

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Feb. 20, 2018

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## Three-Week Calendar

**Wednesdays are minimum days. Note that there can be multiple events on one day.**

- Thu • Feb 22: **Healthy Start Winter Showcase**, 5:30–6 p.m., *Cafeteria*
- Fri • Feb 23: **Readathon Begins**, continues thru Monday, Mar. 5
- Sat • Feb 24: **Variety Show Mandatory Tryouts**, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., *Auditorium*

Tue • Feb 27: **Family Reading Night**, 6–8 p.m., *Auditorium*

Wed • Feb 28: **Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated**

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

Fri • Mar 2: **Dr. Seuss's Birthday & Read Across America Day Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day Second Trimester Report Cards Sent Home**

Sat • Mar 3: **Variety Show Workshops**, 10 a.m.–2 p.m., *Auditorium*

Mar 5–19: **Golden Sneaker Contest**

Tue • Mar 6: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*

Wed • Mar 7: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*

**Breakfast with the Principal**, 9–9:30 a.m., *Cafeteria*

**Variety Show Workshops**, 2:30–6 p.m.

Sat • Mar 10: **Variety Show Rehearsal**, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., *Auditorium*

**SPTO Meeting**, childcare provided, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., *Dimond Rec Center*

Sun • Mar 11: **Daylight Saving Time Begins**

## The Annual Sequoia Readathon Starts Friday, Feb. 23

On Friday, students will bring home a Readathon packet containing all the information and materials you need to help your child keep track of how many minutes she/he reads between Friday, Feb. 23 and Monday, Mar. 5. Being read to by another person and listening to an audiobook also counts towards minutes read. The students with the most minutes will be invited to a special Readers' Tea.

Fundraising is an important part of the Readathon. You and your child can invite donations from family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and Facebook friends. The Readathon packet explains how to use NetworkForGood. The top five fundraisers will be invited to the Tea.

- **Tuesday, Feb. 27, Family Reading Night:** Share dinner while readers read out loud to kids at Sequoia.
- **Friday, Mar. 2, Drop Everything & Read (DEAR) Day:** Kids can come to school in pajamas or dressed as their favorite literary character. Guest readers come to read to every class and La Farine pastries & Peet's coffee for sale on the school-yard before school.
- **Friday, Mar. 23, Readers' Tea:** Special event for top **two** readers from every class and the top **five** fundraisers from the entire school. *(article continues next column)*

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We are looking for volunteers for the following (please email [sequoiareadathon@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiareadathon@gmail.com) if you can help):

- February 23: Help deliver packets to classrooms and explain the Readathon to each class.
- March 2: Help sell La Farine pastries and Peet's coffee on school-yard before school.
- March 23: Bring food for the Readers' Tea, help set up and/or clean up.

Happy Reading!

## Sequoia CHKS Survey

Every year we ask families to take a survey to tell us how things at Sequoia are for THEM. This anonymous survey helps the district make spending decisions and helps Sequoia make decisions about how we spend our time and efforts. We want to hear from EVERYONE so we can continue to grow into the inclusive, thriving school we want to be! The survey is only online this year so please take a few minutes to take it on your phone, tablet or computer!

OUSD Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell and Mr. Bertolo

Enlace de la encuesta para padres CHKS

"¡Queremos escuchar su voz!"

Por favor tome unos momentos para llenar la encuesta para padres de OUSD. Queremos saber cómo servir mejor a su familia. ¡Gracias!

Superintendente de OUSD Kyla Johnson-Trammell

<https://surveys.wested.org/csps/QH722GC>

"Chúng tôi muốn được nghe ý kiến của quý vị!"

Xin vui lòng dành một vài phút để điền vào bản khảo sát dành cho phụ huynh OUSD. Chúng tôi muốn biết cách phục vụ gia đình quý vị tốt hơn.

Cảm ơn quý vị!!

Giám Đốc OUSD Kyla Johnson-Trammell

Liên kết bản khảo sát dành cho phụ huynh CHKS

Lời Khuyến Người Sử Dụng

Lời Khuyến: Để di chuyển về phía trước trong bản khảo sát, hãy nhấp nút

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ولي الامر CHKS الاستقصائية

"نريد أن نسمع صوتك!"

يرجى أخذ بضع لحظات لملء استطلاع رأي الوالدين.

نريد أن نعرف كيفية خدمة عائلتك بشكل أفضل.

المشرف على المدرسة OUSD كايل جونسون-تراميل

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家長 CHKS 調查表連接

"我們希望聽取你的意見！"

請花些少時間填寫這份屋崙聯合校區家長調查表。

我們希望知道怎樣更好地服務你的家庭。

多謝！！

屋崙聯合校區校區總監 Kyla Johnson-Trammell 和

使用者提示

提示：家長使用 "Grade" 按鈕選擇語言

提示：要繼續以後的調查表，請點擊按鈕

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## Spring Break

Sequoia Elementary will be closed for Spring Break April 2–6. School will resume Monday, April 9.

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## Family Reading Night

Family Reading Night is coming soon! Join us Feb. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium for a free dinner while supplies last, free books and reading! We are looking for salad and dessert donations. If you have any questions or to donate salad or dessert please email:

Nancy Ogden: [nancygrace99@yahoo.com](mailto:nancygrace99@yahoo.com)

Susannah Prinz: [susannaheloyse@yahoo.com](mailto:susannaheloyse@yahoo.com)

## New Spanish Immersion Summer Camp in Nearby Laurel District

Registration is now open for the first Spanish Immersion Summer Camp in Oakland's lower hills. Your child will learn and/or practice Spanish through fun and immersive activities like yoga, dance, baseball, soccer, games, art and cooking. This is an excellent choice for children entering grades K–5. Visit the website: <https://www.laplazitacommunitybuilding.com/summer-programs> to learn more about the summer camp and other summer programs.

## Girl Scout Cookies: Buy Tuesday Evening and Friday After School

Supplies are starting to run low on Girl Scout cookies but we still have some! Get them on Tuesday, 5:30–6:15 p.m., at Healthy Start and before the SPTO meeting, and Friday after school. \$5 a box. Sale runs through March 2 or when we run out. Thanks for supporting Sequoia Girl Scouts.

## 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: Eliseo, Zeke, Jack, Siimi

Motor skills: David, Pam, Sasha, Leslie, Lara, Joanne, Annie, Mariana, Andy, Annie, Daniel, Lucian, Lynell, Issabella.

Box tops: Freja, Theo

Book organizing and classroom help: Sharon, Angela

Lunar new year treats: Angela

Valentine donations and help: Room 9

Car help: Reka

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

Snack: Madeline, Zeke, Malaya, Sam, Theo



## The Sequoia Variety Show Is Almost Here

Tryouts for the Sequoia Variety Show are this Saturday, February 24. Your student must be at tryouts to be in the show. Please consider pre-registering for tryouts! We're reserving the first 1.5 hours of tryouts for people who have pre-registered and sent their music. The schedule is as follows:



**10–11 a.m.** Pre-registered performers can try out. If you pre-register by Friday, Feb. 23, we will send you an email with a specific window of time. ALL performers must be present when their tryout time comes, or we may have to move the act to the back of the queue. Please email us if you encounter conflicts with your schedule.

**11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.** First-come, first-served tryouts for people who haven't pre-registered. Please sign in when you arrive, and register your student at the registration table.

EVERY student who performs must be registered, and one parent must also submit a registration for each group act:

- Individual registration: <http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/variety-show/registration/>
- Group act registration: <http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/variety-show/variety-show-group-act-registration/>
- Music upload: <http://www.dropbox.com/request/MoigN82lcC1rvdJSOall>

If your student is singing, music MUST be instrumental or karaoke version. We require an MP3 or WAV file. If the song is too long, we can help you edit it. We can't pull music off of mobile phones, so please do your best to submit the music to us ahead of time. If you can't get the music, let us know what version you want to use and we can download it for you.

**Workshops:** Workshops are mandatory this year. We have two dates, Saturday, Mar. 3 and Wednesday, Mar. 7, when workshops will be available, and we can be flexible if those dates don't work for you or your children. We'll provide sign-up sheets for workshops during tryouts and online. We need to do a workshop with each act in order for them to be in the show.

**Volunteers Needed:** This amazing production can't happen without the help of dozens of volunteers! We need people to help sell ads for our programs, solicit raffle donations, coach performers, and help out on show night. We also need food donations for the night of the show.

If you're a parent or family member who's interested in helping out, or if you can donate food items for the Mar. 24 performance, please contact the team at [sequoiavarietyshow@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiavarietyshow@gmail.com).

We hope to see your shining stars at the Variety Show tryouts!