

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 8, 2017

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Three-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

Wed • May 10:	Bike to School Day
Sat • May 13:	FOSS Meeting , childcare provided, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., <i>Dimond Rec Center</i>
Sun • May 14:	Mother's Day
Wed • May 17:	OUSD District-Wide Science Fair , 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., <i>Chabot Space and Science Center</i>
Sun • May 21:	Playdate for Incoming TK and Kindergartners , 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., <i>School yard by kindergarten play structure</i>
Tue • May 23:	Open House , 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., <i>Classrooms</i>
Thu • May 25:	Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday , 3:00 - 3:30 p.m., <i>School yard</i>
Thu • May 25:	Healthy Start End-of-Year Potluck & Showcase , <i>Cafeteria and auditorium</i> 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., Potluck Dinner 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Performances
Fri • May 26:	In Lieu of Lincoln's Day Holiday: No School For Students
Mon • May 29:	Memorial Day Holiday: No School For Students

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!

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 لركوب 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!

2017 Sequoia Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to the Sequoia elementary winners that will continue to the OUSD district fair at Chabot Space & Science Center May 15!

TK/K : Clara Kimball (Ms. Love)

First grade: Ayana Sakamoto (Ms. Loeser)

Second grade: James Kimball (Ms. O'Toole)

Third grade: Ms. Rasler's Class

Fourth grade: Mr. J's Class

Fifth grade: Madeleine Gordon and Rachel Williams (Miss Ashunda)



Honorable Mentions:

Most Creative: Dante Santina (Miss N)

Most Novel: Room 18 (Mrs. Oby's Class)

Best Individual Project: Grace Johnson (Ms. Chiodo)

Best Whole Class Project: Ms. Rau

Super Fun (2): Zachary Molina (Ms. Rau) & Connor O'Toole (Kindergarten)

Best Presentation (2): Ms. Chiodo's Class & Vanderville Lewis (Ms. Poncho)

Special thank you to all volunteers:

Sequoia teachers, Leonore Reiser, Emily Songster, Nicole George-O'Brien, Nik Sokol, Marcela Gonzales, Jessica Swesey, Shizue Seo, the Neighborhood Appeal group, The Dad's Club, Stacie Chun, Adrian Goldstein, Bret Harte's Mr. Kealeys and his eighth graders, Cub Scout Pack 296, and the Community Resources for Science group for all the amazing volunteers.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who help support science in our school. Thank you!

A BIG thank you to our judges Joshua Tworig, Brittany Daws and Alyssa Bormann from UC Berkeley. The winning projects will be taken to the district science fair at Chabot Space & Science Center on May 15. Projects will be on display May 16 and 17. The public evening celebration will take place from 5-8 p.m. on May 17. In addition to the 250 science fair projects on display, the drop in event will feature special activities from partner organizations. Chabot exhibits and the planetarium will also be open. Food and drinks will be served. Students, families, staff, and the community are all invited to attend this public event. Admission is free.

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TK/K Motor Skills Help Needed

Hello TK and K families,
We're in the last days of school, but we still need motor skills help! If you're available on Wednesday mornings, please come help out if you can.

Here are the remaining days of Motor Skills classes:

May 3, May 10

May 17 TK ONLY (9 a.m.). No Kinder motor skills due to Crab Cove field trip.

May 24, My 31 (Last Motor Skills class of the year)

Wednesday Motor Skills Class Times:

9:10-9:50 a.m. Ms. Heather

9:55-10:35 a.m. Ms. N

10:40-11:20 a.m. Mr. Fleischman

12:00-12:45 p.m. Ms. Love

Lastly, Wednesday, June 7 is the Volunteer Appreciation Tea. This is Sequoia's chance to thank YOU for all of your help making Sequoia a great school, so please come!

Thank you so much,

Ms. April (Motor Skills teacher)

FOSS Meeting Saturday, May 13

Please join us for the next FOSS meeting!

It will be held from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Dimond Recreation Center (3860 Hanly Rd.). Light snacks and childcare will be provided.

We'll be voting on next year's budget, and would love to have you join us!

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!

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.

Thank You



This year's teacher luncheon was a huge success. We had so much good food, the teachers had leftovers for lunch! Thank you to everyone who donated food, flowers and beverages to the luncheon. All of our teachers and staff at Sequoia felt the love of our community. We overheard so many nice comments over lunch about our special parent community, the love they felt from you all, the great food and the dedication and support from all our families. Many, many thanks to you all. You can pick up your containers in the teacher lounge. They are washed and stacked on the green cart.

Leslie, Susannah, and Sarah

Parent University Cancelled

The Parent University scheduled for Monday, May 8, has been cancelled.

Wanted: Computer Skills Teacher

Sequoia's Computer Skills teacher, Ms. April, is going back to school next year, so we will have a part-time Computer Skills teacher position available next fall. Please see the position description below and reply to Principal Bertolo (donald.bertolojr@ousd.org) if you are interested in joining the Sequoia Squirrels team.



Computer Skills Teacher Job Description:

- Teach computer skills to Kindergarten to fifth grade students, using California technology standards to develop grade-appropriate activities.
- Support student use of online learning programs such as ST Math, Typing Club, Google Drive (Google Docs, Slides, Sheets, etc), and Google Classroom.
- Provide light technical assistance to support use of online learning programs, especially at the beginning of the school year.
- Salary and Schedule: \$20.00 per hour Mondays and Tuesdays 8 a.m. -3 p.m.; September 2017 - May 2018.
- Requirements: B.A. and CBEST <http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/> and ability to pass background check and fingerprinting.
- Preferred: Be able to come to Sequoia for some orientation before the end of the school year.

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.