

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 1, 2017

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Two-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- May 1–5: **Teacher Appreciation Week**
Mon • May 1: **Parent-Sponsored Teacher Appreciation Lunch**
Tue • May 2: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*
Wed • May 3: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*
Wed • May 3: **Breakfast with the Principal**, 9–9:30 a.m., *Cafeteria*
Thu • May 4: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7–8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd.)*
Fri • May 5: **Cinco de Mayo**
- Mon • May 8: **Parent University, Theme: Writing**, 6–7:30 p.m., *Auditorium*
Wed • May 10: **Bike to School Day**
Sat • May 13: **FOSS Meeting**, childcare provided, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., *Diamond Rec Center*
Sun • May 14: **Mother's Day**

It's Teacher Appreciation Week, May 1–5



The teacher appreciation luncheon today kicked off a week of festivities to honor our teachers and staff. Here's how you can show your gratitude to Sequoia teachers and staff this week:

Gifts for Teachers

Bring a little gift for your teacher. Here are some ideas:

- Monday: Bring a flower.
Tuesday: Write a letter or a poem.
Wednesday: Bring classroom or office supplies.
Thursday: Draw a picture.
Friday: Surprise (anything from a coffee and scone to a handmade art project).

Let's honor and appreciate the wonderful Sequoia teachers and staff all week!

OUSD Teacher Appreciation Month

May is Teacher Appreciation Month, and OUSD needs YOU to help make it a month of overflowing gratitude for our hard working educators!

Here's how you can help:

- Write an online thank you note to a special teacher.
- Sign up to provide teacher treats.
- Nominate your favorite teacher for the People's Choice Oakland Teacher Award (www.oaklandthanksteachers.org).
- Post a photo/message on social media thanking a teacher, tag OUSD @ousdnews and use the following hashtags: #TeachOUSD and #ThankATeacher. OUSD will retweet and reshare the most creative entries.

Bike to School Day May 10



May is Bike Month, and it's the perfect time to ride to school. Many schools will be organizing internal Bike to School Day events on Wednesday, May 10, one day before Bike to *Work Day*.*

Students can get involved in many different ways: bring your family to a nearby Family Cycling Workshop or Kids' Bike Rodeo, or participate in other Bike Month events (see our calendar at www.walkbiketoschool.org). And, of course, don't forget to bike to school on Wednesday, May 10!

*This date is corrected from last week's newsletter.

Chuẩn Bị Tham gia Ngày Đi Xe Đạp Đến Trường Học

Tháng Năm là tháng Xe đạp, và đó là thời gian tốt nhất để cho học sinh đi xe đạp đến trường. Nhiều trường học sẽ tổ chức các sự kiện Bike to School Day vào ngày 10 tháng 5, song song với Ngày đi xe đạp ở những Công ty làm việc.

Học sinh và gia đình có thể tham gia nhiều chương trình khác nhau: đưa gia đình của bạn đi tham quan một Hội Xe đạp Gia đình gần nhà hoặc đi đến hội Rodeo Xe đạp Trẻ em, hoặc tham gia vào các sự kiện khác trong Tháng Xe đạp (xem lịch của chúng tôi tại www.walkbiketoschool.org). Và dĩ nhiên, đừng quên cho học sinh các em đi xe đạp đến trường vào ngày 10 tháng 5!

Pon en marcha el Día de ir en Bicicleta a la Escuela

Mayo es el mes de la bicicleta, y es el momento perfecto para ir en ella a la escuela. Muchas escuelas organizarán eventos internos del Día de ir a la Escuela en Bicicleta el 10 de mayo, en paralelo con el Día de ir al Trabajo en Bicicleta. Los estudiantes pueden involucrarse de muchas maneras diferentes: lleve a su familia a un Taller de Ciclismo Familiar cercano o a un Rodeo de Bicicletas Infantiles o participe en otros eventos del Mes de Bicicleta (vea nuestro calendario en www.walkbiketoschool.org). Y, por supuesto, ¡no se olvide de ir en bicicleta a la escuela el 10 de mayo!

五月是自行車月。

學生可以參加自行車活動。

帶你的家人去騎自行車的事件。

看我們的日曆: www.walkbiketoschool.org

記得五月,十日是自行車上學日!

الدراجة إلى يوم المدرسة 10 مايو

مايو هو الدراجة الشهر، وانها الوقت المثالي ل ركوب إلى المدرسة. وسيتم تنظيم العديد من المدارس الداخلية الدراجة إلى مدرسة يوم الأحداث يوم الأربعاء، 10 مايو، يوم واحد قبل الدراجة إلى يوم العمل.

يمكن للطلاب الانخراط في العديد من الطرق المختلفة: جلب عائلتك إلى ورشة عمل ركوب الدراجات الأسرة القريبة أو أطفال الدراجة روديو، أو المشاركة في أحداث شهر الدراجة الأخرى (انظر تقويمنا في www.walkbiketoschool.org). وبطبيعة الحال، لا ننسى أن الدراجة إلى المدرسة يوم الأربعاء، 10 مايو!

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Shout Outs!



Thank you TK/K!

Donations: Paxton, Abilene, Drew, Sofia, Kavya
Box Tops: Abilene, Iris, Sofia
Art help and Story Cycle Bags: Judy, Jenny, and Annie
Motor Skills: Annie, Reka, Jenny, Alayah, Juliana, Bruce, Sachiko, Melisa, Sandro, Lana, Nathan, Angel, Elias, Rob, Melanie
Snack set-up: Amanda, Annie, Stacey, Tara, Reka
Lunch help: Jenny, Reka, Annie, Isabel, James, Bolormaa
Snack: Iris, Matthew, Miles, Kavya

Thank You to Sequoia Earth Day Volunteers



A great big thank you to the Sequoia families that came out for the Earth Day workday on Apr. 22!

We did a major clean-out of the container on the Hearst Ave. side of the playground, and we pulled weeds and spruced up the garden spaces outside the cafeteria and on the Scenic Ave. side of the school. Everyone got a chance to get good and dirty!

The list of volunteers included Eric Mott, Sarah Thompson, Luke Milich, Martin Bond, Mark Roddy, Erich Vogel, Will Sellman, Trevor Probert, Joel Tena, Chris Coffee, Katie Coffee, Sarah Gumataotao, Brian Dunstan, Chris Songster, Heidi DiPippo, Shane Donahue, Kirsten Dahl, Nicole O'Brien, Dagmara Glowacka, and Jason Scott. A very special shout out to Caren Roddy who led the attack on the container. Apologies if any names were missed here. Thanks again!

Screenagers Documentary



Please support Bret Harte Middle School and come to the screening of the documentary, "Screenagers," which takes a look at how technology is affecting our children. There will also be a discussion following the film.

The event will take place this Wednesday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m., at Bret Harte Middle School, 3700 Coolidge Ave. Fee: \$5-\$10 sliding scale.

Afterschool Program at Head-Royce



Head-Royce Afterschool Program (ASP) is now accepting applications from Sequoia families of first through fifth graders for the 2017-18 school year.

Did you know that 24 Sequoia students currently attend Head-Royce ASP? For more information check out our website at www.headroyce.org/schools/asp/sequoia-students.

Space is limited. Questions? Call Eben at (510) 531-1300 x2333.

Sequoia Lobby Artwork



Huge kudos to in-house artist Shane (dad of Tegan, first grade) for the new artwork that he both created and donated for Sequoia's front lobby. Pop by the lobby and check it out for yourself if you haven't seen it yet. He has also created another piece that will be installed soon, over the door to the office. Thank you, Shane!