

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Sept. 12, 2016



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SequoiaSchool.net and Facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary

Two Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- Mon • Sep 12: **Support Sequoia Campaign Begins**, runs through Friday, Oct. 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**, 1:25-1:45 p.m., *Room 5*
- Thu • Sep 15: **Central American Independence Day**
- Fri • Sep 16: **Mexican Independence Day**
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- Tue • Sep 20: **Fall Potluck for TK, kindergarten and first grades**, 6:30-8 p.m., *Cafeteria*
- Thu • Sep 22: **First Day of Fall/Fall Equinox**
- Sat • Sep 24: **Sixth Annual Bike Day at Sequoia**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., *School yard*

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. 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.

Meet Sequoia's New Garden Teacher

Please welcome Trevor Probert, who teaches Sequoia's garden classes for kindergarten through second grade students. While just starting as a garden teacher this 2016-17 school year, he has been a familiar face at Sequoia over the last few years by working with students and teachers on a number of science and garden projects through the Student Action Project, an environmental education program developed here in the Bay Area by his mentor and friend, Angelina Vergara. Above all, he strives to demonstrate to students the importance of patience, empathy and respect while having fun cultivating nature here at Sequoia.

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!

Tues. September 13: FOSS Meeting



Join us for the first FOSS meeting of the school year!

FOSS, or Friends of Sequoia School, is a parent group that welcomes ALL families to join the conversation. Dinner, childcare and lots of useful information will be provided.

Come to ask your burning questions, come to tell everyone what's on your mind, come to find out what it's all about. Just come! Foss will meet from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 in the cafeteria. Can't wait to see you!

Support Sequoia Fundraiser Starting

Sequoia parents raise money throughout the year to support art, music, library, science, garden and other programs that enrich our students' experience at school.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Support Sequoia, is also our easiest: there's nothing for you to do, buy, or sell. Just watch for the Support Sequoia packets that your students are bringing home this week and give what you can. The programs that your donations support now cost \$350 per student, so we are counting on your support. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference.

Our goal is 100% participation. Every student who returns the Support Sequoia form, with or without a donation, receives this year's new Sequoia wristband. A donation of any size enters your student into the weekly drawing for a free frozen fruit bar. There's one winner per class per week, so return your forms now for more chances to win!

Online donations are easiest for us to process, but it's also fine to enclose your donation with your returned pledge form. Our new website for online donations is www.razoo.com/us/story/SupportSequoia2016. You can make a one-time donation, or you can spread your donation over the year by signing up for recurring monthly donations of any amount. Just \$30 per month covers the annual per-student cost for all programs. If you can, please consider increasing your donation to support enrichment for another child in the Sequoia community.

Directory Forms Due Now

Thank you to everyone who has already provided information for the Sequoia school directory. If you have not yet provided information, your student brought home a pink directory form last week. 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 right away so the directory is as complete and accurate as possible when it goes to the printer. If you're not sure whether your student brought home a form, please check your child's backpack.

Help Move Instrument Cabinet

Sequoia music teacher Mr. Bob and OUSD music director Joyce Baker need assistance moving a large cabinet that will be used for instrument storage. If you are able to help, please contact them at bob@biggatorbythebay.vpweb.com and joyce.baker@ousd.org.

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 TK and K!

Donations: Paxton, Mariyah, Abilene, Erawan

Box Tops: Nai Leah

BTSN snacks: Judy

Story Cycles organizer: Jenny

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

Motor Skills: Annie, Jenny, Stacey, Judy, Mariana, Melissa, Jeffrey, Kirsten, Melanie, Marci

Lunch help: Annie, Jenny, Reka, Stacey, Judy

Parent Volunteers Needed for TK/K

Motor Skills on Wednesdays

Motor Skills has started for our TK and kindergarten students, held every Wednesday. Please consider volunteering for this class. Students receive an enriching experience—and it's also a lot of fun! Come for your child's class or stay for a couple of classes. It's a great way to get to know all the kids in these grade levels. Also, please note, there has been a schedule change—check out the new times:

Wednesday Motor Skills Class Schedule:

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

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

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

- 12 p.m.: Ms. Love

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.

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:

- The drop-off zone is located 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.

Amigos de Encuentro de Escuelas de Sequoia 13 de septiembre. Acompáñenos en los primeros Amigos de la Escuela Sequoia reunión del año . Se trata de un grupo de padres que da la bienvenida a todas las familias a unirse a la conversación . Se proporcionarán refrigerios , cuidado de niños y un montón de información útil . Ven a hacer sus preguntas , para decirle a todos lo que está en su mente , o para saber de qué se trata. Nos reuniremos de 6-8 pm el martes 13 de septiembre en la cafetería .

Buổi Hợp của Hội FOSS (Friends of Sequoia School hay Bạn của Trường Sequoia) Ngày 13 tháng 9

Tham gia với chúng tôi để gặp tại cuộc họp đầu tiên của Hội FOSS ở trường Sequoia năm nay. Đây là một nhóm phụ huynh chào đón tất cả các gia đình tham gia trong cuộc trò chuyện về những đề tài ở trường Sequoia. Có giải khát chút đỉnh, có người chăm sóc trẻ em và rất nhiều thông tin hữu ích sẽ được cung cấp cho mọi người. Hãy đến tham gia để đặt câu hỏi của bạn, hoặc bàn luận những điều quan tâm đến bạn và gia đình, hoặc để khám phá mục đích của Hội FOSS. Chúng ta sẽ gặp từ 6-8 giờ chiều Thứ Ba Ngày 13 Tháng 9 trong phòng ăn uống cafeteria.

红杉学校会议之友9月13日

加入我们，今年的红杉学院会议的第一个朋友。这是一个欢迎所有家庭参加谈话父组。小吃，儿童保育和很多有用的信息会被提供。来问你的问题，告诉大家什么是您的想法，或找出它的全部。我们将从下午6-8在食堂周二举行会议，9月13日。

اجتماع أصدقاء مدرسة سيكويا 13 سبتمبر
الانضمام إلينا لأول اجتماع أصدقاء مدرسة سيكويا العام . هذه المجموعة مجموعة الأم التي ترحب جميع الأسر للانضمام إلى محادثة . وسيتم توفير وجبات خفيفة ورعاية الأطفال و الكثير من المعلومات المفيدة . تعال إلى طرح الأسئلة الخاصة بك ، ل أقول للجميع ما يدور في ذهنك ، أو لمعرفة ما يدور حول كل شيء . سنلتقي 6-8 مساء يوم الثلاثاء 13 سبتمبر في الكافتيريا .