

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Mar. 27, 2017

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## Three-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

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**

Apr 3–7: **Spring Recess: No School For Students**

Mon • Apr 10: **School Resumes After Spring Recess**  
Mon • Apr 10: **Passover**, begins at sundown  
Tue • Apr 11: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*  
Wed • Apr 12: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**,  
8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*  
Wed • Apr 12: **Breakfast with the Principal**, 9–9:30 a.m.,  
*Cafeteria*  
Wed • Apr 12: **Evening of Engineering Extravaganza**,  
6–8 p.m., *Auditorium*  
Thu • Apr 13: **Cambodian New Year Begins**  
Thu • Apr 13: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7–8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd)*  
Fri • Apr 14: **Dads' Club Sponsored Variety Show DVD Orders Due**, 3 p.m., *Dads' Club box in office*

## 2017 Read-a-thon Winners!

This year's Read-a-thon was the most successful we've ever had thanks to our generous Sequoia community! We had so many amazing reader-fundraisers this year they were all invited to our annual Readers' Tea last Friday:

Winners for MOST MINUTES READ IN THEIR CLASS:  
Ella Songster, Ninh-An Kimmons, Angel Hill, Noah Newton, Olivia Lewis, Francisco "Coyo" Tena, Mina Benham-Cunningham, Eden Kinnon, Shaun Jones, Tegan Donahue, Sophie Lewak, Sammy Beardsley, Deborah Dang, Jackson White, Finn Salyk, Isaiah Jimenez, and Clara Kimball.

Winners for HIGHEST DONATIONS IN THEIR CLASS:  
Ella Songster, Ninh-An Kimmons, Sekou Kimmons, Nathan Ruby, Dante Mosier-Tidd, Matthew Kercher, Rose Dove, Silas Linstrum, Sydney Jones, Ayana Sakamoto, Gabriella Luevano, Bodhi Bunlert, Pilar Gomez Berger, Mimi Samson, Lily Herrick, Joshua Lewis, Addis Getinet, and Diana Cardenas.

HONORABLE MENTIONS for Extraordinary Effort:  
Grace Johnson, Achille Palino, Nora Dunstan, Rachel Williams, Monrovia Prinz, Jozeryah Kirkendall, Mauricio Betancourt, and Norah Goldberg.

Congratulations to all!

## 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](mailto:duffdiaz55@gmail.com) or Heather King at [heatherking.lmt@gmail.com](mailto:heatherking.lmt@gmail.com).

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

## OUSD Superintendent Search

A coalition of local education groups, Justice for Oakland Students (J4OS), is organizing an effort to elevate community voices in the Oakland Unified School District's search for our next superintendent. Please check out J4OS's Facebook page to sign on in support of a superintendent who respects community, protects our kids, and directly funds schools:  
[facebook.com/demandJ4OS/](https://facebook.com/demandJ4OS/)

## Spring Break Camps for Sequoia Families

Spring Break is right around the corner and Sequoia FOSS and ActivityHero want to make it easy for parents to find Spring Break Camps! Explore spring and summer camp options near you at this link:

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

and raise funds for Sequoia. ActivityHero donates a portion of each registration made from this page.

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## Science Fair Extravaganza Night 4/12

Science Fair Extravaganza Night is Wednesday, April 12 from 6–8 p.m. in the auditorium

To kick off the science fair projects within the classrooms and the 5th grade science trip, please join us for a night of science and engineering fun. Activities will include making catapults, marble runs, circuits, building cities and more. This is a free, all ages event. Light snacks will be available for hungry kiddos. Donations will be accepted to help keep science, music, art and more continuing for all Sequoia kids.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help set up and run the 11 science engineering stations—no experience necessary! Any time you can help is appreciated. Please contact Arianne Wagner ([ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com) or 510-292-7596) for volunteering or general questions.

## Shout Outs

Thank you from TK & K!

Art help: Judy

Donations: Maribel, Nicole Sattler, Adrian Goldstein, Jenny Boyden, Erawan, The Amazon Fairy,

Box Tops: Maribel

Story Cycle Bags: Jenny

Snack set-up: Amanda, Annie, Stacey, Tara, Reka  
Motor Skills: Reka, Annie, Jenny, Isabel, Juliana, Brady, Sachi, Bruce, Leigh, Melanie, Keith, Melissa

Lunch help: Jenny, Reka, Annie, Bolormaa, Isabel

Snack: Clara, Dominic, Erawan, Hazel, Kavya

## Order a Variety Show DVD

The 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**