

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Sept. 26, 2016

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Two-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

Mon • Sep 26: **Parent University, Theme: Toolbox Tools**, 6-7:30 p.m., *Auditorium*

Thu • Sep 29: **Fall Potluck for Grades 2-5**, 6:30-8 p.m., *Cafeteria*

Sun • Oct 2: **Rosh Hashanah**, begins at sundown

Mon • Oct 3: **Al Hijra/Muslim New Year**, begins at sundown

Tue • Oct 4: **SSC Meeting**, 5-6 p.m., *Library*

Wed • Oct 5: **International Walk and Roll to School Day**

Wed • Oct 5: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30-9 a.m., *Auditorium*

Wed • Oct 5: **Breakfast with the Principal**, 9-9:30 a.m., *Cafeteria*

Thu • Oct 6: **School Portrait Day**, Grades TK-2

Thu • Oct 6: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7-8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd.)*

Fri • Oct 7: **Support Sequoia Campaign Ends**

Fri • Oct 7: **School Portrait Day**, Grades 3-5

Sat • Oct 8: **Sequoia Family Workday, sponsored by the Dads' Club**, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., *School yard*

Sat • Oct 8: **FOSS Meeting**, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., childcare provided, *Cafeteria*

Picture Day Coming in October

We are excited to announce that Roots & Shoots Photography will be taking our school portraits in October.

TK-second grade will be on Thursday, Oct. 6, and third-fifth grade will be on Friday, Oct. 7. The make-up picture day is Wednesday, Nov. 16.

A few helpful parents are needed to assist with logistics on those days. If you have time on either of the days, please contact Angelina in the front office at angelina.bazan@ousd.org or just show up.

Keep an eye out for posters and order forms for more information. To see an example of the photographer work visit www.roots-shoots.com.

Mini Grant Requests Due Friday 9/30

Have you had an idea you believe would improve the community or school experience for our kids? Now is the time to work together towards making your great idea a reality.

FOSS (our parent/teacher organization) is accepting applications for mini-grants or proposals to fund your ideas. Applications are online and there are paper copies available in the FOSS inbox in the office.

We have a total of \$12,000 available for mini grants.

The maximum award will be \$1,000 for each submitted application.

An individual may submit more than one application, but we will prioritize one application per person/project in the first round, then consider additional applications if there are remaining funds to distribute.

The money to fund these proposals comes from the leftover (unallocated) funds from last year's budget. While we save some in case this year's fundraising goals are not met, we believe the rest should go right back to the community that worked so hard to raise it. This process/funding criteria detailed in the application were developed at FOSS meetings last year.

Please remember to submit your mini grant application by 12 p.m. deadline on Friday, Sept. 30 to the office. That's one week from today.

Support Sequoia 65% to Goal

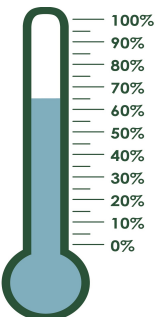
Thank you to everyone who has returned a Support Sequoia form. Together you have raised \$42,000, bringing us 65% of the way to our goal of raising \$65,000 with this fundraiser.

The funds raised through Support Sequoia directly benefit Sequoia students and go toward art, music, library, science, garden, and more. By raising \$350 per student this year, we can provide every classroom with a full year's worth of enrichment. We're counting on your support!

If you have not yet done so, please return your Support Sequoia form to your child's teacher. Even if you are not able to give right now, you can help us reach our goal of having every Sequoia student return a pledge form, with or without a donation. Every student who returns a form receives this year's new Sequoia wristband and classes with 100% participation earn an extra recess.

To make your donation online, go to 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 automatic monthly payments.

If you can, please consider increasing your donation to support enrichment for another child in the Sequoia community.



Box Tops for Education

Save the symbols from specially marked packages and turn them into Angelina in the office, with the students room number marked on them. For more information visit www.boxtops4education.com.

Seeking Traffic Safety Coordinator

Would you like to assist with the Sequoia Traffic Safety Patrol Program? Sequoia needs your support!

Our fourth and fifth grade students have been running a drop-off patrol on Hearst Avenue, led by Sequoia parent Monique McGough.

We are hoping to expand this program to Scenic Avenue as well so if you have a little time to give in the mornings, please consider this very valuable service for Sequoia.

The time commitment would be approximately 30-40 minutes daily in the mornings (8-8:40 a.m.) and you would be guiding and supporting the students on that side of the building.

The coordinator position can be shared by two people and can also be another family or community member. Training will be provided and there is a \$500 stipend.

If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Principal Bertolo right away at donald.bertolojr@ousd.org.

Upside Down & Inside Out: Get Ready for artSPARK 2016

Calling all students and parent volunteers for Sequoia's annual art show, artSPARK, happening Saturday, Dec. 10.



Students, be a part of art at Sequoia! Bust out your ideas, gather materials, and start creating. This year's theme is Upside Down & Inside Out.

Parents, we need you to volunteer! Got a knack for graphics production? Are you a publicity pro? Got a great camera to document the art and event? We need your talent for artSPARK. Reach out and let us know how you might be a part of the show! Contact Raylene Samson and Susannah Prinz at sequoiaartspark@gmail.com.

Fall Potlucks

It's time for the Fall Potlucks for the second to fifth grade classes, from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 in the Cafeteria.



TK, K and first grades enjoyed their potluck last week. There was great food and even better company. Thanks everyone for coming and for pitching in to help.

Please bring a dish if you can:

Main dishes: last names starting with A-G

Salads/Sides/Vegetarian main dishes: last names starting with H-P

Desserts: last names starting with Q-S

Beverages: last names starting with T-Z (no alcohol please)

If you can help with set-up, please arrive at 6 p.m., and clean-up help is always greatly appreciated!

Dads' Club Work Day October 8

Please join us for the first Dads' Club Family Work Day of the school year, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8.



Be part of improving and beautifying our school campus by taking part in a family work day. Our gardens need tender loving care, and our well-used classrooms need cleaning, upgrading and repairing.

The whole family is welcome to lend a hand and help give our kids the kind of space that makes it wonderful to learn and play.

Please contact Luke at elemetal2@gmail.com if you want to come and help. There will be breakfast snacks, coffee and tea for all helpers. Kids are welcome too!

Shout Outs

Potluck

Huge thank you to Sarah Smith-Gumataotao and Jason Gumataotao for stepping in last minute to handle the logistics of the TK-first grade potluck last week. And many thanks to all who helped set up, clean up and make it a great evening!

TK/K

Thank you to everyone who has helped out!

Donations: Drew

Box Tops: Abilene, Drew

Room Parents: Tara, Amanda, Stacey

Snack set-up: Stacey, Tequila, Amanda, Tara, Reka

Motor Skills: Annie, Jenny, Reka, Bruce, Juliana, Pat, Melissa,

Vicky, Melanie, Rob, Lillia

Lunch help: Annie, Jenny, Reka



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 2, 5 và Lớp 1 : Thứ Ba Ngày 29 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 sắp 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. Segundo a quinto-grados: martes, 20 de septiembre Grados 2-5: Jueves 29 de septiembre 6: 30-8: 00 p.m. en la Cafetería

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 بعض الطعام لذيذ. الوقت ل
الصفوف 2-5: الخميس 29 سبتمبر
6: 30-8: 00 مساء في كافيتريا

يرجى إحضار طبق إذا استطعت. نرى مشاركة القائمة اسم أدناه:
• A-G الأطباق الرئيسية: الأسماء الأخيرة

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

• Q-S الحلويات: الأسماء الأخيرة

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

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