

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Jan. 16, 2018



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Two-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days. Note that multiple events occur on the same days.

Mon • Jan 15: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday:**
No School for Students

Fri • Jan 19: **MLK Oratorical Assembly, Auditorium**
9–10 a.m., Grades TK–2
10:15–11:30 a.m., Grades 3–5

MLK Oratorical Evening Performances,
7–8 p.m., Auditorium

Last Day to Donate Auction Items to Sequoia Fundraiser

Sat • Jan 20: **Sequoia Family Workday, sponsored by the Dads' Club, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., School yard**

No SPTO Meeting, rescheduled to Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6–8 p.m.

Thu • Jan 25: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on Thursday, Due to Friday Professional Development Day, 3–3:30 p.m., School yard**

Fri • Jan 26: **Professional Development Day for Teachers and Staff, No school for students**

Sequoia Family Workday

Please join us for our workday this Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon.

In order to keep our beloved school looking and functioning its best, it sometimes needs a little help from our parent community. We have jobs for all skill levels and interests. We will need people to maintain the various gardens and attend to various projects in the classrooms.

There is no requirement to stay for the duration, so drop in for as much time as you have. 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 Dads' Club. Please contact Chris Coffee (ccoffee@gmail.com) for more information.



Sequoia's Annual MLK Oratorical Assembly This Friday

Sequoia's annual MLK Oratorical Assembly is happening this Friday, Jan. 19.



Grades TK–2 will lead us off at 9 a.m., and grades 3–5 will transition into the performance at around 10:15 a.m., with the assembly wrapping up at or before 11:30 a.m. We are attempting to get a wider range of students to witness each other's presentations.

Students will recite a poem/essay/speech relating to civil rights, freedom, justice and equality in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Some classes have prepared their own group presentations, while other students will perform as an individual or as a small choral group (two or more students).

All performances will be judged at the assemblies on Jan. 19, with top vote-getters going on to the Oakland Unified district competition. An evening encore performance will be held at 7 p.m.

You can still help coach kids all week, as we prepare for the big event on Friday. Contact Damond at damondmoodie@comcast.net if you would like to help.

Stay tuned to the school's Facebook page for any updates: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary/>.

SPTO Meeting Canceled for January

The Sequoia PTO meeting originally scheduled for Jan. 20 has been canceled. We encourage everyone to attend the Women's March and/or Sequoia work day instead.

The next SPTO meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6–8 p.m., in the cafeteria (dinner and childcare provided).

Upcoming Events

We're heading into a busy season here at Sequoia. While we have a moment to breathe, our newsletter committee would like to give you a quick heads up on some events and important dates through mid-February that you might want to jot down:

- Due to school being closed on Friday, Jan. 26, frozen fruit bars will be sold on Thursday, Jan. 25, after school outside the cafeteria.
- The next Sequoia Sings will be Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium, featuring our first graders. Breakfast With the Principal will follow at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- The next Dads' Club meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 1.
- The 100th Day of School is Friday, Feb. 2.
- Lunar New Year begins Thursday, Feb. 15.
- Presidents Day is Monday, Feb. 19, and school will be closed.

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2018 Family Dance & Silent Auction Feb. 10, 5–8 p.m.

Last Week To Donate to Raise The Ruff!

Have you donated an item, gift certificate or service to the Sequoia Family Dance & Silent Auction? **The last day to donate is Friday, Jan. 19**, and items of all shapes and sizes are still needed. Please donate whatever you can by filling out this form at <http://bit.ly/sequoiaauction> or emailing sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com.



Everyone in the community is invited to join us for this family-friendly party. No stuffy black-tie event, the 4th Annual Family Dance & Auction features:

- Kid-friendly tunes spun by Mr. D's Music Club
- A variety of yummy food trucks and a bake sale
- Mini photo sessions with acclaimed photographer Mitch Tobias (mitchtobias.com)
- An auction of many fantastic items and one-of-a-kind experiences

Give a Little and Get a Lot in Return

Did you get any awesome holiday gifts you probably aren't going to use? Or maybe you have passes or a gift certificate that could be donated to the Fourth Annual Family Dance & (mostly) Silent Auction.

All proceeds from the auction support Sequoia's enrichment programs including science, library, computers, music, art and garden. With the recent OUSD budget cuts, Sequoia needs your donation more than ever!

Please donate an item or service **by this Friday, Jan. 19**, at bit.ly/sequoiaauction or via email at sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com.

Bake Sale for Silent Auction: Bakers Needed

Our annual bake sale at the Family Dance & Silent Auction on Feb. 10 will raise money for the fourth and fifth grade classes to attend camp.

We need lots of baked good to make this fundraiser a success! Cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies, quick breads... We'll take it all! If you don't bake, you can still help by making a different type of dessert to donate (we've had chocolate pot de creme and banana pudding in the past). Contact your favorite bakery and ask them for a donation and/or buy something delicious to donate.

Please sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/TWu9a33XbnHxh1ZB3>.

Thanks for supporting our upper-graders' camp programs!

School Closed Friday, Jan. 26

Sequoia will be closed Friday, Jan. 26, for a professional development day for teachers and staff.

Sequoia estará cerrada el viernes 26 de enero para un día de desarrollo profesional para los maestros y el personal.

红杉将于1月26日星期五关闭，作为教师和职员的专业发展日。

Sequoia sẽ đóng cửa Thứ Sáu, ngày 26 tháng Giêng cho một ngày phát triển chuyên nghiệp cho giáo viên và nhân viên.

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Join the Sequoia Choir

Like to sing? Want to join the choir this year? It's not too late!

The Sequoia Choir has room for additional singers for the spring semester.

Please contact Ms. Roth, choir director, in Room 5 (jacqueline.roth@ousd.org), if you are interested.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, from 1:25 to 2:10 p.m., and will begin on Jan. 24. Tuition for the remainder of the year is \$50 and includes a choir shirt. Partial scholarships are available.



Shout Outs

Sequoia would not be the special place it is without the dedication and help of our volunteers.

Thank you TK and K!

Donations: Freja, Waylon, Eliseo, Lucas, Jonah

Motor Skills: Leslie, Pam, David, Jenes, Sasha, Reka, Andy, Marie, Tim, Laura

Box Tops: Freja, Ms. Holmstedt

Book Organizing and Classroom Help: Sharon, Ms. A, Gami, Rollie

Dimond Library and Park: Rollie, and Gami

Snack set-up: Pam, Arin, Sasha, Angela

Lunch help: Pam, David

Snack: Freja, Zeke, Justin, Kingston, Naima

