

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: March 5, 2018



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SequoiaSchool.net and Facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary

Three-Week Calendar

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

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

Wed • Mar 7: **Variety Show Workshops**, 2–6 p.m.

Sequoia Sings! Student Performance, 8:30 - 9 a.m., *Auditorium*

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

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

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

Mar 12–16: **Minimum Days, 1:20 p.m. Dismissal**

Sat • Mar. 17: **St. Patrick's Day**

Variety Show Mandatory Rehearsal, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., *Auditorium*

Tue • Mar. 20: **First Day of Spring/Spring Equinox**

Wed • Mar. 21: **Evening of Engineering Extravaganza**, 6–8 p.m., *Auditorium*

Thu • Mar. 22: **Variety Show Dress Rehearsal**, 6–9 p.m., *Auditorium*

Fri • Mar. 23: **Readers' Tea**, 8:20–10 a.m., *Cafeteria*

Sat • Mar. 24: **Variety Show Performance**, 5–9 p.m., *Auditorium*

Spring Break

There is no school on Friday, March 30, in honor of Cesar Chavez Day. The following week, Sequoia Elementary will be closed for Spring Break Apr. 2–6. School resumes Monday, Apr. 9.

Sequoia After School Enrichment Spring Session Enrollment

Enrollment for Sequoia's after school enrichment begins this week. A flyer was sent home with class descriptions, enrollment information and deadlines. We have a variety of class offerings to choose from: Ninja and Circus Arts, Chess, Spanish and Mandarin language courses, Comic Arts, Craft Kitchen, Legos and Kinderbots. If your child is enrolled in Healthy Start or the CDC, they can still participate. Please contact sequoia.afterschoolenrichment@gmail.com for any questions or concerns.

Spring Book Fair Moved: New Dates April 16–20

The Spring Book Fair will be held during the week of April 16 instead of in March. If you can volunteer, please contact Heather King at 510-846-5519 or heatherking.lmt@gmail.com soon to discuss training. There's also optional workshops that are coming up if you have any availability on weekdays around noon.

Readathon and D.E.A.R. Day Thanks

The Readathon Committee would like to thank our amazing Sequoia community for making the Readathon and D.E.A.R. Day a major success.

Our first big thanks go to our superb Sequoia teachers and staff who make the world go round. Our gratitude also goes out to Soana Lauti, Eta Otutaha and the kids at Soana's after school program who collated and stuffed the envelopes for the Readathon packets for the entire school.

D.E.A.R. Day wouldn't be the same without our fantastic readers who bring the literary world to Sequoia: Aliona Gibson, Lashon Daley, Miriam Medow, Victoria Shoemaker, Grace Carroll, Samantha Giles, Taylor Brady, Annie Campbell Washington, Kate Schatz, Tiffany Golden, Laura Moriarty and Brent Cunningham. Much appreciation to Stan Dodson and La Farine and Robin Burton and Peet's Coffee for pastry and coffee donations for D.E.A.R. Day, as well as Small Press Distribution for classroom books and photocopying. Finally, we couldn't have done it without our parent volunteers: Nicole George O'Brien, Meg Jerene, Kevin Smith, Lisa Nguyen Sutton, Tracey Kelp, JoAnne Tobias, Arianne Wagner, Welcome Bisson and Angelee Strawder.

Stay tuned for the winners.

The Readathon Team,
Brent Cunningham, Kathie Rhodes and Melissa Benham

Annual Sequoia Readathon Ends Today, Monday, March 5

The Readathon ends today, and all Reading Logs, Donation Logs and all donations are also due to your child's teacher today. Students took 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 today, March 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.



Volunteers are needed for the March 23 Readers' Tea, a special event for the top two readers from every class and the top five fundraisers from the entire school. Donate food and drinks for the Readers' Tea. Help set up and break down the event. Play games, make crafts and help us honor our great readers and fundraisers.

Email the Readathon Committee (Brent Cunningham, Melissa Benham and Kathie Rhodes) at SequoiaReadathon@gmail.com for questions or to volunteer.

We all win by encouraging our children to read, read, read!



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 too 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!

IMPORTANT: Only 67 parent responses have been received and we need at least 300 more to beat our percentage from last year.

Complete the survey here:

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

Thank you!

-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

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“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 Khuyên Người Sử Dụng

Lời Khuyên: Để di chuyển về phía trước trong bản khảo sát, hãy

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

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

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

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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The Sequoia Variety Show Is Almost Here, March 24

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 March 24 performance, please contact the team at sequoiavarietyshow@gmail.com. Thank you!

Head-Royce After School Program for Sequoia Students (Rising 1st–5th)

Are you looking for after school opportunities for your child? Head-Royce is now accepting applications for the 2018–2019 school year. For more details on the program, check out <https://www.headroyce.org/schools/asp/sequoia-students>.

If your student is a rising first through fifth grader and plans to attend after school program five days a week for the full school year, then this program is for you. There are currently 26 Sequoia students attending the after school program at Head-Royce daily in grades 1–5. To apply or find out more, contact Eben (Director of After School & Summer Enrichment) at edower@headroyce.org.

Thanks for Buying Girl Scout Cookies

Girl Scout cookie sales are over for 2018. Thanks so much for your enthusiastic support of Sequoia's Girl Scouts. Cookies return in January 2019.

Shout Outs

Sequoia would not be the special place it is without the dedication and help of our volunteers. Thank you TK/K!



Donations: Eliseo, Sam, Jonah, Justin Sanchez, Ms. Jean, Pablo Jimenez, Bobby, Myisha

Family Reading Night Photos and Video: David

Motor Skills: Gia, Sasha, David, Andy, Daniel, Lynell, John, Erik, Laura, Mariana, Lisa, Lara

Box Tops: Jordan, Eliseo, Malaya

Book Organizing and Classroom help: Sharon, Ms. A, Arin

Snack Setup: Gia, Arin, Tomoko, Sasha, Angela