

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Mar. 20, 2017

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Three-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- Mon • Mar 20: **First Day of Spring/Spring Equinox**
Tue • Mar 21: **"Let's Talk About Race and Racism at Sequoia" Community Workshop**, 6–8 p.m., childcare and snacks provided, *Auditorium*
Fri • Mar 24: **Movie Night**, 5–8 p.m., *Auditorium*
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- Mar 27–30: **Spring Book Fair**, Mon and Tue: 3–4 p.m., Wed: 1:20–2:20 p.m., Thu: 3–4 p.m., *Auditorium*
Thu • Mar 30: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday**, 3–3:30 p.m., *School yard*
Fri • Mar 31: **Cesar Chavez Day: No School For Students**
Sat • Apr 1: April Fools' Day
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- Apr 3–7: **Spring Recess: No School For Students**

Movie Night Friday, 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 5:30–6:30 p.m. and pick them 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. 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.

After-school program (SHS/CDC) students who would like to participate should make arrangements with the coordinators of those programs. (Permission slips are available with SHS/CDC.)

All TK/Kindergarten students require a parent chaperone. All siblings who accompany Sequoia students must sign in and follow the Movie Night rules. We hope that all students will practice the core Sequoia values of Respect, Compassion, Responsibility and Honesty during the movie and will follow these guidelines during the movie. There is no running, rough play, throwing, taking belongings, climbing, playing piano, or electronic devices allowed at movie night.

All Movie Night attendees must stay inside the event boundaries: the auditorium, cafeteria, and downstairs hallways. This includes older siblings who may think they are too old for such restrictions.

The Dads' Club volunteers may call a parent or guardian if a child cannot follow these rules. Please contact Dave Lewak (dave@krozeja.net) if you'd like to volunteer for Movie Night.

No School on Friday, Mar. 31 and April 3–7

Sequoia will be closed Friday, Mar. 31 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day, and April 3–7 for Spring Recess. The school will reopen on April 10.

No habrá clases el viernes 31 de marzo, ni del 3 al 7 de abril. Sequoia estará cerrada el viernes 31 de marzo en cumplimiento con el Día de César Chávez y del 3 al 7 de abril por las vacaciones de primavera. La escuela volverá a abrir el 10 de abril.

Sequoia 3月31日至4月7日, 没有学校. 學校將再次開始在4月10日.

XIN CHÚ Ý: Trường Sequoia sẽ đóng cửa Thứ 6 Ngày 31 Tháng 3, để mừng lễ Ông Cesar Chavez. Tuần sau đó nghỉ lễ Spring Break. Trường sẽ trở lại Thứ Hai Ngày 10 Tháng Tư (4/10/2017).

لا مدرسة في الاثنين فبراير 31 و 03 حتي 07 أبريل
سيتم إغلاق سيكوييا الجمعة فبراير 31 في الاحتفال باليوم سيزار شافز،
و 03-07 أبريل لعطلة الربيع. وسوف تقوم المدرسة بإعادة فتح يوم 10 ابريل.

Book Fair March 27–30

The Book Fair is approaching and we are actively seeking some wonderful people to help volunteer on the following days:

- Monday, 3/27: 8–9:30 a.m. setup and 2:45–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, 3/28: 2:45–6 p.m.
- Wednesday, 3/29: 1–2:20 p.m.
- Thursday, 3/30: 2:45–4 p.m. and 4–5 p.m. breakdown

We especially need help with setup and break down. If you are able to volunteer (you will receive one free book up to a \$10 value), please email our volunteer coordinator Michelle at duffdiaz55@gmail.com or Heather King at heatherking.lmt@gmail.com.

You can also buy books online until April 1 using the link below: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/sequoiaelementaryschool1>.

Let's Talk About Race and Racism at Sequoia

Please join a community conversation facilitated by Dr. Allison Briscoe-Smith about race and racism at Sequoia on Tuesday, Mar. 21, from 6-8 pm in the Sequoia Auditorium. Sponsored by FOSS, Healthy Start/EBAC and the Inclusive School Committee

We will be discussing the following questions: What is your vision for a racially just Sequoia? Where do you see racism impacting Sequoia? What do we want to do about it?

All voices welcome. Spanish translation is available. Childcare is available for school-age children, and babes in arms are welcome. There will be a toddler area for parents to supervise their children. Contact Reka Lal at reka@ebac.org or (510) 482-7213 x2102 to RSVP. s

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Variety Show Shout Outs

Many thanks to all the people who worked so hard to put on our fabulous Sequoia Dads' Club Variety Show on Saturday. We appreciate everyone's dedication, generosity and passion for putting together this beloved event.

Core team: Heidi Aboites, Dave Ball, Douglas Berger, Suzy Bikakis, Kirsten Dahl, Stacey Gordon, Joe Hayes, Anna Keeffe, Carlos La Roche, Jeff Lewis, Luke Milich, Damion Mosier-Tidd, Jesse O'Brien, Josh Phillips, Vicky Scolini. Also thanks to our student helpers: Leo Deterer, Hazel Phillips, Orin King and Kieran Sullivan. Also thank you to our "tweener" performers: Pilar Gomez Berger, Madeleine Gordon, Mr. Bertolo, Dana Watchorn, and Karen Loeser. And many thanks to Erich Vogel for organizing the Dads' Club Finale, along with the dads who participated in the act.

Many thanks to: Angelina Bazan, Donald Bertolo (Squirrel-zilla!), Brian Keeffe, Amara Lisy, and all the volunteers who helped with setup and cleanup, and everyone who donated food for the intermission. Thanks to all the parents and families who made sure the kids were at tryouts and rehearsals and who worked so hard on costumes, props and rehearsing to get ready for the show!

And finally, thank you to our raffle sponsors: City Council Representative Annie Campbell Washington, Four Barrel Coffee, the Oakland Zoo, SensationAll Kids Gym and Total Health Sport. And many thanks to our program sponsors and to Impact SF Lighting.

Shout Outs

Thank you!

Donations: Sofia, Kavya

Story Cycle Bags: Jenny

Snack set-up: Amanda, Annie, Stacey, Reka

Motor Skills: Reka, Annie, Jenny, Isabel, Angel, Rob, Leigh, Kelly,

Bruce, Betty, Krista, Lenny, Tico, Sandro, Angelo, Jayden

Lunch help: Jenny, Reka, Annie, Bolormaa

Snack: Drew, Abilene, Paxton, Anabel, Ariana

Order a Variety Show DVD

The 2017 Variety Show is over, but the memories will live on in our DVD of the show! You can order yours now at <http://sequoiaschool.net/varietyshow/dvds>. The DVD features professional-quality footage from the entire show. Relive all the great moments of the night! Variety Show DVDs also make great gifts for grandparents, aunts and uncles, and faraway relatives who couldn't be there in person.

DVDs are \$15 each or three for \$40. You can pay using PayPal, or drop off a check or cash (in an envelope marked "Variety Show DVD" with your name and email address or phone number) in the secure FOSS mailbox in the Sequoia office. Orders are due April 12, 2017.

Message From the Principal

Hello Squirrel Families!

With the warm weather more and more students are riding bikes to school or using scooters. Unfortunately, this week we have had several scooters and one bike stolen. During recess, we have also had students riding the unlocked items. If kiddos are going to bring bikes and scooters, please make sure they have a lock. I know it's not something we should have to worry about at school, but it's a good lesson in property safety. Also, if you see your child riding a bike or scooter that you have not purchased, please have a conversation about the situation. Thank you for your help.

With Warmest Regards,
DONALD T. BERTOLO