

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Apr. 30, 2018

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Two-Week Calendar

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

- Apr 30–May 4: **Teacher Appreciation Week | 5th Grade Science Camp**
- Mon • Apr 30: **Parent-Sponsored Teacher Appreciation Lunch**
- Wed • May 2: **Kinderviews**, 1:45–3 p.m., *Classrooms*
- Thu • May 3: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7–8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd.)*
- Fri • May 4: **NO Frozen Fruit Bar Sales due to 5th Grade Science Camp**
- Sat • May 5: **Cinco de Mayo**
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- Tue • May 8: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*
- Wed • May 9: **Bike to School Day**
- Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*
- Breakfast with the Principal**, 9–9:30 a.m., *Cafeteria*
- Fri • May 11: **Movie Night**, 5–8 p.m., *Auditorium*
- Sun • May 13: **Mother's Day**

Fifth Grade Science Camp

The Sequoia fifth graders will be at camp all week. There will be no frozen fruit bar sales on Friday, May 4.

Last Dads' Club Meeting of the School Year: Thurs., May 3

The Dads' club is having its monthly meeting Thursday at Red Boy Pizza on Leimert from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come and meet with us, where we will be planning for the May Movie Night and getting ready for next year's events. All are welcome.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Apr. 30–May 4

Let's honor and appreciate the wonderful Sequoia teachers and staff this week!

- Monday: Bring a flower.
- Tuesday: Write a letter or a poem.
- Wednesday: Bring classroom or office supplies.
- Thursday: Draw a picture.
- Friday: Surprise—anything from a coffee and scone to a handmade art project.

Sequoia Sings! and Breakfast With the Principal: Wed., May 9

The next Sequoia Sings event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. The 4th grade will be performing. Families are invited to attend. After the performance, beginning at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria, join Principal Bertolo for breakfast and Q&A.

SSC Meeting: Tuesday, May 8

The May meeting of the School Site Council (SSC) is scheduled for next Tuesday evening, May 8 at 5 p.m. in the library. This is your opportunity to get more involved with decision-making at Sequoia.

Bike To School Day: May 9

Bike to School Day happens every year to encourage all forms of car-free transportation on wheels (whether it be bicycling, scootering, skateboarding or rollerblading). We will have free treats from La Farine and coffee from Peet's. Director Nina Senn will be there handing out stickers and pencils to our students to celebrate alternative forms of transportation. Contact Jennifer Joey Smith for more information: 510-545-6390 or jjoeysmith@kw.com.



El día de ir a la escuela en bicicleta ocurre todos los años para fomentar todas las formas de transporte sobre ruedas sin automóviles (ya sea andar en bicicleta, en monopatín, en patineta o en patines). Tendremos obsequios de La Farine y café de Peet's. La directora Nina Senn estará allí repartiendo pegatinas y lápices a nuestros estudiantes para celebrar formas alternativas de transporte.

每年，我們有自行車去學校和工作日。我們希望你會騎自行車，滑板車，滑板或旱冰鞋，而不是開車。我們將免費享用美食和咖啡從商店 LaFarine and Peet's Coffee. Nina Senn 導演將在那裡發放貼紙和鉛筆給我們的學生慶祝運輸選項。

Ngày đi xe đạp đến trường diễn ra hàng năm để khuyến khích tất cả các hình thức vận chuyển bằng xe hơi miễn phí trên bánh xe (cho dù đó là xe đạp, xe đạp, trượt ván hay trượt patin). Chúng tôi sẽ được thưởng thức các món ăn miễn phí từ La Farine và cà phê từ Peet's. Giám đốc Nina Senn sẽ có mặt ở đó phát các miếng dán và bút chì cho sinh viên của chúng tôi để kỷ niệm các hình thức vận chuyển thay thế.

ويحدث يوم دراسي للدراجة إلى المدرسة كل عام لتشجيع جميع أشكال النقل الخالي من السيارات على عجلات (سواء كان ركوب الدراجات أو السكوتر أو التزلج على الألواح أو التزلج). سيكون لدينا هدايا مجانية من La Farine والقهوة من Peets. سنقوم المخرجة نينا سين بتقديم ملصقات وأقلام رصاص لطلابنا للاحتفال بأشكال بديلة من وسائل النقل.

2018-19 TK/K Sequoia Healthy Start Applications Available This Week

Applications for the 2018-19 TK/K Sequoia Healthy Start (SHS) Afterschool Program will be available in the main office starting Wednesday, May 2. To see full program information, check the school website. Please contact Amara Lisy, Program Coordinator, at amara@ebac.org or 510-482-7213 x2101 with any questions.

Shout Outs!

Thank you TK and K!

Donations: Book Fair Committee, Bobbie, Ruby, Student Council

Teacher Support: Erika, Rollie, Theo, Pam, Jordan, Arin, Zeke, Gabi, Tomoko, Kate, Marisa, Melissa, Naomi, Stellan, Jenes, Siimi, Mispina, Judy

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

Box Tops: Freja, Zacheo

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

Motor Skills: David, Pam, Gia, Andy, John, Erik, Annie, Mariana, Daniel

School and Classroom Help: Dads' Club

Guest Readers: Jordan, Kate, Eliseo, Madeline, Freja, Malaya, Naima, Audrey, Sam, Theo, Ruby

Snack: Zeke, Zacheo, Kingston, Eliseo



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Traffic Safety Committee

We are happy to announce that we had a great ad-hoc traffic safety committee meeting last week. In the coming months and into the Fall, many items will be on the agenda:

- Restructuring and reinvigorating the School Safety Patrol
- Reorganizing the walking school buses
- Building up a parent volunteer component
- Working with the city and district officials to make physical improvements to increase safety and efficiency at drop off and pick up around our school community

If you want to get involved or have any ideas, please contact Joel Tena at joeltena@gmail.com.

While we move forward with our plan, in addition to the traffic plan that every parent/family signed an agreement to abide by (to review sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/getting-to-and-from-school), please remember the following:

Please pull all the way into the loading zone.

If you can't find a spot next to the curb, please keep driving. Do not double park! Do not block any driveways.

All children should only exit on the passenger side.

Do not open the driver's side back door. Have all their belongings with them. Plan your trip so you do not have them dig through the trunk at drop off. If you have multiple kids in the back, make sure the one getting dropped off first is closest to the passenger side of the vehicle.

Park only on the right (vs. left) side of the street.

Never park in the wrong direction on the street.

No U-turns at drop off.

Do not leave your car in the loading zone and walk your child into the school.

Unattended vehicles can be ticketed and they take up precious drop-off space.

Be patient and calm.

Be sure to give yourself plenty of time at drop off, especially on bad weather days. Of the hundreds of students that get dropped off daily if only one family makes a mistake it will impact many others. A 99% success rate would still mean backs ups so let's all take our time and be understanding, kind, and above all SAFE!

Together we can help build a better school community.
Thanks Sequoia families!

Do You Have a Summer Plan?

OUSD has partnered with InPlay, a non-profit, to offer a searchable list of after-school and summer camp programs from OUSD, Oakland Parks and Recreation and more! Visit oakland.inplay.org for a time-saving way to find local, affordable summer camps.

OUSD also offers core summer learning programs to provide students with opportunities that combine academic intervention with engaging enrichment activities for a full day of extended learning. Learn more at ousd.org/summerlearning.

East Bay Chinese School Open House at Sequoia on Saturday, May 5

East Bay Chinese School is hosting an Open House for Sequoia students and parents on May 5 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. We invite you to observe a class session and learn about our mission and programs.

East Bay Chinese School is a Mandarin school that offers language and conversation classes for youth and adults (Saturdays only). Classes run from 9 to 11:50 a.m. on Saturdays during the school year (Sept. through May). We teach Chinese with pinyin, utilizing traditional Chinese textbooks with classroom instruction covering both traditional and simplified. Please RSVP for the Open House by emailing Principal Wendy Li at principal@ebchinese.org.

5月5日星期六，东湾中文学校红杉馆开幕

东湾中文学校将于5月5日上午11点至11点30分为红杉学生和家長举办开放日。我们邀请您观看课程并了解我们的使命和课程。

东湾中文学校是一所普通话学校，为青少年和成人提供语言和对话课程（仅限周六）。上学期间（9月至5月）每周六上午9点至11点50分上课。我们用汉语拼音教授中国传统教科书，课堂教学涵盖传统和简化。请发送电子邮件至 principal@ebchinese.org 校长 Wendy Li，以回复 Open House。

Movie Night: May 11, 5:30–8 p.m.



The last Movie Night of the school year is Friday, May 11, with a showing of "Coco" (rated PG). Parents can check-in and drop off their children between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. and pick up by 8 p.m. in the auditorium. A dinner of hot dogs, fruit, veggies and popcorn is included. The cost is \$5 per child.

The Movie Night is open to all Sequoia students and their siblings. Parents can drop off the kids and enjoy a few hours off. Parents are also welcome to stay and join in the fun. Supervised by the volunteers of the Dads' Club, kids will be secure and safe and guaranteed to have a blast. We still need volunteers for Movie Night. Please contact dave@krozeja.net if you'd like to volunteer.

Kids are allowed to dress up in PJs, bring a pillow and a blanket, and stake out a spot on the floor. With enough volunteers, the cafeteria will be open for eating, playing games, drawing or reading.

SHS/CDC students who would like to participate should make arrangements with the coordinators of those programs. (Permission slips are available with SHS/CDC.) All TK and Kindergarten students require parent chaperone. All siblings who accompany Sequoia students must sign in and follow the Movie Night rules.

All students are expected to practice the core Sequoia values of Respect, Compassion, Responsibility and Honesty during the movie and will follow these guidelines during the movie: **no running, no rough play, no throwing, no taking belongings, no climbing, no piano, no electronics.**

All Movie Night attendees must stay inside the event boundaries: the auditorium, cafeteria, and downstairs hallways. This include older siblings who may think they are too old for such restrictions. The Dads' Club volunteers may call a parent or guardian if a child cannot follow these rules.