

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 14, 2018



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Two-Week Calendar

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

Fri • May 18: **Sequoia Musical Instrument Performance**, 10 a.m., Auditorium

Sat • May 19: **SPTO Meeting**, Childcare provided, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., Dimond Rec Center

Sun • May 20: **Playdate for Incoming TK and Kindergartners**, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., School Yard

Tues • May 22: **Sequoia Choir Spring Daytime Assembly**, 9:15–9:45 a.m., Auditorium

Minimum Day, 1:20 p.m. Dismissal

Open House, Evening (TBD), Classrooms

Wed • May 23: **OUSD District-Wide Science Fair**, 5–8 p.m., Chabot Space & Science Center

Sequoia Choir Spring Evening Performance, 7–7:30 p.m., Auditorium

Thur • May 24: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday**, 3–3:30 p.m., School yard

Fri • May 25: **In Lieu of Lincoln's Day Holiday: No School for Students**

Sequoia Open House, May 22

Join us for the annual Open House at Sequoia the evening of Tuesday, May 22 (exact timing TBD). All the classrooms will be open so you can visit and see what your student has been working on all year. This is also an opportunity to visit the classrooms of the grade your student will be entering next year. **Please note that Tuesday, May 22, is a minimum day.**



Spring Choir Concerts

Come enjoy the lovely harmonies of the Sequoia Choir! The evening concert will take place on Wednesday, May 23, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The daytime assembly will take place on Tuesday, May 22, from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Both performances are free and in the auditorium.



Workshop on Racial Justice Sponsored by the Peralta Racial Justice Group

"Interrupting Racism: A Free Workshop"
Peralta Elementary School, 460 63rd St., Oakland
Tuesday, May 15, 6–8 p.m.

Come to a free evening workshop on how to identify, name and interrupt racism, led by Professor Rodolfo Mendoza-Denton, an expert in issues of diversity, education, prejudice and stigma. This workshop is for parents who want more tools to effectively engage racist comments and actions; childcare available upon request. Dinner provided. RSVP to ewohlfeiler@gmail.com; please indicate if you need childcare.

Girl Scouts for Rising Fourth and Fifth Grade Girls

Are you a rising fourth or fifth grader who is interested in Girl Scouts? Enrollment in Sequoia's new Girl Scouts Juniors troop is now open for next year. Activities include leadership opportunities, community involvement, fun field trips and of course selling cookies. The Juniors troop will be a co-op troop in which every family has a role. We will meet once a month on a weekday afternoon and once a month on a weekend. Email sequoia.junior.girlscouts@gmail.com



Girl Scouts para niñas de 4to y 5to grado. ¿Eres una alumna de cuarto o quinto grado y estás interesada en las Girl Scouts? Pronto se abrirá la inscripción en la nueva tropa de Girl Scouts Juniors de Sequoia. Las actividades incluyen oportunidades de liderazgo, participación comunitaria, excursiones divertidas y, por supuesto, venta de galletas. La tropa será una tropa cooperativa en la que cada familia tiene un rol. Nos reuniremos una vez al mes en una tarde entre semana y una vez al mes en un fin de semana. Correo electrónico sequoia.junior.girlscouts@gmail.com

女童子軍四年級和五年級
參加紅杉新女童軍青年隊的隊伍即將開放
活動包括領導機會，社區參與，實地考察和銷售餅乾。每個家庭都有合作的角色。
我們將每月會見兩次。
一個工作日下午和一個週末。電子郵件
sequoia.junior.girlscouts@gmail.com

Nữ Hướng đạo cho các cô gái lớp bốn và lớp năm đang lên
Bạn có phải là học sinh lớp bốn hoặc lớp năm đang lên lớp quan tâm đến Girl Scouts không? Ghi danh trong nhóm Girl Scouts Juniors mới của Sequoia hiện đang mở cửa để ghi danh. Các hoạt động bao gồm cơ hội lãnh đạo, sự tham gia của cộng đồng, các chuyến đi dã ngoại và tất nhiên là bán bánh quy. Đội quân Juniors sẽ là một đội quân co-op trong đó mỗi gia đình đều có một vai trò. Chúng tôi sẽ gặp nhau mỗi tháng một lần vào một buổi chiều các ngày trong tuần và mỗi tháng một lần vào một ngày cuối tuần. Quan tâm?
Email sequoia.junior.girlscouts@gmail.com

فتيات الكشافة لطفلين في الصف الرابع والخامس
هل أنت في الصف الرابع أو الخامس الذي يهتم بفتيات الكشافة؟ التسجيل في فرقة "فرسان مفتوح الآن للتسجيل. تشمل الأنشطة فرص Sequoia سكوتس جونيورز " الجديدة في القيادة ومشاركة المجتمع ورحلات ميدانية ممتعة وبالطبع بيع ملفات تعريف الارتباط. وستكون قوات جونيورز عبارة عن قوات تعاونية تشارك فيها كل عائلة. سنلتقي مرة في الشهر بعد ظهر يوم من أيام الأسبوع ومرة في الشهر في عطلة نهاية الأسبوع. يستعد؟ البريد الإلكتروني sequoia.junior.girlscouts@gmail.com

SPTO Meeting, May 19

The next Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) meeting will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Dimond Rec Center. This is a very important meeting! We will be voting on both the SPTO board and budget for next year. Childcare will be provided.

Sequoia Musical Instrument Performance

Sequoia musical instrument students will be performing in the auditorium on Friday, May 18, at 10 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend. (There will be no evening performance.)

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Special Discount to Sequoia Families Oakland Feather River Camp

Thank you to those who participated in the Sequoia Elementary Pancake Breakfast and Camp Fair! Oakland Feather River Family Camp (OFRC) has kindly donated generously to Sequoia this year in our school auction and the camp fair (\$2800 in free camps) and Camp Director Mark Olson is offering our community another great opportunity. Mark is extending a special coupon worth 25% off (a big savings!) to new camp families who have never attended OFRC for Family Camp before. To use the discount, enter "SEQ-NWCMPR-18" on the registration form.

Pricing details are available on OFRC's website, <http://featherrivercamp.com>. Nightly rates include three meals a day, accommodations and activities (except a few specialty activities like horseback rides, inner tube rentals and massages for adults). Remember to factor in the 25%-off discount from the nightly rates! If you would like to take advantage of this special offer, or if you'd like more information, please feel free to contact the camp office directly at Info@FeatherRiverCamp.com.

Camp Fair Thank You!

Last month's annual Camp Fair went off without a hitch (well, maybe there were a few, but no one noticed). The camps so enjoyed the time they had with you and it seemed the activities were a hit with the kids!

A special thanks to Oakland Feather River Camp for their generous donation. They are a strong supporter of Sequoia and donated largely to both the camp fair and auction this year.

Also, a gracious thanks to the camps who donated free weeks of camps for raffle items: Jumpin' Gymsters, Steve & Kate's, Cooking Around the World and Camp 510.

For all of the families who loaned tables and shade tents, thank you. And for those who helped with setup/breakdown an extra thanks of appreciation. You made it to be such a pleasant and easy experience.

Finally, a giant thanks to all the Sequoia families and neighbors who came out to the Pancake Breakfast and Camp Fair to make it, yet again, such a special, vibrant community event.

2018–19 Sequoia Healthy Start Grades 1–5 Afterschool Applications

Applications for the 2018-19 grades 1-5 Sequoia Healthy Start (SHS) Afterschool Program will be available in the main office starting Friday, June 1.

Our vision is that every student's spark is kindled, nurtured and encouraged to radiate! We do this by offering a wide range of academic and enrichment activities, carried out in a safe and supportive environment here at Sequoia. We provide snack and juice. We are open from when the bell rings until 6 p.m. almost every day school is in session. Some of our activities include reading help, recreation, music, legos, nutrition/cooking, gardening and more!

For our grades 1–5 program, we are grant funded. The program fees are on a sliding scale and no family is turned away for inability to pay. Priority is given to current students, siblings of current students, students identified by the school as high need and students who can meet the attendance goal of five days/week.

Please turn applications into the SHS mailbox in the main office as soon as possible. Families will be notified of enrollment status the week of June 11. Students not accepted into the program will automatically be placed onto our waiting list.

Please contact Amara Lisy, Program Coordinator, at amara@ebac.org or 510-482-7213 x.2101 with any questions.

Shout Outs!

Thank you TK and K!

Donations and supplies: Bobbie, Pam, Kristen, Sam

Book organizing and classroom help: Michelle, Judy, Sam

Box Tops: Jordan, Freja

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

After school help: Myisha, Josen, Pam, Angela

Motor Skills: David, Pam, Melissa, Sasha, Monique, Lynell, Laura, Joanne, Mariana, Annie, Andy, Cindy, Daniel

Fairyland Chaperones: Mike, Melissa, Arin, Jebson, Erich, Katy, David, Michelle

Snack: Freja, Zeke, Naomi, Preston

