

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Oct. 3, 2016

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Two-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- Mon • Oct 3: **Al Hijra/Muslim New Year**, sundown
 - Tue • Oct 4: **SSC Meeting**, 5 – 6 p.m., *Library*
 - Wed • Oct 5: **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**, 3rd - 5th Grades
 - Sat • Oct 8: **Sequoia Family Workday**, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., *School yard*
 - Sat • Oct 8: **FOSS Meeting**, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., *Cafeteria* (childcare provided)
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- Mon • Oct 10: **Columbus Day**
 - Tue • Oct 11: **Yom Kippur**, begins at sundown
 - Thu • Oct 13: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on Thursday**, 3 – 3:20 p.m., *School yard*
 - Fri • Oct 14: **No School for Students**
Professional Development day for teachers

FOSS Meeting on Saturday

The next FOSS meeting is on Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the library. The agenda includes voting on the mini-grant proposals and Nina Senn be speaking about MeasureG1, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Support Sequoia Fundraiser Ends This Week

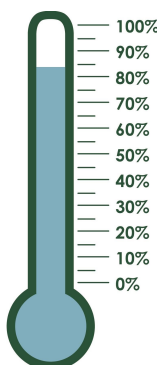
Thank you to everyone who has returned a Support Sequoia form. Together you have raised \$54,500, bringing us 85% of the way to our goal of raising \$65,000 with this fundraiser.

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 by Friday, Oct. 7. 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. So far we have received 66% of student forms.

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.



School Closed Friday, October 14

There will be no school on Friday, Oct. 14. Sequoia will be closed for a professional development day for teachers.

Picture Days This Week

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

Keep an eye out for posters and order forms for more information. Roots & Shoots Photography will be taking our school portraits. To see an example of the photographer work, visit www.roots-shoots.com.

Walk or Roll to School on Wednesday

Put on your best walking shoes, get out those bikes and scooters and celebrate International Walk and Roll to School Day with your Sequoia Community.



In the U.S., only one in 10 children walks to school regularly. This means most children do not experience the joy and benefits that come with getting to school with their own two feet. This is a great day to start a new habit! If you are not within walking distance of the school, you can park on Wilbur or Laguna and join one of the walking school buses.

We will have treats from La Farine and coffee from Hive as well as a representative from the Vice Mayor's office. Contact Jennifer Joey Smith at joey@abioproperties.com or 510-545-6390 for more information.

Dad's Club Work Day on Saturday

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



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

The FOSS meeting will be held during the same time, so you can lend us a hand before or after the FOSS meeting. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. The playground will be open as usual so the kids can play while you work.

This event is sponsored by the Dad's Club. Please contact Erich Vogel at erich.vogel@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Harvest Festival on October 29

Sequoia's annual Harvest Festival is on October 29, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please join us for a day of games, music, a costume contest, a barbecue feast, a kid-friendly haunted house, and more!



This event is run entirely by our student and family volunteers. There are plenty of big and little tasks to make it possible, such as running a booth, bringing baked goods, and setting/cleaning up. Please contact Heidi Aboites at heidiaboites@gmail.com or 510-435-3973 for more information on how you can help. Volunteer forms are available at sequoiaschool.net/harvestfestivalvolunteers or in the office.

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.

Check Out Cub Scouts

Is your boy interested in outdoor skills and the world around him? Building projects, community, and learning to work together?

Come check out Cub Scout Pack 271 at Park Blvd. Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Adults will join in an information meeting while the kids participate some supervised scout fun. Siblings are welcome too.

This small pack serves boys in first–fifth grade, and they are starting a new Kinder Pilot Program.

Projects include: pinewood derby racing, cooking, family Camping, building, knot tying, fire safety, basketball, hiking, learning about mucus, color guard, first aid, and service projects. Each boy has the opportunity to lead, share and get a big round of applause for all their hard work.

All families are welcome! Questions? Contact Carey at goodwife@sbcglobal.net or 510-759-6657.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Want to help the school and fulfill your commitment of 3 hours of volunteering a month for Sequoia? A list of all the current volunteer needs is available on the school website. Find out about some of the latest needs, including:

- Book Fair volunteers
- Motor Skills helpers
- Classroom reading helpers

For more details on how to get involved, visit sequoiaschool.net/volunteeropps.

You can also submit requests for volunteers using the form at sequoiaschool.net/volunteerneeds.

Shout Outs

TK/K

Thank you!

Box Tops: Anabel

Room Parents: Tara, Amanda, Stacey

Story Cycles organizer: Jenny, Crystal, Amanda

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

Motor Skills: Annie, Crystal, Reka, Kara, Sarah, Bruce, Juliana,

Brady, Melissa, Mariana, Rob, Marci, Welcome, Jeffrey

Lunch help: Annie, Jenny, Reka



The School Directory Is Here

This week, teachers are distributing the 2016–17 Sequoia directory (our school phone book). If you have more than one child at Sequoia, the directory will be sent home with your youngest child. We print a limited number of booklets, so make sure to get your copy from your child's backpack. If you need an additional copy for a second household, please email directory@sequoiaschool.net or leave a note in the FOSS box in the office.

Friends of Sequoia School (FOSS) creates, prints, and distributes this directory as a service to our community, to help foster closer connections among families. Please do not share directory information with people outside of the school community.

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 a.m. - 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.

Trường Sequoia Đóng Cửa Thứ 6 Ngày 14 Tháng 10

Sẽ không có lớp học vào Thứ 6 Ngày 14 Tháng 10. Sequoia sẽ đóng cửa một ngày để dành cho sự phát triển chuyên môn cho giáo viên.

上週五，10月14日無校

敬請家長留意，在十月十四日，星期五不要上學，是老師工作日。

Escuela Cerrado Viernes, 14 de de octubre de

No habrá clases el viernes 14 de octubre Sequoia estará cerrada por un día de desarrollo profesional para maestros.

المدرسة مغلقة الجمعة 14 أكتوبر

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