

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Oct. 31, 2016

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Two-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

- Mon • Oct 31: **Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated**
- 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 Saving Time Ends**
- Sun • Nov 6: **LGBTQ Families and Allies Social**, 2–4 p.m., *Dimond Park*
- Tue • Nov 8: **Election Day**
- Thu • Nov 10: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday**, 3 - 3:20 p.m., *School yard*
- Fri • Nov 11: **Veteran's Day Holiday: No School For Students**

Halloween Festivities at Sequoia

Sequoia Halloween Parade will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday on the playground, followed by parties in students' classrooms. It's a regular day and will not have early dismissal.

SSC Meeting November 1

The next Sequoia SSC meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1 in the Sequoia library. Everyone is welcome! You do not need to be a voting member of the SSC to attend meetings. Parents can also review Sequoia's Site Plan online at <http://www.ousd.org/domain/55> and the SSC meeting minutes in the big white binder located in the Sequoia office.

The School Site Council (SSC) is a group of Sequoia teachers, parents and community members who work together with the principal to develop, review and implement an ongoing School Improvement Plan.

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.

School Closed Friday, Nov. 11

Please note that Sequoia will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11 in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday.

Tenga en cuenta que Sequoia se cerrará el viernes 11 de noviembre en observancia del feriado del Día de los Veteranos.

學校會在11月11日,停課一天,來慶祝退伍軍人節。多謝各位家長!

Xin lưu ý rằng trường Sequoia sẽ được đóng cửa vào ngày Thứ 6 Ngày 11 Tháng 11 để nghỉ lễ của Cựu Chiến Binh.

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Sequoia Sings & Breakfast with the Principal November 2

Our next Sequoia Sings event of the school year is scheduled for 8:30 am., Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the auditorium.

Sequoia Sings is a monthly event where Sequoia students gather to sing together as a community, and families are invited to attend. Please join us as Mr. Bob leads the students in song.

After Sequoia Sings that day, please join us for Breakfast with Principal Bertolo, 9-9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Come learn more about changes in the lunchroom, the drop-off and pick-up situation on Scenic, and the crossing guard situation on Lincoln.

Election Day Bake Sale

Sequoia Auditorium is a polling place for this historic election. On Tuesday, Nov. 8, let's treat Sequoia's neighbors to yummy baked goods and raise money for FOSS. Please support this first-time small fundraiser by donating baked goods and/or time helping with the sale. Contact Tracey Kelp (Lucy, first grade) at tkelp@gmail.com if you can help!

FOSS Meeting Nov 15



This is a reminder that the next FOSS* meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the school library. There is no meeting in December. Please join us! Dinner and childcare (for school aged children) is provided. (*Friends of Sequoia School is our parent teacher organization.)

Arabic Translations Needed

The Communications Team is looking for a parent volunteer to assist with Arabic translations for the newsletter. Each week the newsletter features at least one article translated into several languages, thanks to the efforts of parent translators. If you are able to assist with Arabic translations, please contact Andrew Gordon at agordon72@gmail.com.



Dads' Club Meeting November 3

The next Dads' Club meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 at Red Boy Pizza, 1500 Leimert Blvd., Oakland. The Dads' Club organizes and funds many of the annual family and community events, school enrichment programs and communication services that support our students and teachers. Sign up to become a member of Dads' Club by emailing president Luke Milich at elemetal2@gmail.com.

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 K!
Donors Choose: Andy, Marcy, Allen
Box Tops: Kavya, Anabel, Adriana, Miles, Phoenix
Baby food jars: Leonore Reiser
Book Fair Donations: Kavya
Donations: Abilene, Erawan, Tarin and Aruna
Story Cycle bags: Jenny
Home prep: Carolina
Snack set-up: Stacey, Annie, Amanda, Tara, Reka
Motor Skills: Reka, Jenny, Annie, Stacey, Melissa, Juliana, Brady, Thai-An, Ron, Rob, Marci
Lunch help: Annie, Jenny, Reka, Stacey
October Birthday treats and help: Abilene, Phoenix, Miles, Ariana, Roslyn, Annie
Snack: Hazel, Maribel, Mariyah, Matthew, and Nicole

Join Sequoia Brownies Year Round

We are always excited to have new members in our Brownies troop, and we still have room for second and third grade girls. We meet the last Tuesday of the month, 5:15-6:30 p.m., in Room 18, plus a weekend activity every month or two. (We pick up any girls in Healthy Start and bring them to the meeting.)

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 29.

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 doing it.

Questions or want to sign up? Contact:
sequoiagirlscouts@gmail.com

Shop Amazon Smile for Sequoia

Did you know that you can help our school when you shop on Amazon.com? Just access Amazon via the Amazon Smile link on our website's "Shop for Sequoia" page: <http://sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia>. When you do this, Amazon gives us 6-8% of your purchase price — at no cost to you! The link on our website goes to Amazon Smile — it's the same as the regular Amazon site, except that you can choose a charity to support with your purchase. If you choose Sequoia Dads' Club as your charity, we get an extra half percent in addition to the money that we get because you used our link. Remember, using the link brings us a LOT more money than choosing us as your Amazon Smile charity. Please bookmark the Shop for Sequoia link above, and tell your family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors to begin all their Amazon shopping at our school's website. Thanks for your support!

Sequoia Auction Donations Needed

We are seeking donations of all kinds for the Third Annual Sequoia Family Dance & (mostly) Silent Auction, to be held on Saturday, February 11th. All proceeds will go toward Sequoia's enrichment programs!

To register a donation, just complete this simple form:

<http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/dance-auction/>

Do you or a family member have a particular skill or service we could auction? (Music teachers, electricians, landscapers, graphic designers, chefs, marketing whizzes, decorators—you name it, we need you!)

Have a business relationship with a retail establishment or restaurant? Know the coaches at your kid's soccer class, gymnasium or baseball camp? Have a nice bottle of wine that you are willing to part with, or a connection who could donate a weekend at a vacation rental? Or maybe you work somewhere really neat and could arrange a tour? Help us make the auction a success by getting the word out to those you know and gaining donation commitments!

Examples of some popular auction items include:

- Summer camps, after-school activities, classes and lessons
- Creative and professional services such as family photography, legal document preparation, etc.
- Home services such as landscaping, window-washing, etc.
- Tickets for sporting events, shows and concerts
- Guest passes and memberships for museums, zoos, theme parks, etc.
- Gift certificates for restaurants, bakeries, cafes, etc.
- Gift certificates for spas, salons and other personal services
- Gift certificates for local shops
- Parent-sponsored cocktail parties, offerings, outings, movie nights, etc.
- Only-at-Sequoia offerings such as teacher-sponsored tea parties and visits with pets

All items will be displayed on our colorful bidding website prior to the event, with logos, graphics and enough descriptive information to pique the interest of our community members.

Please contact us at SequoiaAuctionTeam@gmail.com with any questions.

We appreciate your donations, your connections, and all your energy and effort toward making this year's event a big fundraising success for our kids!

How to Submit to the Newsletter

Use the online form (bit.ly/1np1pcO) to submit an article to the communications team for inclusion in the newsletter. Please submit by Tuesday, 5 p.m. of the week before you wish to have your content published. 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 the newsletter.