



Three-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- Oct 17 - 21: **Sequoia Book Fair**, Mon, Tue and Fri: 3–4 p.m.,
Wed: 1:20–2:20 p.m., Thu: 3–6 p.m.,
Auditorium
- Wed • Oct 19: **Bret Harte Info Night**, 6–7:30 p.m., *Auditorium*
- Thu • Oct 20: **Lights On After School Healthy Start Celebration**, 3:30–6 p.m. Open House,
6–7 p.m., Potluck Dinner, *Cafeteria*
- Fri • Oct 21: **Movie Night**, 5–8 p.m., *Auditorium*
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- Sat • Oct 29: **Harvest Festival**, 11 a.m. –2 p.m., *Cafeteria and school yard*

- Mon • Oct 31: **Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated**
- Mon • Oct 31: **Halloween**
- Mon • Oct 31: **Halloween Parade**, 1:30 p.m., *School yard*
- Nov 1 - 2: **Días de los Muertos**
- Tue • Nov 1: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*
- Tue • Nov 1: **Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night**, 7:15–8:30 p.m., *Library*
- Wed • Nov 2: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**,
8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*
- Wed • Nov 2: **Breakfast with the Principal**, 9–9:30 a.m.,
Cafeteria
- Thu • Nov 3: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7–8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd)*
- Sun • Nov 6: **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- Sun • Nov 6: **LGBTQ Families and Allies Social**, 2–4 p.m.,
Dimond Park

Movie Night October 21 – “Home”

The first Movie Night of the school year is Friday, Oct. 21, with a showing of “Home” (rated PG). Parents can check-in and drop-off their children between 5:30-6:30 p.m. and pick-up by 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The cost is \$5 per child.

The Sequoia Dads Club hosts a Friday Movie Night open to all Sequoia students and their siblings! Held in the school auditorium, drop off kids while parents enjoy three hours off. Parents are also welcome to stay and join in the fun. Supervised by the volunteers of the Dads' Club, kids will be secure and safe and guaranteed to have a blast. Kids are allowed to dress-up in PJs, bring a pillow and a blanket, stake out a spot on the floor, and enjoy hot dogs, popcorn, fruits and veggies! After-school program (SHS/CDC) students who would like to participate should make arrangements with the coordinators of those programs. (Permission slips are available with SHS/CDC.) All TK and kindergarten students require parent chaperone. The Dads' Club volunteers may call a parent or guardian if a child cannot be respectful of others or responsibly follow these guidelines: no fighting, rough play, throwing, taking belongings, climbing, playing piano or electronics during the movie.

Support Sequoia Fundraiser Success!

A huge shout out to everyone who worked so hard on our successful Support Sequoia fundraiser! Shout outs go to Hoa On for leading the Support Sequoia Campaign, Adrian Goldstein for overall organization, Gina Lewis and Arianne Wagner for designing the appeal letter, Dale Beevers for creating the hallway posters and classroom goal thermometers, Brian Dunstan for maintaining the Lincoln Ave goal thermometer, and Principal Bertolo for being the voice of the weekly fruit bar raffle. Above all, thank you to Sequoia teachers for handling the envelopes and encouraging all of their students to participate, Sequoia kids for bringing materials home and back to school, and Sequoia parents for completing their forms and giving so generously.

Final Participation Prize

Congratulations to the six classes where every single student returned a Support Sequoia envelope. These classes will enjoy a well-deserved extra recess as their reward. The teachers whose classes reached 100% participation are Ms. Love, Mr. Fleischman, Ms. Loeser, Ms. Roth, Ms. Catalano, and Ms. Pancho.

Sequoia Book Fair October 17-21

Visit the Sequoia Book Fair all week (October 17-21) after school in the auditorium. About half of all sales go into profits for the school to buy books for the teachers and the library. The book fair will be open Monday–Wednesday and Friday after school for one hour, and on Thursday for three hours (until 6 p.m.)

Bret Harte Info Night at Sequoia October 19



Bret Harte Middle School Principal Dr. Bianca D'Allesandro, along with several Bret Harte teachers, parents and students, are coming to Sequoia to share information and answer your questions regarding our neighborhood middle school! Please mark your calendars for the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 6–7:30 p.m.

Harvest Festival on October 29

Sequoia's annual Harvest Festival is on Saturday, Oct. 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.

El Festival de la Cosecha de Sequoia es el sábado 29 de Octubre, de 11 a.m. a 2 pm. Por favor, únense a nosotros para un día de juegos, música, concurso de disfraces, barbacoa, una casa embrujada para niños y mucho más!

Sequoia的年度丰收节日是10月29日星期六上午11时至下午2时。请加入我们一天的游戏，音乐，服装比赛，烧烤宴会，一个孩子友好的鬼屋和更多！

Ngày Hội Chợ Harvest Festival hàng năm của Trường Sequoia là vào Thứ 7 Ngày 29 Tháng 10 , 11:00 -2 giờ chiều. Hãy tham gia cùng chúng tôi... Có nhiều trò chơi, có âm nhạc, một cuộc thi trang phục lễ Halloween, cùng một bữa tiệc thịt nướng, một ngôi nhà ma ám vui cho trẻ em, và còn nhiều hơn nữa!

المهرجان الحصاد السنوي لسيكويا سيكون يوم السبت 29 أكتوبر من الساعة 11 صباحا حتى 2 ظهرا .
يرجى الانضمام إلينا ليوم مليء بالألعاب، والموسيقى، ومسابقة للأزياء ،
ومأدية مشاوي ، ومنزل الأشباح الصديق للأطفال وأشياء أخرى .

GLBTQ Families and Allies Social

November 6

Calling all LGBTQ families and allies! Let's get together and get to know each other better! We're having a casual social from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6, at Dimond Park. We'll meet on the grass near the swings at the larger playground—across the path from the pool/lodge. Bring snacks to share, blanket or chairs to sit on, balls to play with, and your whole family. We welcome all Sequoia families with LGBTQ members as well as all friends and allies. This could be a starting point for planning some sort of June 2017 Pride program. We hope this will be a chance for us to grow our community, and also a chance for our Squirrels to see families that reflect their own. Contact Rachel Kinnon (Eden, 1st): rachel@amberbug.org.

Halloween Festivities at Sequoia

Sequoia Halloween Parade will be on Monday, Oct. 31 at 1:30 p.m. on the playground, followed by parties in students' classrooms. Teachers will be sending home information about classroom specific activities. October 31 is a regular day and will not have early dismissal.

How to Submit to the Newsletter

Use our online form (bit.ly/1np1pcO) to submit an article to the communication team for inclusion in the upcoming week's newsletter by Tuesday, 5 p.m. of the week before you wish to have your content published in the school's weekly newsletter. The newsletter team has the right to edit content for length or clarity, and will send a proof of the article before it publishes in Monday's newsletter.

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 from TK and Kindergarten!

Box Tops: Drew; Donations: Kavya, Paxton; Story Cycles bags: Jenny; Snack set-up: Stacey, Annie, Amanda, Tara, Reka; Motor Skills: Annie, Reka, Jenny, Bruce, Melissa, Jay, Juliana, Brady, Vicky, Mariana, Sam, Robin, Keith, Rob, Kirsten, Marci, Tracy, Lillia, Jeffrey; Lunch help: Annie, Jenny, Reka

East Bay Mini Maker Faire

October 23

The East Bay Mini Maker Faire returns Sunday, Oct. 23, for a hands-on, minds-on celebration of creativity and invention in all its forms. This day-long arty-circus-meets-show-and-tell, hosted on the adjacent campuses of Park Day School and Studio One Art Center in Oakland, is chock full of family-friendly activities, demonstrations, and presentations.

Among the highlights: butter-making; strudel-making; goats; chickens; pedal-powered rides; circuit-making; screen-printing; toy-hacking; sewing combat robots from ABC's BattleBots; drone races and demos; Legos galore!; Riveropolis waterplay and boat-building; plus music, food, and much much more!

More information and tickets at eastbay.makerfaire.com.

Here is a discount code for 15% off advance purchase tickets to the East Bay Mini Maker Faire for Sequoia families: SEQUOIA16

Harvest Festival: We need volunteers! Can you help? Saturday, October 29

Yes, I would like to volunteer!

- I will be there to help set up (8—10 a.m.)
- I will be there to help break down (2—4 p.m.)
- I can work at a booth (10 a.m.—12 p.m.)
- I can work at a booth (12—2 p.m.)
- I can donate a bake good for the bake sale.



Please list bake sale item (s): _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Child's name _____ Room _____

Please turn in form @ FOSS box in the office

For more information about the Harvest Festival, please contact Heidi Aboites (heidiaboites@gmail.com) 510.435.3973