

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: March 12, 2018



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## Two-Week Calendar

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

- 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*
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- Tue • Mar. 20: **First Day of Spring/Spring Equinox**
- Wed • Mar. 21: **Science Extravaganza Night, 6–7:45 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**

## Minimum Days This Week

Students will be on a minimum day schedule this week, Monday, Mar. 12 through Friday, Mar. 16, due to parent-teacher conferences. For more information or to find out the date and time of your conference, please speak with your child's teacher.



Días mínimos esta semana - Debido a las conferencias de padres y maestros, los estudiantes tendrán un horario mínimo en la semana del lunes 12 de Marzo al viernes 16 de Marzo. Hable con su maestra/o para obtener más información o para averiguar la fecha y hora de la conferencia de su estudiante.

每天, 3月12日至3月16日是放早學, 放學時間是下午一時二十分。是教師學生回顧等級。請問你的孩子的老師什麼時候開會。多謝各位家長!

Tối thiểu trong Tuần này  
Sinh viên sẽ có lịch học tối thiểu trong tuần này, Thứ Hai, 12 Tháng 3 đến Thứ Sáu, ngày 16 tháng 3, do các hội thảo của phụ huynh / giáo viên. Để biết thêm thông tin hoặc để biết ngày và giờ của cuộc họp sinh viên của bạn, vui lòng nói chuyện với giáo viên của bạn.

الحد الأدنى من أيام الأسبوع  
سوف يكون الطلاب على جدول يوم الحد الأدنى هذا الأسبوع ، من الاثنين 12 مارس وحتى الجمعة 16 مارس ، بسبب مؤتمرات الآباء / المعلم. لمزيد من المعلومات أو لمعرفة تاريخ ووقت مؤتمر الطلاب ، يرجى التحدث مع معلمك

## Spring Break

As a reminder, there is no school on Friday, Mar. 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.

## New First Day of School for 2018–19 School Year

The first day of school for the 2018–19 School Year is Aug. 13, 2018. For more information, please visit [ousd.org/newfirstday](http://ousd.org/newfirstday). The full 2018–19 School Year Calendar is pending Board of Education (BOE) approval. For the draft version that will be presented to the BOE, please visit [ousd.org/districtcalendar](http://ousd.org/districtcalendar)



## Readers' Tea Volunteers and Food Donations Needed

The Readers' Tea will host about 45 kids on Friday, Mar. 23 in the cafeteria from 8:20 to 10 a.m. There will be breakfast foods and drinks, crafts, games and a ceremony to honor each child for their great effort. For all this to go smoothly, we will need the following:

- 2+ volunteers to manage the craft tables
- 2+ volunteers to manage the food and drinks
- Clean-up helpers

Finally, we need food donations to feed these winners. Please use this sign-up sheet if you'd like to donate food:

[SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C4AA5AD29AAFC1-readers](http://SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0C4AA5AD29AAFC1-readers).

Thanks to everyone for making this the most successful Readathon ever! Please feel free to contact us with any questions at [sequoiareadathon@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiareadathon@gmail.com).

## Family Reading Night Thanks

Thanks for making Family Reading Night a huge success with almost 200 participating! Thank you to our amazing readers, Angela Aquino, Jason Gumataotao, Melanie Kelsey, Donald Bertolo, Deanna Grant, Keith Ogden, Aruna Sokol, Andrik Cardenas, Charron Wright, Lily Bermeo, Gia Brack, Saniyyah Smith and Simone Jacques.



Thank you to Sarah Gumataotao and Matt Prinz for helping with food and to all those who brought salads and desserts. Thanks to Keith Ogden for coordinating sound. Thank you to everyone who helped to set up or clean up and to parents who assisted in keeping the reading groups quiet and focused.

## Sequoia After School Enrichment: Spring Session Enrollment

Enrollment for Sequoia's after school enrichment ends Wednesday, Mar. 14. A flyer was sent home last week 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. Children enrolled in Healthy Start or the CDC can still participate.

Questions? Contact [sequoia.afterschoolenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:sequoia.afterschoolenrichment@gmail.com).

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## Sequoia Variety Show Mar. 24: Rehearsals and Volunteers

**Mandatory Rehearsal on March 17, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.** All acts are required to attend. Participants will receive an email to confirm arrival time. You must attend to be part of 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 March 24 performance, please contact the team at [sequoiavarietyshow@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiavarietyshow@gmail.com).

## Science Extravaganza Night, Mar. 21

Science Extravaganza Night is Wednesday, Mar. 21, from 6 to 7:45 p.m. in the auditorium.



To kick off the Sequoia-OUSD Science Fair, please join us for a fun night filled with STEM (science, tech, engineering, math) adventures. Hands-on activities include building marble runs, parachutes, catapults, circuitry, earthquake proof buildings and more. Healthy snacks will be available. Donations will be accepted to go towards our science and other enrichment classes.

Kids are encouraged to do Science Fair projects at home in addition to the ones made in the classroom. The Science Extravaganza Night is the perfect place to get inspired! Spring Break is a great time to work on Science Fair projects. Projects are due the week of April 23.

We are looking for parent/older-kid volunteers to help set up tables the afternoon of Mar. 21, run a station that night and/or help breakdown. Each activity includes a detailed instruction card and you do not need a background in science to assist. Each station is self-contained and is very manageable. We are short this year on volunteers, so anytime you can donate is much appreciated. Last year this event was such a success and the kids had so much fun, but we need volunteers to make this work. Let's make it a Sequoia tradition! Please contact Arianne Wagner (510-292-7596 or [ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com)) for volunteering or general questions.

## 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 [headroyce.org/schools/asp/sequoia-students](http://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](mailto:edower@headroyce.org).

## Shout Outs

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



**Donations:** Ruby, Zeke, Waylon, Jonah, Malaya

**Motor Skills:** Gia, David, Annie, Laura, Leslie

**Box Tops:** Freja

**Fresh eggs:** Prinz Family

**Dimond Library Chaperones:** Gia, Rollie

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

**Snack Setup:** Pam, Arin, Sasha, Angela

**Snack:** Jordan, Zeke, Zacheo, Kingston, Ruby

## Support Sequoia by Shopping at AmazonSmile

Did you know that you can donate to the Sequoia Dads' Club while shopping on Amazon?



When you click the link on our website (<http://sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia/>) and shop on AmazonSmile, Sequoia Dads' Club will receive 6-8% of the cost of your purchase, and if you choose Sequoia Dads' Club as your AmazonSmile charity, we will receive an extra 0.5%. Thanks for supporting Sequoia Squirrels!