

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Mar. 19, 2018



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## Three-Week Calendar

Please note that multiple events may happen on the same day.

- 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
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- Thu • Mar 29: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales** due to Friday Holiday, 3–3:30 p.m., school yard
- Fri • Mar 30: **Cesar Chavez Day: No School for Students**  
**Passover, begins at sundown**
- Sun • Apr 1: **April Fools' Day**  
**Easter**
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- Apr 2–6: **Spring Recess: No School for Students**

## Winners of the 2018 Readathon

**Winners and Honorable Mentions for Most Minutes Read:** Ninh-An Kimmons, Sydney Hansen, Dante Santina, Finn Salyk, Myles Ogden, Sammy Beardsley, Walter Rodrigo Alonzo Lopez, Diana Cardenas, Naomi Brack, Cy Palino, Xavier LaRoche, Abby Givler, Eden Kinnon, Kahoa Wilson, Mirabella Bond, Micah Ogden, Jolene Tan, Mizuku Williams, Sophie Lewak, Riley Rau-Berg, Charlie Sellman, Dante Mosier-Tidd, Monrovia Prinz, Coyo Tena, Sekou Kimmons, Yuzuka Williams, Eliza Rhodes King, Jasper Barlow, Kristen Hoang, Ebube Okereke, Mina Benham-Cunningham, Amy Cardenas, Elena Lacey, Ruby Kizer, Sofia Guzman, Mariyah Mustain, Ezra Lacey, Drew Bloch, Sam Kennedy, Justin Green and Liliana Normon.

**We are also thrilled to announce the Winners for Top Fundraising:** Dante Mosier-Tidd, Ryden Andersen, Ayana Sakamoto, Nathan Ruby, Owen MacDonald, Silas Linstrom, Liliana Norman, Aya Tateishi, Sekou Kimmons, Ninh-An Kimmons, Makoto Wolff and Norah Goldberg.

All winners are invited to the Readers' Tea on Friday, Mar. 23 in the cafeteria from 8:20 to 10 a.m.

Congratulations to all who took part in this year's Readathon!

## 2018–19 School Year Calendar

### Approved

At the Mar. 14 regular meeting of the Board of Education, the Board approved the 2018–19 OUSD School Year Calendar. Download your copy today at [ousd.org/districtcalendar](http://ousd.org/districtcalendar). The first day of school is Aug. 13, 2018.



## Readers' Tea Volunteers and Food Donations Needed

The Readers' Tea will host about 50 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).

## A Message From Our Teachers: We Need Your Support

During the week of Mar. 26–29, Sequoia teachers will again be working only our contractual hours, and volunteering no additional hours of work (referred to as “work-to-rule” or “work-to-contract”). This was a united staff decision in response to the current contract negotiations between the Oakland Education Association (our union) and OUSD.

The best way you can support OUSD teachers, counselors and school psychologists is by letting other parents and your community know what is going on in OUSD. Your tax dollars are not being used where it matters! Come to the board meetings and sign up to speak. Voice your concern. Bring an entourage!

Also email the board members your concern and encourage other parents and community members to do the same. You elected these people, so shouldn't they listen to their constituents?

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Please do not hesitate to speak to any of us about ways we might work together to move this process forward.

## 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.

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## Science Extravaganza Night, Mar. 21

Please join us for a fun night filled with STEM and engineering adventures. Hands on activities include building marble runs, parachutes, catapults, circuitry, earthquake proof buildings and more. Encourage your child to participate in this year's Science Fair (due the week of April 23rd). Healthy snacks will be available. Donations will be accepted for Sequoia's science and other enrichment classes.



**We still need volunteers!** We are looking for parent/older kid volunteers to help set up tables in the afternoon of the 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 any time you (or your older middle school/high school kid) can donate is VERY 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 ([ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com) or 510-292-7596) for volunteering or general questions.

科學節是3月21日星期三，在學校大廳裡，6點到7點45分。  
幫助我們開始我們的學校 - OUSD科學博覽會。  
加入我們的樂趣 夜晚充滿了STEM（科學，技術，工程，數學）冒險。  
為了開始我們的學校 - OUSD科學博覽會，請加入我們，參加一個有趣的科學，技術，工程，數學晚會。

活動包括建築大理石運行，降落傘，彈射器，電路，地震建設等項目。

科學課程和其他特殊課程的捐款將被接受。  
我們希望學生能夠製作科學項目並參加科學博覽會。  
學生科學項目將於4月23日移交。  
來參加科學節，看看你能為科學博覽會做些什麼。  
為志願者或一般問題請聯繫：

Noche de Science Extravaganza, el 21 de marzo. Únete a nosotros para una noche divertida llena de STEM y aventuras de ingeniería. Las actividades prácticas incluyen la construcción de pistas de mármol, paracaídas, catapultas, circuitos, edificios a prueba de terremotos y más. Anime a su hijo a participar en la Feria de Ciencias de este año (prevista para la semana del 23 de abril). Refrigerios saludables estarán disponibles. Las donaciones serán aceptadas para la ciencia de Sequoia y otras clases de enriquecimiento.

يرجى الانضمام إلينا لقضاء ليلة ممتعة Mar. 21 Science Extravaganza Night، تشمل الأنشطة العملية بناء مساحات رخامية، ومظلات STEM مليئة بمغامرات، ومقبض، ودوائر، ومباني واقية من الزلازل، وأكثر من ذلك. شجع طفلك على المشاركة في معرض العلوم لهذا العام (نظرًا لأسبوع 23 أبريل). وجبات خفيفة صحية ستكون متاحة. سيتم قبول التبرعات لعلم سيكوييا ودروس التخصص الأخرى.

Khoa học đêm Extravaganza, ngày 21 tháng 3. Vui lòng tham gia cùng chúng tôi để có một đêm vui về đầy STEM và các cuộc phiêu lưu công nghệ. Các hoạt động bao gồm xây dựng các công trình bằng đá cẩm thạch, dù, máy phóng, mạch điện, các tòa nhà chống động đất và nhiều hơn nữa. Khuyến khích con tham gia hội chợ khoa học năm nay (dự kiến vào ngày 23 tháng 4). Đồ ăn nhẹ lành mạnh sẽ có sẵn. Các khoản đóng góp sẽ được chấp nhận cho khoa học của Sequoia và các lớp bổ túc khác.

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

**Mandatory Dress Rehearsal on Mar. 22, 6–9 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 Mar. 24 performance, please contact the team at [sequoiavarietyshow@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiavarietyshow@gmail.com).

## Shout Outs

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



**Donations:** Waylon, Zacheo, Siimi, Naomi

**Box Tops:** Waylon

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

**Reader's Tea Winners:** Liliana, Sam, Justin

**Snack setup:** Pam, Arin, Tomoko, Sasha, Angela

**Guest Readers:** Waylon, Madeline, Jonah, Naomi, Violet

**Snack:** Siimi, Zeke, Violet, Ava, Eliseo

## Traffic Safety Reminder

For those who do not have time to park and must drop-off quickly, please follow the guidelines below so we can get our kids to school safely. Remember not to park in the drop-off zone. Use the map below to determine your best route to the drop-off zone on Hearst Avenue.

- Do not ever block driveways, double-park, or leave your car unattended in drop-off zone.
- Do not make U-turns on any streets around the school.
- Pull over completely at legal parking spots or drop-off zone, before letting children out.
- Slow down and watch for pedestrians, especially at crosswalks.
- Please note that there is no yard supervision until 8:00 a.m.
- If your child is in TK/Kindergarten, you must stay with your child until the 8:45 a.m. bell.
- Be courteous and helpful to neighbors and other parents.

