

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 21, 2018

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## Three-Week Calendar

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

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

**Minimum Day, 1:20 p.m. Dismissal**

**Open House**, 6:30–8 p.m., *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**

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Mon • May 28: **Memorial Day Holiday: No School For Students**

May 29–Jun 1: **Spirit Week**, themes TBA

Wed • May 30: **Special Olympics Young Athletes**, 9–11 a.m., *School yard*

Thu • May 31: **Healthy Start End-of-Year Potluck & Showcase**, 6–7 p.m., Potluck Dinner; 7–8 p.m. Performances; *Cafeteria and Auditorium*

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Jun 4–Jun 7: **Minimum Days, 1:20 p.m. Dismissal**

Thu • Jun 7: **Last Day of School**

## Open House and Minimum Day, May 22

Tuesday, May 22, is a minimum day for students, with an early dismissal of 1:20 p.m. so that the teachers can get ready for Open House at 6:30 p.m. All families are invited to the annual Open House that goes until 8 p.m. 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.



**Don't forget to make arrangements for your student to be picked up at 1:20 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22 (unless they are in Healthy Start).**

## 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.



## Memorial Day Weekend

In lieu of Lincoln's Day Holiday and in celebration of Memorial Day, there will be no school for students on Friday, May 25, and Monday, May 28. Enjoy the long weekend!

## Principal's Corner

Hello Squirrel Families:

It's with a sad heart that I am announcing four of our staff members transitioning away from Sequoia. Change is always hard, but we wish our colleagues the best as they move on to other endeavors.



**Kristin Papania** is our English Language Development Coach. She will be retiring at the end of year. She has worked tirelessly to support our second language learners, and has been extremely supportive in helping our teachers in developing language supports in their classrooms. Her understanding of language and English development has helped Sequoia students really flourish.

**Melissa Catalano** is one of our second grade teachers. She has accepted a fourth grade teaching position in her hometown of Castro Valley. Ms. Catalano has been both a Sequoia parent and staff member for many years. She has been an integral part of developing many important pieces of our social and emotional structures, as well as helping to increase the rigor of our instruction.

**Julianne Sterling** has been our art instructor for two years. She has taken a full-time teaching position at another school. With her instruction and support, art has continued to be an important part of the Sequoia experience. Her ability to bring art to life has nourished the artistic expression of all our students.

**Rosanna Kauffmann** is our Reading Tutor/STIP Sub for TK and Kindergarten. Rosanna will be pursuing other employment in OUSD. We are sure the skills she has developed under the guidance of Ms. Love and the Kindergarten team will be put to good use wherever she goes.

It's always hard when family leaves our side. These incredible professionals will always be part of our family, but again we wish them luck wherever their next journey takes them.

Always With Warmest Regards,

Principal Bertolo

## Special Olympics Young Athletes Program Comes to Sequoia

Special Olympics will be back for Sequoia's 2nd Annual Young Athlete's Day. There will be sports and play stations for students from TK through second grade. The third and fourth graders will be buddies while fifth graders will run the stations.

The Special Olympics Young Athletes Program is a sport and play program that introduces children with and without disabilities, ages 2 to 7, to the world of sport through fun activities, such as walking on a balance beam, jumping on targets, and throwing, catching or kicking a ball. Activities support cognitive development, hand-eye coordination and social skills.

All are welcome to come and cheer on our young athletes or lend a hand for this fun event! If you would like to be involved with this event or have any questions, please contact Aruna Sokol at [aruna70@gmail.com](mailto:aruna70@gmail.com).

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## 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](mailto:sequoia.junior.girlscouts@gmail.com).



## Spirit Week May 29–June 1

Every year our fifth graders plan a spirit week to mark the end of their contribution to Sequoia. Celebrate Sequoia with our graduating Squirrels!



**Tuesday, May 29:** Time Travel Day! Dress up from the future or the past.

**Wednesday, May 30:** Color Day! Wear as many colors as you'd like.

**Thursday, May 31:** Music Day! Dress up like your favorite musician or genre of music.

**Friday, June 1:** Costume Day! Dress up in your favorite costume.

## Chicks Chicks Chicks!

Do you like paying for eggs?

Eggs are getting expensive y'all. So why not raise a chicken so you can get free eggs? There are eight chicks in Room 8 that need a home. If you are a family who is looking for a pet or like fresh organic eggs, come get a chick!

Background checks not required; however, Room 8 hopes you will love and care for the chicks.

Please email Ms. Phoi to reserve your chick: [nhi.wong@ousd.org](mailto:nhi.wong@ousd.org).

## Shout Outs!

**Donations and supplies:** Jordan, Zacheo

**Classroom help:** Ms. A, Grandma Sharon

**Box Tops:** Jordan, Freja

**Snack set-up:** Pam, Arin, Tomoko, Sasha, Angela, Saniyyah

**After school help:** Myisha, Josen, Pam, Angela

**Motor Skills:** David, Pam, Angela, Sasha, Monique, Alicia, Marie, Annie, Daniel

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

**Snack:** Violet, Zeke, Ruby, Siimi



## 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. 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.

Contact Amara Lisy, Program Coordinator, at [amara@ebac.org](mailto:amara@ebac.org) or 510-482-7213 x.2101 with any questions.

Las solicitudes del 2018-2019 para los grados 1 al 5 de Sequoia Healthy Start (SHS), el programa después de clases, estarán disponibles en la oficina principal a partir del viernes, 1 de junio. Por favor, entregue las aplicaciones en el buzón de SHS en la oficina principal tan pronto como sea posible.

Póngase en contacto con Amara Lisy, coordinadora del programa, en [amara@ebac.org](mailto:amara@ebac.org) o 510-482-7213 x.2101 si tiene alguna pregunta.

ستتوفر طلبات الالتحاق لبرنامج التعليم الصحي لبرنامج البداية الصحية SeWia Start لعام 2018 في المكتب الرئيسي ابتداءً من الجمعة 1 يونيو. يرجى تشغيل التطبيقات (SHS) في المكتب الرئيسي في أقرب وقت ممكن. سيتم إخطار العائلات SHS في صندوق بريد بحالة التسجيل في أسبوع 11 يونيو. سيتم تلقائيًا إدراج الطلاب غير المقبولين في البرنامج في قائمة الانتظار الخاصة بنا.

أو 510-482-7213 -amara@ebac.org منسق البرنامج ، على ، Amara Lisy اتصل بـ مع أي أسئلة 7213 x.2101

申请2018-19年級1-5美国加州红杉健康开始 (SHS) 课后计划将于6月1日星期五开始在总办事处推出。请尽快将申请转入主办办公室的SHS邮箱。家庭将在6月11日那一周收到注册状态的通知。未被录取的学生将自动进入我们的等候名单。

联系方案协调员Amara Lisy, 电邮 : [amara@ebac.org](mailto:amara@ebac.org)或 510-482-7213 x.2101, 有任何问题。

Các đơn đăng ký cho lớp 2018-19 lớp 1-5 Chương trình sau giờ học Sequoia Healthy Start (SHS) sẽ có sẵn tại văn phòng chính bắt đầu từ thứ Sáu, ngày 1 tháng 6. Vui lòng chuyển các đơn đăng ký vào hộp thư SHS trong văn phòng chính càng sớm càng tốt. Các gia đình sẽ được thông báo về tình trạng ghi danh trong tuần của tháng Sáu 11. Học sinh không được nhận vào chương trình sẽ tự động được đưa vào danh sách chờ của chúng tôi.

Liên lạc với Amara Lisy, Điều phối viên Chương trình, tại [amara@ebac.org](mailto:amara@ebac.org) hoặc 510-482-7213 x.2101 nếu có bất kỳ câu hỏi nào.