

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Nov. 7, 2016

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Three-Week Calendar



Wednesdays are minimum days

Tue • Nov 8:	Election Day
Thu • Nov 10:	Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday , 3–3:20 p.m., <i>School yard</i>
Fri • Nov 11:	Veterans Day Holiday: No School For Students
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Tue • Nov 15:	FOSS Meeting , Dinner served at 6 p.m., meeting from 6:15–8 p.m., childcare provided, <i>Cafeteria</i>
Wed • Nov 16:	School Portrait Make-Up Day , all grades
Thu • Nov 17:	Healthy Start Fall Showcase , 5:30–6:30 p.m., Auditorium
Fri • Nov 18:	First Trimester Report Cards Sent Home
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Nov 21–25:	Thanksgiving Recess: No School For Students

School Closed This Friday, Nov. 11

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

Harvest Festival Thanks

Huge thanks to ALL our awesome volunteers supporting us on this event: parents, students, teachers and family members. We appreciate how hard you work to bring our community together once again. Thank you! We couldn't have done it without you.

Big shout outs:

- Flavor Brigade for yummy Italian ice
- Safeway Fruitvale for donating pumpkins
- Sequoia Dad's Club for the fabulous food
- The spooky haunted house crew who did an amazing job keeping us entertained (and Quasimodo for walking around)
- Rockin' Kids Trio for sharing your talent and energy
- Everyone running booths and collecting tickets
- Nor Cal jumpy house
- Behind-the-scenes helpers (parents, children, family and teachers)

Another awesome Harvest Festival proves once again how strong our Sequoia community is. Go Squirrels!

Sequoia Gear Delayed, On the Way

Our past t-shirt printer had some issues with printing, so we selected a new printer. All orders are currently being processed. Orders should be delivered to students in their classrooms BEFORE the Thanksgiving break. Thanks for your patience. If you have any questions, contact sequoiagoods@gmail.com.

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.)



Lunchroom Support

The cafeteria staff need your support in creating and maintaining a calm environment in the cafeteria during lunchtime. Changes are in place to have a less disruptive atmosphere for our squirrels to eat their lunch, but we need volunteers to help model and encourage appropriate lunchtime behaviors that coincide with our four core values.

Please consider coming for one or all lunch periods (most help is needed during the upper grade lunch period):

TK: 11:15–11:45 a.m.

Grades K-1: 11:40 a.m.–12:10 p.m.

Grades 2-3: 12:05–12:35 p.m.

Grades 4-5: 12:30–1 p.m.

Volunteers should email Coach D at dlyngrant@gmail.com.

Ayuda en la Cafetería

El personal de la cafetería necesita su apoyo para crear y mantener un ambiente tranquilo en la cafetería durante el almuerzo. Hay cambios que ya están en efecto para tener un mejor ambiente y para que nuestros hijos/hijas coman su almuerzo. Pero aun necesitamos voluntarios que ayuden a modelar y animar comportamientos apropiados durante el almuerzo y que coincidan con los cuatro valores de Sequoia.

Por favor considere venir a uno o todos los períodos de almuerzo (la mayoría de la ayuda se necesita durante el período de almuerzo para los niños más grandes):

TK: 11: 15-11: 45 a.m.

Grados K-1: 11:40 a.m.-12: 10 p.m.

Grados 2-3: 12: 05-12: 35 p.m.

Grados 4-5: 12: 30-1 p.m.

Los voluntarios interesados deben enviar un correo electrónico al entrenador D al: dlyngrant@gmail.com.

各位家長好，學校需要志願者或義務者去幫手照顧和看著學生們吃午餐，確保學生遵循規則和無學生破壞。

時間表是：

幼稚園：11:15 -- 11:45 早上

一年班：11：40 -- 12:10 下午

二至三年班：12:05 -- 12:35 下午

四至五年班：12：30 -- 1:00 下午

如果你們可以幫助，請電郵教練 (Coach D)，多謝! dlyngrant@gmail.com.

Hỗ trợ ăn trưa

Các nhân viên quán cà phê cần hỗ trợ bạn trong việc tạo ra và duy trì một môi trường yên tĩnh trong nhà ăn trong giờ ăn trưa. Những thay đổi được thực hiện để có một bầu không khí ít gây rối cho sóc của chúng tôi để ăn bữa trưa, nhưng chúng tôi cần tình nguyện viên để giúp mô hình và khuyến khích hành vi trưa thích hợp trùng với bốn giá trị cốt lõi của chúng tôi.

Xin hãy xét đến cho một hoặc tất cả các thời gian ăn trưa (nhất giúp đỡ là cần thiết trong thời gian ăn trưa lớp trên):

TK: 11: 15-11: 45 sáng

Lớp K-1: 11:40-12: 22:00

Lớp 2-3: 12: 05-12: 35 giờ tối

Lớp 4-5: 12: 30-1 giờ tối

Tình nguyện viên quan tâm có thể gửi email cho HLV D tại dlyngrant@gmail.com.

دعم حجرة الغذاء

الموظفين كافتيريا بحاجة إلى دعمكم في خلق والحفاظ على بيئة هادئة في المطعم خلال فترة الغذاء. التغييرات في مكان لأجواء أقل التخريبية لالسنجاب لدينا لتناول الغذاء، ولكن نحن بحاجة إلى متطوعين للمساعدة في نموذج وتشجيع السلوكيات الغذاء المناسبة التي تتزامن مع القيم الأساسية الأربعة لدينا.

يرجى النظر القادمة لأحد أو جميع فترات الغذاء (هناك حاجة إلى مساعدة أكثر خلال فترة الغذاء الصف العلوي):

صباحا 11: 15-11: 45 TK:

الصفوف من الروضة 1: 12-11:40

الصفوف 3-2: 12: 05-12: 35 مساء

الصفوف 5-4: 12: 30-1 مساء

في dlyngrant@gmail.com يجب أن المتطوعين المهتمين البريد الإلكتروني المدرب

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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!

Soothing tea and dish washing: Annie

Donations: Anabel

Story Cycle bags: Jenny

Dimond Library chaperones: Andrea, Niran, Tequila, Amanda, Stacey, Sidney, Reka, Annie, Crystal

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

Motor Skills: Andy, Jenny, Annie, Jeffrey, Rachel, Bruce, Felicia, Jay, Juliana, Brady, Vicky, Melissa, Leigh, Rob, Melanie, Keith, Tacey

Lunch help: Annie, Jenny, Reka, Stacey

Halloween treats and help: Room 9 Families

Snack: Remi, Clara, Drew, Dominic, Sofia

Sequoia Volunteer Opportunities

The Current Volunteer Opportunities on the Sequoia website (<http://sequoiaschool.net/volunteeropps>) lists all the current volunteer needs at Sequoia. Be sure to check it regularly and look for ways you can get involved in our school community and fulfill your three-hour monthly volunteer commitment!

Here are some of the latest volunteer opportunities available:

- Lunchtime and recess support
- Arabic translator for the newsletter
- Traffic safety coordinator (Scenic)
- Variety Show assistant producer
- Family dance and silent auction volunteers
- Motor skills
- Reading helpers

Contact SequoiaVolunteers@gmail.com if you're interested in helping with any of these volunteer opportunities.

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 tlkelp@gmail.com if you can help!

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.

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.