

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Sept. 19, 2016



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Two-Week Calendar

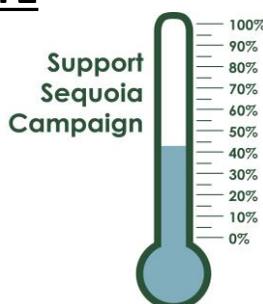


Wednesdays are minimum days

- Tue • Sep 20: **Fall Potluck for TK, Kindergarten and first grades**, 6:30-8 p.m., *Cafeteria*
- Wed • Sep 21: **Upper Grade Choir Rehearsals begin**, 1:25-2:10 p.m., *Auditorium*
- 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*
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- Mon • Sep 26: **Parent University, Theme: Toolbox Tools**, 6-7:30 p.m., *Auditorium*
- Thu • Sep 29: **Fall Potluck for second through fifth grades**, 6:30-8 p.m., *Cafeteria*
- Sun • Oct 2: **Rosh Hashanah**, begins at sundown

Support Sequoia: UPDATE

Thank you for supporting our school's biggest and easiest fundraiser! The Support Sequoia campaign kicked off last week with a large number of students returning their forms. So far we have raised over \$24,000, well on the way to our target of \$65,000 by October 7.



Your donations help pay for art, music, garden, library and science enrichment programs. Everyone benefits—students have vibrant learning opportunities while teachers have much-needed planning time. These programs cost about \$350 per student per year, so Sequoia is counting on your support.

Our goal is 100% participation. Return your form with or without a donation to get this year's new Sequoia wristband. A donation of any size enters your student into the weekly classroom drawing for a free frozen fruit bar.

Donate online, www.razoo.com/us/story/Supportsequoia2016, as a one-time donation, or you can spread your donation over the year by signing up for 12 automatic monthly payments. Please consider increasing your donation to support enrichment for another child in the Sequoia community.

Call for FOSS Funding Proposals

FOSS is accepting applications for mini-grants to fund your idea to improve the school experience for our kids. Applications are due to the Principal's inbox by Friday, Sept. 30. The application and requirements are available in the office FOSS inbox, or email Lissette Gomez at gomezlissette@gmail.com.

Bike Day September 24



Bring that bike (working or not) and helmet out of the garage and join your friends for Bike Day at Sequoia!

- On Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:
- Mechanics will get your bike up and running.
 - Take off the training wheels and learn to ride on two wheels.
 - Enjoy bike-blender smoothies, coffee and pastries.
 - Customize your ride with decorations.
 - Test your skills at the Bike Rodeo.

Questions? Like to help? Please contact Joe Hayes at undeterred@hotmail.com or 510-500-2995.

Principal's Announcement: No More Early Arrivals



Hello Parent-Partners:

We are having kiddos dropped off way too early. Unless they are TK or K students, there is no supervision until 8:20 a.m. Students are running through the buildings, going into open classrooms, fighting and creating huge messes in the bathrooms. It is a liability issue for students to be here unsupervised, and teachers cannot plan for the day and monitor students.

Ms. Nubia is only here to supervise TK and K students. If your student is not a TK or Kinder student, they cannot be on campus unsupervised before 8:20 a.m. We need your cooperation on this issue.

Starting on Monday, Sept. 19, we will be calling and reminding you of this. If the early-drop off continues, we will have little option but to close campus for any unsupervised students until 8:20 a.m. Student safety is first and foremost right now.

I know it's inconvenient, but there are before-school programs off site that can support your needs. We do not have the staff or resources for early morning drop-off.

If your child is coming for breakfast, you should arrange to stay with them, or find a parent-partner and team up to supervise your child. Please feel free to join your student, but we can no longer allow your student to be on campus before 8:20 a.m. without you. Thanks for understanding.

Principal Donald J. Bertolo

Parent Volunteers Needed for TK/K Motor Skills on Wednesdays

Motor Skills for our TK and kindergarten students is 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. Note this year's 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

Book Fair Volunteers: Oct 17-21

Fall Book Fair needs you! We need help an hour each day after school, on Thursday, Oct. 20 until 6 p.m., and for a couple hours for setup on Monday, Oct. 17 and for tear-down on Friday, Oct. 21. Email Heather King, heatherking.lmt@gmail.com.

Back-to-School-Night Presentation

Did you miss Principal Bertolo's presentation at Back to School Night? Or do you just want to see it again and peruse the data and statistics about Sequoia's academics and students?



A PDF of the presentation is now available on the school's website: <http://sequoiaschool.net/SchoolData2016.pdf>.

TK/K 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: Anabel, Dominic, Chinese School

Story Cycles organizer: Jenny

Snack setup: Amanda and Tara

Classroom help: Jenny

Motor Skills: Annie, Jenny, Reka, Judy, Rachel, Brady, Juliana,

Bruce, Melissa, Mariana, Rob, Melanie, Keith and Marci

Lunch help: Annie, Jenny, Reka and Judy

Room Parent Update

A big THANK YOU to all the Room Parent volunteers for this year. We have every classroom represented. If you do not know who your Room Parent is, please ask your child's teacher or email sequoiavolunteers@gmail.com. Here's to a great year!

Greetings From the Sequoia Library

The Sequoia school library staff looks forward to sharing great books with your children. The library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during school hours.



The library helps students practice reading, pick out special books, enjoy read-alouds and to learn in the library setting. Students may borrow books. Younger students might keep books in their classrooms, while other classes borrow books to read at home. These books maybe checked out for one week and then returned or renewed.

For students bringing books home, it is a good idea to set up a routine for library books. You may wish to keep the books near the door and slip them into the backpack the night before. Sometimes, we send home overdue notices. The library does not charge overdue fines, but families are responsible for paying for or replacing lost books.

If you have questions or want to get involved, please email kathleen.mcnulty@yahoo.com or jennifer.bowman@ousd.org.

Join the Cub Scouts in Oakland

Pack 296 invites all boys in first through fifth grades to learn about Cub Scouts. Come to an informational meeting (kids welcome) on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Joaquin Miller Elementary multipurpose room.

The pack is made up of boys from several Oakland schools and welcomes families from all backgrounds and compositions. Scouting provides boys with programs and activities that allow them to try new things, provide service to others, build self-confidence and have fun!

At the meeting, parents will learn more about scouting and Pack 296, ask questions and complete a membership form. Questions? Email Jeremy Sutton, cubmaster@pack296cubs.org.

Time for Fall Potlucks

Let's enjoy an evening together—reconnect with old friends, make new ones and eat some delicious food.



TK/K-first grades: Tuesday, Sept. 20

Grades 2-5: Thursday, Sept. 29

6:30-8 p.m. in the Cafeteria

Please bring a dish if you can; see last name list below:

- Main dishes: last names A-G
- Salads/Sides/Vegetarian main dishes: last names H-P
- Desserts: last names Q-S
- Beverages: last names T-Z (no alcohol please)

If you can help with setup, please arrive at 6 p.m., and cleanup help is always greatly appreciated!

Buổi Tiệc Potlucks ở Mùa Thu

Hãy tập hợp và thưởng thức một Buổi Tiệc Potlucks với nhau, gặp lại những người bạn cũ, và làm thêm bạn mới, hoặc chia sẻ những món ăn ngon của chúng ta tự đem lại.

Lớp TK, Kindergarten và Lớp 1 : Thứ Ba Ngày 20 Tháng 9

Lớp 2 tới Lớp 5: Thứ 5 Ngày 29 Tháng 9

6:30-8:00 chiều tại Cafeteria ở Trường Sequoia

Vui lòng đem theo một món ăn; tùy theo chữ đầu của họ bé học sinh:

Món ăn chính: Họ A-G

Salad / món ăn thêm / món ăn chay: Họ H-P

Ăn Tráng miệng: Họ Q-S

Nước uống: Họ T-Z (xin vui lòng đừng đem rượu hoặc bia)

Nếu bạn có thể giúp xách đặt, hãy đến lúc 6:00. Nếu bạn có thể giúp đỡ dọn dẹp, càng hoan nghênh!

請大家來學校吃飯。帶來的食物給大家吃。

日期為TK, K, 和1年級是: 星期二, 9月20日

日期為2, 3, 4 和5年級是: 星期四, 9月29日

這兩天都在6:30PM到8:00PM在學校食堂。

你可以把食物嗎? 看看名單, 第一個字母姓氏。

大餐 字符 A-G

沙拉或小餐 字符 H-P

甜點 字符 Q-S

飲料(酒精不允許) 字符 T-Z

志願者請進來 6:00pm 或者你可以留下來, 幫助清理。多謝大家!

La hora de la caída Potlucks

Vamos a disfrutar de una noche juntos. Vuelva a conectar con viejos amigos, hacer nuevos, y comer algo de comida deliciosa.

TK / K-primera grados: martes, 20 de septiembre

Grados 2-5: Jueves 29 de septiembre

6: 30-8: 00 p.m. en la Cafeteria

Por favor traiga un plato si es posible; véase la última lista de nombres a continuación:

- Los platos principales: apellidos A-G
- Ensaladas /Laterales/Platos vegetarianos principales: apellidos H-P
- Postres: apellidos Q-S
- Bebidas: apellidos T-Z (sin alcohol por favor)

Si usted puede ayudar con la instalación, por favor llegue a las 6:00 p.m. y limpieza siempre ayuda es muy apreciada!

الخريف Potlucks الوقت ل

دعونا التمتع بأمسية معا. إعادة الاتصال مع الأصدقاء القدامى، تكوين صداقات جديدة، وتناول بعض الطعام لذيذ.

الدرجات: الثلاثاء 20 سبتمبر الأول- / TK

الصفوف 2-5: الخميس 29 سبتمبر

6: 30-8: 00 مساء في كافتيريا

يرجى إحضار طبق إذا استطعت. نرى مشاركة القائمة اسم أدناه:

A-G • الأطباق الرئيسية: الأسماء الأخيرة

H-P • صلح الدين / الجانبين / الأطباق الرئيسية نباتي: مشاركة أسماء

Q-S • الحلويات: الأسماء الأخيرة

T-Z • المشروبات: الأسماء الأخيرة (لا الكحول من فضلك)

إذا كنت يمكن أن تساعد في الإعداد، يرجى الوصول إلى 06:00، وتنظيف مساعدة دائما موضع تقدير كبير!