

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Jan. 22, 2018



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SequoiaSchool.net and Facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary

Two-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days.

Thurs • Jan 25: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday**, 3–3:30 p.m., *School yard*

Thurs • Jan 25: **January Spirit Day**, *Wear something fancy*

Fri • Jan 26: **No School For Students; Professional Development Day for Teachers**

Thu • Feb 1: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7–8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd.)*

Fri • Feb 2: **100th Day of School**

School Closed on Friday, Jan. 26

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



January Spirit Day

Sequoia Student Council is excited to announce January Spirit Day will be this Thursday, Jan. 25, and the theme is fancy. Show off your style with some fancy clothes!

Ready, Set, Go! Let The Bidding Begin!

The online portion of 2018 Sequoia Auction is now open. From now until bidding closes on the night of the event, Feb. 10, you can use this link from wherever you are:

<http://bit.ly/sequoiaauction>. All proceeds fund Sequoia's enrichment programs, including library, science, music, art, garden and more.



There are items for every interest, taste and budget, and new items are coming in daily. So, tell your friends, family, community, post on Facebook, and let the bidding begin!

\$12K In Donations Still Needed For Raise The Ruff

Thank you to all the families who have already donated an item to the Sequoia Family Dance & Silent Auction on Feb. 10.

The auction committee still needs **at least \$12K in donations** to fund Sequoia's enrichment programs for the year.

Everyone has something to donate! For example, second grade artist Eryn Roddy donated a hand-drawn luggage tag, K. Sienk Photography donated a family portrait session, and the Reiser family donated a parent's night out for 5 kids.

Please donate whatever you can by filling out this form at <http://bit.ly/sequoiaauction> or emailing sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com.

Principal's Corner: Sanctuary District

Hello Sequoia Families:

The San Francisco Chronicle reports that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is planning a major sweep through the Bay Area to detain undocumented people. According to the article, this may occur within the next couple of weeks. While raids are unlikely to occur in our school, we need to prepare to protect and support our families as well as meet the social-emotional needs of students who are impacted.



While disturbing, it is important not to contribute to a sense of panic. We are a sanctuary district, live in a sanctuary city, and we are a sanctuary state. The best thing we can all do is to ensure everyone remains calm, is informed of their rights, and knows what to do in the event of any ICE activity.

As a Sanctuary District, OUSD has prepared key resources and trained staff across the District on what to do in the event of ICE activity. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with this critical information (ousd.org/sanctuary), and know we are here for all of our families, no matter what.

Donald T. Bertolo

MLK Oratorical Winners

Congratulations to all of the performers in last week's MLK Oratorical Assembly. It was an inspiring event. Here are the winners and honorable mentions.



Honorable Mentions

TK class choral: Ms. Love's room

Second grade class choral: Ms. Catalano's room

Third grade: Zach Samp, Noah Hayes, and Jeremiah Robinson - Ms. Lisa's room

Fifth grade: Isoke Blake, Nizie Brou, Italia Gomes, and Gwen Sullivan - Ms. Dana's room

Fifth grade class choral: Ms. Dana's room

Honorable Mentions, Solo Category

Fifth grader: Reina Diaz

Fifth grader: Justin Veasey

Winners, Group Category:

Fourth graders: Anike Logan-Jones, Kennedy Rowe and Aaliyah Coleman - "P"Freedom" Phenomenal Woman" Maya Angelou - Mr. J and Ms. Monica's room

Fifth graders: Kyra O'Neal, Jayla Ortiz-Adams, and Ty'Auni Johnson - "Freedom" ~ original poem - Mr. Wolff's room

Winners, Solo Category:

Fourth grader: Monrovia Prinz - "Remember the Radical Women" ~ original poem - Ms. Monica's room

Fourth grader: Xavier Nero - "This is Where I Come From" ~ original poem - Mr. J's room

The winners will be registered to compete in the district-wide event at Castlemont High School on Tuesday, January 30.

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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!

Nuestra venta anual de pasteles en el Baile Familiar & Subasta Silenciosa del 10 de febrero recaudará dinero para que las clases de cuarto y quinto grado se puedan ir de campamento.

¡Necesitamos muchos productos para que esta recaudación de fondos sea un éxito! Galletas, cupcakes, pasteles, tartas, panes rápidos ... ¡Lo tomaremos todo! Si no hornea, aún puede ayudar haciendo un tipo diferente de postre para donar (hemos tenido en el pasado crema de chocolate y pudín de banana). Póngase en contacto con su panadería favorita y pídale una donación y / o compre algo delicioso para donar.

Por favor regístrese en <https://goo.gl/forms/TWu9a33XbnHxh1ZB3>.

¡Gracias por apoyar los programas de campamento de nuestros alumnos de último año!

Bán hàng nướng hàng năm của chúng tôi tại Cuộc múa Gia Đình & Đấu giá Im lặng trên

Ngày 10 tháng 2 sẽ quyên tiền cho các lớp học lớp bốn và năm lớp năm để tham dự trại.

Chúng ta cần rất nhiều bánh nướng ngon để làm cho cuộc gây quỹ này thành công! Cookies, cupcakes, bánh, bánh, bánh mì nhanh.

Chúng tôi sẽ mang tất cả! Nếu bạn không nướng, bạn vẫn có thể giúp đỡ bằng cách tạo ra một loại món tráng miệng khác nhau để tặng (chúng ta đã có sôcôla sôcôla và bánh pudding trong quá khứ). Liên hệ với tiệm bánh yêu thích của bạn và yêu cầu họ tặng cho và / hoặc mua thứ gì đó ngon để hiến.

Vui lòng đăng ký tại <https://goo.gl/forms/TWu9a33XbnHxh1ZB3>.

Cảm ơn vì đã hỗ trợ chương trình trại hè của học sinh lớp trên!

我们在2月10日举行的家庭舞蹈和无声拍卖会上每年都会举办烘焙课程，为四、五年级的学生募捐。

我们需要大量的烘焙，使这个筹款活动成功！饼干，蛋糕，蛋糕，馅饼，快速面包。我们会把这一切！如果你不烤，还可以通过制作一种不同类型的甜点来帮助（过去我们已经有过巧克力的奶油和香蕉布丁）。联系你最喜欢的面包店，并要求他们捐赠和/或购买美味的东西捐赠。

请登录<https://goo.gl/forms/TWu9a33XbnHxh1ZB3>。感谢支

والمزادات الصامتة يوم 10 فبراير اموالا لأفضلى الصفين الرابع والخامس لحضور المعسكر.

نحن بحاجة إلى الكثير من خبز جيدة لجعل هذا جمع التبرعات النجاح! الكوكيز، الكعك، الكعك، الفطائر، الخبز السريع. سنأخذ كل شيء! إذا كنت لا خبز، لا يزال بإمكانك المساعدة عن طريق تقديم نوع مختلف من الحلوى للتبرع (كان لدينا الشوكولاته وعاء دي كريم والموز بودنغ في الماضي). اتصل بالمخبز المفضل لديك واطلب منهم التبرع و / أو شراء شيء لذيذ للتبرع.

يرجى الاشتراك في <https://goo.gl/forms/TWu9a33XbnHxh1ZB3>. شكر الدعم برامج مخيمات طلاب الصفوف العليا لدينا!

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.

Sequoia Variety Show: Performers & Volunteers Needed

The 29th annual event will be held on Saturday, Mar. 24. This beloved event lets students show off their talents and have a blast singing, dancing, juggling, playing music, and doing comedy and magic.



Please save the date, and be sure to bring family and friends.

We're looking for fresh talent among students of all grades and ages. This is a great way for students to overcome shyness and enjoy the thrill of being on stage.

We're also seeking new parent volunteers—people who are willing to coach workshops, help out with auditions and rehearsals, sell ads for the program, solicit raffle prizes and more. Please contact Heidi Aboites (heidiaboites@gmail.com) if you or your child want to get involved.

Girl Scout Cookies Are Coming!

Support Sequoia's Grades 2-3 Brownies troop by purchasing Girl Scout cookies Jan. 29 to Mar. 4. Cookies are \$5 a box. Find us on the schoolyard at 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 29, and on every Friday through March 2, while supplies last.

We will also be selling outside Healthy Start between 5 and 6 p.m. a few times. Watch the newsletter and Facebook page for more dates. Last year we ran out well before the end of the sale, so buy early and often. Thanks for supporting Girl Scouts!

Shout Outs

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



Thank you TK!

Donations: Theo, Jordan,

Malaya's Grandma Marsha

100th Day snacks: Zacheo, Lucas, Liliana, Sam, Waylon, Jonah

Box Tops: Freja, Ms. Holmstedt

Book Organizing and Classroom Help: Sharon, Arin

Snack Set-up: Pam, Arin, Tomoko, Sasha, Angela

Snack: Naomi, Ruby, Siimi