

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 22, 2017

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Two-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days



- Mon • May 22: **Daytime Choir Spring Concert**, 1:30-2 p.m., Auditorium
- Tue • May 23: **Open House**, 6:30-8 p.m., Classrooms
- Wed • May 24: **Evening Choir Spring Concert**, 7-7:30 p.m., Auditorium
- Thu • May 25: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on Thursday Due to Friday Holiday**, 3-3:30 p.m., School yard
- Thu • May 25: **Healthy Start End-of-Year Potluck & Showcase**, 6-7 p.m., Potluck Dinner, 7-8 p.m., Performances, Cafeteria and auditorium
- Fri • May 26: **School Closed - In Lieu of Lincoln's Day Holiday**
- Mon • May 29: **School Closed - Memorial Day Holiday**
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- May 30 - Jun 2: **Spirit Week**, themes TBD
- Thu • Jun 1: **Carol Pancho Retirement Party**, 4-7 p.m., Auditorium
- Fri • Jun 2: **Minimum Day - 1:20 p.m. Dismissal**

Sequoia Open House May 23

Join us for the annual Open House at Sequoia from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23. All the classrooms will be open so you can visit and see what your student has been working on all year.



This is also an opportunity to visit the classrooms of the grade your student will be entering next year.

Únase a nosotros para el día anual de Puertas Abiertas en Sequoia de 6:30-8 p.m. el martes, 23 de mayo. Todas las aulas estarán abiertas para que pueda visitar y ver en lo que su estudiante ha estado trabajando en todo el año. Esta es también una oportunidad para visitar las aulas del grado en que su estudiante entrará el próximo año.

5月23日星期二下午6点30分至8点，加入红杉年度开放日公开课。所有教室将开放，您可以浏览并看到您的学生全年工作。这也是访问学生明年进入的课堂的机会。

Cùng tham gia với chúng tôi để tham dự buổi **Open House** hàng năm tại Sequoia từ 6:30-8:00 tối vào ngày Thứ Ba, Ngày 23 Tháng 5. Tất cả các lớp học sẽ mở cửa để Phụ huynh và Gia Đình có thể đến thăm và xem những gì các cháu học sinh đã làm nên trong suốt năm. Đây cũng là cơ hội để thăm viếng lớp học mà con em của chúng ta sẽ vào học trong năm sắp tới.

العطلة الشتوية من ١٩ ديسمبر - ٢ يناير ستكون سكوييا مغلقة للعطلة الشتوية ابتداءً من يوم الاثنين ١٩ ديسمبر حتى يوم الاثنين ٢ يناير. وستستأنف المدرسة عملها ابتداءً من يوم الثلاثاء ٣ يناير.

Join OUSD at May 25 Blueprint for Quality Schools Kick Off Meeting

Did you know that OUSD is launching a long term master plan that will affect our school programs and facilities investments for the next five years?



It's the Blueprint for Quality Schools! OUSD will be collaborating with families, community members, and an experienced team of professionals to develop the plan— please make sure your voice is heard!

Join us for one of four kick off meetings on May 25 (choose time/location most convenient for you)!

To RSVP and learn more, visit: ousd.org/blueprintforquality. Thank you for your interest and engagement!

Spring Choir Concerts

Come enjoy the lovely harmonies of the Sequoia Choir as we perform our Spring Concerts! The evening concert takes place in the auditorium from 7-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24. The daytime assembly will be on Monday, May 22, from 1:30-2 p.m.



Celebrate Carol Pancho June 1

Please join us to celebrate Carol Pancho's retirement after nearly 40 years with Oakland Unified School District.

When: Thursday, June 1, 4-7 p.m.
Where: Sequoia Auditorium

Please RSVP and let us know if you can contribute a platter of finger foods by getting in touch with Sequoia grandma and volunteer Karen Boyden at kboyden@yahoo.com or 510-549-0478.

If you would like to contribute towards a group gift for Ms. Pancho, please contact Kara DeKernion at kara@sellman.net.

Look forward to seeing you on June 1!

Sequoia Year-End Potluck June 6

Please join the Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the Dads' Club as we celebrate the end of the school year with a potluck for ALL Sequoia families. Our amazing Dads' Club will grill hot dogs and hamburgers; please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share. Join us Tuesday, June 6 starting at 6:30 p.m. on the playground.

Box Tops for Education Due June 7

Save the symbols from specially marked packages and turn them into Angelina in the office by June 7, with the student's room number marked on them. For more information visit www.boxtops4education.com.

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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 24 and 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)

Sequoia Closed May 26 and 29

Sequoia Elementary School will be closed Friday, May 26 (in lieu of the Lincoln's birthday holiday) and Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday.



La escuela primaria Sequoia estará cerrada el viernes 26 de Mayo (con motivo del nacimiento de Lincoln) y el lunes 29 de Mayo por el día de la recordación.

Trường Tiểu Học Sequoia sẽ đóng cửa Thứ Sáu, ngày 26 tháng 5 (để tưởng niệm ngày sinh nhật của Tổng Thống Lincoln) và thứ Hai, ngày 29 tháng 5 (để tưởng niệm Ngày Lễ Memorial Day).

學校會在五月二十六日和五月二十九日停課兩天，來慶祝林肯總統生日和紀念假期。多謝各位家長！

سيتم إغلاق مدرسة سيكويا الابتدائية يوم الجمعة 26 مايو (بدلاً من عطلة عيد ميلاد لينكولن) ويوم الاثنين 29 مايو لقضاء عطلة عيد الميلاد.

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 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.

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.

Support Sequoia by Shopping on Amazon!

Just a quick reminder that if you are doing any shopping on Amazon, a portion of the sale comes back to our School! The Amazon Smile link on the school website (sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia) directs 6-8 percent of your money to Sequoia at no extra cost to you. Spread the word!

The link on our website has a Sequoia referral code in it, and it goes to "Amazon Smile," a charity version of the regular Amazon site. If you choose Sequoia Dads' Club as your Smile charity, we get an extra half percent in addition to the money that we get because you used our link.

You can use this link even if you support a different charity with Amazon Smile. You can also use Amazon Smile without using the link on our website, but using the link brings us a LOT more money than just choosing us as your Amazon Smile charity. Thanks for supporting our Squirrels!

Shout Outs!

Belated shout outs to the following members of Sequoia's communications team: Emily Songster for managing the school calendar and Samah Sunker for providing Arabic translation.



Thank you TK/K!

Classroom help: Annie, Sidney, Nai, Judy

Donations: Miles, Erawan, Iris, Ms. deKernion, Abilene

Fairyland Chaperones: Hilary, Sidney, Annie, Bolormaa, Roslyn, Nai, Alex, Tim, Stacey, Tara, Reka, Marcy, Bolormaa, Mark, Sasha, Amanda, Garth, Betty, Mark, Natalie, Andy

Fire Safety: Justin

Box Tops: Hazel, Anabel

Story Cycle Bags: Jenny and Annie

Motor Skills: Annie, Amanda, Bolormaa, Reka, Rae, Emily, Sachiko, Bruce, Melissa, Rachel, Melanie, Rob, Jada, Jasmina, Jenny, Kalea, Isabel, Isamarra

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

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

Snack: Erawan, Sofia, Taelin, Adrian, Drew, Abilene, Anabel, Remi, and Dominic