

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: April 10, 2017

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Two-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- Mon • Apr 10: **Passover**, begins at sundown
Tue • Apr 11: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*
Wed • Apr 12: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance (TK/K)**, 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*
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- Sun • Apr 16: **Easter**
Tue • Apr 18: **FOSS Meeting**, 6–8 p.m., *Cafeteria* (dinner served at 6 p.m., meeting starts at 6:15 p.m.; childcare provided)
Sat • Apr 22: **Earth Day**
Sat • Apr 22: **Dads' Club Earth Day Work Day**, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., *School yard*
Sat • Apr 22: **Playdate for incoming TK and Kindergarten students**, 9–11 a.m., *School yard by lower grade play structure*

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 Wednesday, April 12.

Shout Outs!

Sequoia would not be the wonderful school it is without the efforts of our teachers, staff and volunteers. Each week we express appreciation for those efforts. Send your appreciations using the newsletter form on the school's website.

Thank You from the Readathon Committee!

This year's Readathon was a resounding success and raised more money than ever! Of course, we owe that success to our amazing kids, parents, teachers, and community, and so...

The Readathon Committee would like to thank our beloved Sequoia teachers, as well as Mr. Bertolo and Angelina Bazan, for their help and flexibility on DEAR Day and throughout the Readathon.

DEAR Day would be nothing without our readers: Annie Campbell Washington, Arisa White, Luan Stauss, Melissa Reyes, Samantha Giles, Robert Trujillo, Laurin Mayeno, Thien Pham, Miriam Medow, Lyn Hejinian, Victoria Shoemaker, Kate Schatz, and Judith Rawner. Thanks also goes to Stan Dodson and La Farine, as well as Peets Coffee for donations for DEAR Day. We are forever indebted to Nancy Ogden and Susannah Prinz for organizing Family Reading Night! Our gratitude also goes out to Soana Lauti, Eta Otutaha and the kids at Soana's after-school program who collated all of the Readathon packets for the entire school!

A multitude of thanks goes to the parent (grandparent) volunteers/food donors for DEAR Day and the Readers' Tea: Rachel Kinnon, Suzanne Samuel, Dave Lewak, Mora Tulian, Janis Loughlin, Nicole George-O'Brien, Brandy and Amelia Spong, Hope Rausis, Seth Linstrum, Michela Marini, Laurie Beardsley, Emily Songster, Jessica Swesey, Nicole Dare, Stacy Chun, Arianne Wagner, Lizette Gomez, Leslie Olsson, Tina Mosier-Tidd, Marie Jones, Jeanette (Ayana's grandmother), Marcy Spaulding, Aparna Shah, Jenne Joel Newton, and Lenore Reiser. And lastly, many thanks to Adrian Goldstein for the use of her magical button-maker! If we have missed your name, please forgive us and know that you have a very special place in our hearts.

Cheers, Brent Cunningham, Kathie Rhodes and Melissa Benham

FOSS Meeting Tuesday, April 18

Please join us for the next FOSS (Friends of Sequoia School) meeting on Tuesday, April 18, from 6–8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Dinner and childcare will be provided. The meeting will focus on school enrichment and funding priorities.

SCIENCE + KIDS = FUN

Science Fair Extravaganza Night, Wednesday, April 12, 6 to 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. If you can donate snacks, sign up at www.sequoiaschool.net.

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

Únase a nosotros para la Feria de Ciencias, miércoles, 12 de abril, de 6 a 8 pm en el auditorio.

参加科学博览会，4月12日星期三下午6时至8时在礼堂。

Tham gia với chúng tôi để tham dự Hội chợ khoa học, Thứ Tư, 12 tháng 4, 6 đến 8 giờ tối tại thính phòng.

انضموا إلينا في ليلة معرض العلوم، الأربعاء، 12 أبريل، 6 إلى 8 مساءً في القاعة.

Folding Tables Needed for Summer Camp Fair & Science Fair

Do you have a transportable folding table FOSS can borrow for our Summer Camp Fair fundraiser? The Fair will be April 30, at the same time as the Science Fair and Pancake Breakfast. We hope to have at least 20 summer camps presenting information about their programs, and each camp needs a table. If you can lend one, please contact Stacie (staciechun@gmail.com or 510-306-2693).