

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Sept. 6, 2016



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SequoiaSchool.net and Facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary

Two Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- Tue • Sep 6: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*
Wed • Sep 7: **Sequoia Sings Student Performance**,
8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*
- Wed • Sep 7: **Breakfast with the Principal**, 9-9:30 a.m.,
Cafeteria
- Thu • Sep 8: **Back-to-School Night**
• 6-6:45 p.m., *TK-Second Grade Classrooms*
• 7-7:30 p.m., *Auditorium (All Grades)*
• 7:45-8:15 p.m., *Third-Fifth Grade Classrooms*
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- Mon • Sep 12: **Support Sequoia Campaign Begins**, runs
through Friday, October 7
Tue • Sep 13: **FOSS Meeting**, Dinner served at 6 p.m.,
meeting from 6:15 - 8 p.m. Childcare
provided. *Cafeteria*
Wed • Sep 14: **Upper Grade Choir Meeting**, 1:25 - 1:55 p.m.,
Room 5
Thu • Sep 15: **Central American Independence Day**
Fri • Sep 16: **Mexican Independence Day**

Check Out Current Volunteer Opportunities at Sequoia

Looking for a way to get involved? Check out current volunteer opportunities on the Sequoia website at <http://sequoiaschool.net/volunteeropps>.

Some of the latest needs include:

- Reading helpers
- Book Fair volunteers
- Sequoia Stomp walk-a-thon event lead
- Family Dance & Silent Auction volunteers
- Room parents

Get more details on the website or email SequoiaVolunteers@gmail.com if you're interested.

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

The fall Book Fair will be October 17-21. We need volunteers each day after school for about an hour, and on Thursday, Oct. 20 until 6 p.m. We also need people for a couple hours to help set up on Monday, Oct. 17 and for tear down on Friday, Oct. 21. If you are able to help, please contact Heather King at heatherking.lmt@gmail.com.

There are two free workshops coming up in Fremont, that teaches all about the book fairs. If you are interested in volunteering, this is a great opportunity for you to learn more about the fair. The workshops are September 7 from 4-6 p.m. and September 28 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

If you can't help this time, but think that you can help out for the spring Book Fair from March 6-10, please contact Heather.

Room Parent Program Update

A big thank you to all who have volunteered to be a room parent this year! We do still need room parents (or a team of people) to volunteer for Ms. Oby's class, Monica's class, and the Special Day class. Please email SequoiaVolunteers@gmail.com if you are interested!

September 8: Back-to-School Night

Thursday, Sept. 8 is Back-to-School night, and it is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and the parents of other students in the class. Here's the schedule:



- TK-Second grades meet in their classrooms from 6-6:45 p.m.
- From 7-7:30 p.m. parents and guardians of all students are encouraged to join us in the auditorium to meet all the teachers and staff, and to hear Principal Donald Bertolo discuss the school's goals for the new year.
- Third-Fifth grades meet in their classrooms from 7:45-8:15 p.m.

Childcare

Back-to-School Night is an adults-only event. Friends of Sequoia School (FOSS) has arranged free childcare for 40 Sequoia students at Dimond Rec Center. Childcare is available from 5:30-8:45 p.m. The rec center staff will provide supervision, spaghetti dinner (meatless), and activities for the kids.

You must make a reservation to guarantee a spot! Call Dimond Rec Center at 510-482-7831, and ask to be placed on the list for Sequoia Back-to-School Night Childcare. The rec center office is open weekdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. You can also leave a message at any time, and they will call you back to confirm. When you drop off your child, allow time to complete a short registration form including emergency phone numbers. Blank forms are already available in the school office if you want to pick one up ahead of time.

School Site Council Meeting: September 6



On Tuesday, September 6 at 5 p.m. we will be having our first School Site Council (SSC) meeting in Portable 23, near the library. It's a chance to be part of the decision-making process at Sequoia. The SSC votes on how we spend our Title 1 money, helps make determinations on our school site plan, and gives you another voice in helping make Sequoia an even more amazing place. If you are interested in being a part of this vital committee or have any questions about how exactly the SSC operates, please contact Principal Bertolo at donald.bertolojr@ousd.org

Return Your School Directory Form

Friends of Sequoia School (FOSS) publishes an annual school directory to help families communicate. This week, students are bringing home the pink form that you use to supply your directory information. You can return the form to your teacher or to the school office, or you can email the requested information to directory@sequoiaschool.net. Please respond by next Tuesday, September 13, so we can get the directory published quickly.

If you already completed your directory form, either at the First Day Welcome Tea or during registration week, your student will not bring a new form home. Note that during registration week, the directory table was only staffed part-time. If your child brings home a pink directory form, you did not yet turn one in.

Shout Outs!

Sequoia would not be the wonderful school it is without the efforts of our volunteers. Each week we express appreciation for those efforts.



Thank you to everyone who has helped out TK!

Donations: Sofia, Paxton

Birthday treats: Drew

Snack set-up: Tequila, Stacey, Tara, Carolina

Lunch help: Annie, Jenny, Reka, Stacey

Breakfast with the Principal Sept. 7

Please join us after Sequoia Sings for Breakfast with Principal Bertolo on Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 9 - 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Come learn more about the School Site Council and Sequoia's SBAC testing data.

Girl Scouts for 2nd and 3rd Graders

Girl Scouts is coming to Sequoia! Join our Brownies troop for second and third grade girls by coming to an informational meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 5:15 p.m. in Room 18.

Girl Scouts builds leadership, confidence and character; teaches new skills; forms new friendships; and allows girls to contribute to their community—and have a lot of fun in the process.

Troop meetings will be the last Tuesday of the month, 5:15-6:30 p.m., in Room 18 (Thanks, Ms. Oby!) starting September 27, plus a weekend activity sometime each month.

Joining Girl Scouts is very low cost, with financial aid available. Unlike the prior two Girl Scout offerings, this troop will be run entirely by Sequoia families, and every Girl Scout's family will be asked to participate in some way.

Questions, ready to sign up, or want to start your own troop for grades K-1 or 4-5? Contact sequoiagirlscouts@gmail.com.

Sequoia Sings: September 7

Our first Sequoia Sings event of the school year is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Sequoia Sings is a monthly event where Sequoia students gather to sing together as a community, and families are invited to attend! Please join us as Mr. Bob leads the fifth graders in song.



Newsletter Opt-Out

To help Sequoia save money, we offer families the option to opt-out of receiving a printed copy of the newsletter; the newsletter is available on the school website and is also posted to the school's Facebook page and Yahoo community group each week. By opting out, families reduce the amount of paper and printing used each week to produce the paper newsletter, helping save the school money. Fill out the online form (link below) to opt out of receiving a paper newsletter every week for the rest of the school year. You can opt out one or each of your Sequoia students from receiving a printed newsletter. For families with more than one student at Sequoia, only the youngest student will bring home the newsletter (older students are automatically removed from the newsletter distribution list). Families who opt-out will not receive a printed newsletter starting in mid-to-late September.

<http://sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities/newsletter-opt-out/>

Sequoia Choir Starting Up

Third to fifth grade students are invited to sing with the Sequoia Choir! We will rehearse 1:25-2:10 p.m. in the auditorium each Wednesday beginning September 21.



If your child is interested, they should request a permission slip from their teacher which explains the tuition and other details of joining. To secure your child's spot, permission slips and tuition, or a scholarship request, are due directly to Jackie Roth in Room 5 by Wednesday, Sept. 14. On that day, there will also be an initial meeting (mandatory for new members and optional for returning members) in Room 5, after school from 1:25-1:55 p.m.

Membership is limited to 40 students, preference being given to returning singers and boys. After that, it is first-come first-served. Please see Ms. Roth with any questions or email her jacqueline.roth@ousd.org

Sequoia's Drop-Off Policy

For those who do not have time to park and must drop-off quickly, please follow the guidelines below so we can get our kids to school safely:

- Use the map below to determine your best route to the drop-off zone on Hearst Avenue.
- Do not ever block driveways, double-park, or leave your car unattended in drop-off zone.
- Do not make U-turns on any streets around the school.
- Pull over completely at legal parking spots or drop-off zone, before letting children out.
- Slow down and watch for pedestrians, especially at crosswalks.
- Please note that there is no yard supervision until 8:20 a.m.
- If your child is in TK/kindergarten, you must stay with your child until the 8:45 a.m. bell.
- Be courteous and helpful to neighbors and other parents.

El martes 6 de septiembre a las 5 p.m. lo haremos a tener nuestra primera reunión del Consejo Escolar (SSC) en el portátil 23, cerca de la biblioteca. Es una oportunidad de ser parte del proceso de toma de decisiones a Sequoia. Los votos SSC sobre cómo gastamos nuestro dinero Título 1, ayuda a hacer determinaciones sobre nuestro plan de la escuela, y le da otra voz para ayudar a hacer Sequoia un lugar aún más increíble.

Ngày Thứ 3 Tháng 9 6 lúc 5 giờ chiều, chúng tôi sẽ được có cuộc họp đầu tiên của Hội Đồng Trường (SSC) của chúng tôi trong Portable 23, gần thư viện. Đó là một cơ hội để trở thành một phần của quá trình ra quyết định ở Sequoia. Các phiếu SSC vào cách chúng ta tiêu tiền Title 1 của chúng tôi, giúp làm cho các quyết định về kế hoạch nhà trường của chúng tôi, và cung cấp cho bạn một tiếng nói trong việc đưa Sequoia một nơi tuyệt vời hơn nữa

週二，9月6日下午5時我們會

是具有便攜式23我們的第一個學校網站委員會 (SSC) 會議上，圖書館附近。這是在紅杉決策過程中的機會。我們如何度過我們的標題1錢SSC票，有助於使我們的校址確定的計劃，並為您提供幫助讓紅杉更令人驚嘆的地方另一種聲音。

يوم الثلاثاء 6 سبتمبر في 17:00 سنقوم في المحمولة 23 ، بالقرب من (SSC) يكون لها أول اجتماع لدينا مجلس المدرسة المكتبة. انها فرصة ل تكون جزءا من عملية صنع القرار في سيكوييا . الأصوات حول كيفية قضاء أموالنا عنوان 1 ، ويساعد على اتخاذ قرارات في خطتنا SSC موقع المدرسة ، ويعطيك صوت آخر في المساعدة على جعل سيكوييا أكثر من المدهش مكان