singing, dancing, comedy, magic, gymnastics, and more. And don't forget the legendary secret Dads' Club act at the end of the show!

Doors open at 4:15 p.m. and the show will start promptly at 5 p.m. Come early to buy tickets (\$5 adults, \$2 kids, free for pre-K) and grab good seats. We'll hold a raffle with exciting prizes! We'll also be selling yummy food during intermission.

If you have a child in the show, be sure to pre-order your Variety Show DVDs now at [www.sequoiaschool.net/varietyshow/dvds](http://www.sequoiaschool.net/varietyshow/dvds).

## Movie Night Mar. 24

The last Movie Night of the school year is Friday, Mar. 24, with a showing of "Moana" (rated PG). Parents can check in and drop off their children between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and pick up by 8 p.m. in the auditorium. A dinner of hot dogs, fruit, veggies, and popcorn is included. The cost is \$5 per child.

Movie Night is open to all Sequoia students and their siblings (TK/K children must have a parent chaperone). Parents can drop off the kids and enjoy a few hours off. Parents are also welcome to stay and join in the fun. Supervised by the volunteers of the Dads' Club, kids will be secure and safe and guaranteed to have a blast.

Kids are allowed to dress up in PJs, bring a pillow and a blanket, and stake out a spot on the floor. If enough volunteers are available, the cafeteria will be open for eating, playing games, drawing, or reading as well.

Please contact Dave Lewak ([dave@krozeja.net](mailto:dave@krozeja.net)) if you'd like to volunteer for Movie Night.



## Shout Outs

### Thank you TK/K!

Donations: Selena Corona, Carolina and Victor, Sofia's Grandmother, Ms. Aruna  
Donors Choose: Nicole and Justin  
Lunch help: Jenny, Reka, Annie  
Snack: Matthew, Naileah, Nicole, Phoenix  
Art help: Jenny

Snack set-up: Amanda, Annie, Tara, Reka, Motor Skills: Andy, Annie, Jenny, Sachi, Bruce, Leigh, Melissa, Melanie, Ron, Jasper, Kelly, Angel, Jonah, Lana  
Read-a-thon Committee: Book donations  
5th graders: Black History Month Presentation  
Story Cycle Bags: Jenny

## Letter From the Principal

As the days start to warm up, I want to clarify some school and district policies around school safety. Thank you for helping us make sure Sequoia is a safe place.

### Start Times

- Grades 4-5 begin school at 8:20 a.m. The school building is CLOSED to all students prior to that time.
- The cafeteria opens at 8 a.m. All unsupervised students on campus before 8:20 a.m. MUST remain in the cafeteria.
- Absolutely NO STUDENTS should be on school grounds unsupervised before 8 a.m.
- No student should be inside the building before school (even if it's just to hang up coats and backpacks), unless the classroom teacher has made prior arrangements.

### Wheels

- Our school district prohibits wheelie shoes on school grounds, including the yard, for liability reasons.
- No wheeled vehicles are allowed on the yard (including scooters, hoverboards, skateboards, and bikes).

It really does take all of us to make it work, and I truly appreciate your support.

With Warmest Regards, DONALD T. BERTOLO

### Thư từ Hiệu trưởng

Như những ngày bắt đầu ấm lên, tôi muốn làm rõ một số chính sách của trường và huyện xung quanh an toàn trường học. Cảm ơn bạn đã giúp chúng tôi đảm bảo Sequoia là một nơi an toàn. Bắt đầu Times

Lớp 4-5 bắt đầu đi học tại 08:20 Việc xây dựng trường ĐÓNG cho tất cả học sinh trước khi vào thời điểm đó.

Các quán cà phê mở cửa lúc 08:00 Tất cả các sinh viên không có giám sát tại trường trước khi 08:20 PHẢI vẫn còn trong nhà ăn.

Tuyệt đối KHÔNG HỌC SINH nên được trên sân trường không có giám sát trước 08:00

Không có học sinh nên được bên trong tòa nhà trước khi đi học (ngay cả khi nó chỉ là để treo lên áo khoác và ba lô), sắp xếp trước trừ khi giáo viên lớp học đã được thực hiện.

### Wheels

Khu học chánh của chúng tôi cấm giày có bánh xe trên sân trường, bao gồm sân, vì lý do trách nhiệm.

Không có xe bánh được phép vào sân (bao gồm cả xe tay ga, hoverboards, ván trượt, và xe đạp).

Nó thực sự không mất tất cả chúng ta để làm cho nó làm việc, và tôi thực sự đánh giá cao sự hỗ trợ của bạn.

Với Trân trọng Kính trọng, DONALD T. Bertolo

## Carta del Director

A medida que los días comienzan a ser mas cálidos, quiero aclarar algunas políticas de la escuela y del distrito en torno a la seguridad escolar. Gracias por ayudarnos a que Sequoia sea un lugar seguro.

### Inicio

- Los grados 4-5 comienzan la escuela a las 8:20 am. El edificio de la escuela está CERRADO a todos los estudiantes antes de esa hora.

- La cafetería abre a las 8 am. Todos los estudiantes sin supervisión en el campus antes de las 8:20 am DEBEN permanecer en la cafetería.
- Absolutamente NINGÚN ESTUDIANTE debe estar en la escuela sin supervisión antes de las 8 am.
- Ningún estudiante debe estar dentro del edificio antes del inicio de las clases (aunque sólo sea para colgar abrigos y mochilas), a menos que el maestro de clase haya hecho arreglos previos.

### Ruedas

- Nuestro distrito escolar prohíbe los zapatos con ruedas en los terrenos de la escuela, incluyendo el patio, por razones de responsabilidad.
- No se permiten vehículos con ruedas en el patio (incluyendo monopatines, aeropatines, patinetas y bicicletas).

Realmente nos lleva a todos hacer que esto funcione, y verdaderamente aprecio su apoyo.

Con mis mejores deseos, DONALD T. BERTOLO

### 學校上課時間 :

- \* 四至五年級在早上八時二十分開始
- \* 學生不能在八時二十分之前進入校舍和校園
- \* 學校的飯堂會在八時開門，所有的學生都有留在飯堂，之校舍開門。
- \* 學生不能在八時之前進入校園和校舍
- \* 學生不能進入校舍，在學校未開門之前

### 車輪類別 :

- \* 我們的校區禁止手推車鞋在校園的周圍
- \* 在校園不准車輪的車，例如 ( 滑板車，電氣墊板車，溜冰板車，單車 )

多謝各位家長合作!

### رسالة من مدير المدرسة

كما كانت ايام تبدأ في عملية الاحماء، وأنا أريد أن أوضح بعض السياسات المدرسية ومنطقة حول السلامة المدرسية. شكرا لمساعدتنا على التأكد من سيكوييا هو مكان آمن. بداية تايمز

الصفوف 4-5 تبدأ المدرسة في 08:20 إغلاق مبنى المدرسة لجميع الطلاب قبل ذلك الوقت.

يفتح مطعم في 8:00 جميع الطلاب غير خاضعة للرقابة في الحرم الجامعي قبل 08:20 يجب أن تبقى في الكافتيريا.

تماما يجب أن يكون أي طالب على أرض المدرسة غير خاضعة للرقابة قبل 08:00 وينبغي أن يكون أي طالب داخل المبنى قبل المدرسة (حتى لو كان مجرد لشنق المعاطف وعلى الظهر)، والترتيبات المسبقة ما لم تكن معلم الصف.

### عجلات

وتحظر مدرسة حي أحييتنا بالدراجة على أرض المدرسة، بما في ذلك الفناء، لأسباب المسؤولية.

لا يسمح لأي المركبات ذات العجلات على ساحة (بما في ذلك الدراجات البخارية، والتعليق و لوح التزلج، والدراجات).

أنه حقا لا تأخذ كل واحد منا والعمل على انجاحه، وأنا أقدر حقا دعمكم. بيرتولو T. مع أطيب التحيات، دونالد