

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 28, 2018

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## Three-Week Calendar

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

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

May 29–Jun 1: **Spirit Week**, see themes listed under “Spirit Week”

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

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

Tue • Jun 5: **Sequoia End of the Year Potluck**, 6:30–8 p.m., School yard by kindergarten play structure

Wed • Jun 6: **Last Day of Healthy Start After School Program**  
**Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30–9 a.m., Auditorium

**Principal's Volunteer Appreciation Tea**, 9–9:45 a.m., Cafeteria

Thu • Jun 7: **Last Day of School**

**Lost and Found Items Cleared and Donated**

**Third Trimester Report Cards Sent Home**

**Fifth Grade Promotion**, 9:30–11 a.m., Attendance by ticket only, Auditorium

## 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 by showing your Sequoia Squirrel spirit this week!



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

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

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

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

## Last Day of School June 7

A few reminders for the upcoming last day of school.

**5th Grade Promotion:** The ceremony for the 5th graders will start at 9:30 a.m. This is a ticketed event to be held in the auditorium. There is a maximum of four seats per family. If bringing additional people, be prepared to bring your own seating or be standing. Fifth graders will be dismissed at the close of the ceremony.

**Lost and Found Items Cleared and Donated:** Please take a moment and visit one of the Lost and Found areas to pick up any misplaced items before they are cleared out for the summer.

**Third Trimester Report Cards Sent Home:** Check backpacks for your student's final report card.

We wish our students a happy summer break and our fifth graders a fantastic transition to Middle School!

## 2nd Annual Special Olympics Young Athletes Day

Special Olympics of Northern California will be at Sequoia's second Annual Young Athlete's Day on Wed. May 30. and will be setting up sports and play stations for students from TK to second grade. Times are 9–9:30 for TK-K, 9:45–10:15 for first grade, and 10:30–11 for second grade. Third graders will be buddies while fourth and fifth graders will run the stations!

- Adult volunteers needed: Water Station monitors, Respect Banner table monitor, setup, cleanup, crowd control
- Donations appreciated: water, dixie cups, cut fruit

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

Families are welcome to come and cheer on our young athletes and 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)

## Sequoia Sings! June 6

Our last Sequoia Sings event of the school year is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. The fifth graders will be performing. Families are invited to attend!

## Principal's Volunteer Appreciation Tea June 6

Sequoia would not be the school it is without our fabulous volunteers! Anyone who has volunteered for Sequoia is invited and welcome to attend the Principal's Volunteer Appreciation Tea. Please join Principal Bertolo right after Sequoia Sings in the cafeteria on June 6 at 9 a.m.

## Shout Outs!

Thank you TK and K!

**Donations and supplies:** Jordan, Ava

**Support:** Tomoko and Pam

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

**Box Tops:** Eliseo, Ava

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

**After school help:** Tomoko, Pam

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

**Snack:** Jordan, Zeke, Kate, Kingston



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## End of the Year Potluck June 5

Join the Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) and the Dads' Club as we celebrate the end of the school year with a potluck for ALL Sequoia families. The potluck will be held on Tuesday, June 5, starting at 6:30 p.m. near the Kindergarten play structure. The Dads' Club will be grilling hot dogs. Families should bring a dish to share. Any help setting up or cleaning up is appreciated.



Únase a la Organización de Padres y Maestros de Sequoia (PTO) y al Club de Padres para celebrar el final del año escolar con una comida para TODAS las familias de Sequoia. La cena se llevará a cabo el martes 5 de junio a partir de las 6:30 p.m. cerca de la estructura de juego de jardín de infantes. El Club de padres estará asando perros calientes. Las familias deben traer un plato para compartir. Se agradece cualquier ayuda para configurar o limpiar.

請來 Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) 和 Dad's Club 學生和家庭的年終晚餐日期是6月5日星期二下午6點30分起。

靠近幼稚園操場

我們將提供香腸包子。家人應該帶上一道菜去分享。我們也感謝幫助準備和清理。謝謝大家!

Tham gia Tổ chức Giáo viên Phụ huynh Sequoia (PTO) và Câu lạc bộ của Cha khi chúng ta kỷ niệm năm học cuối cùng với một cuộc thi đấu cho tất cả các gia đình của Sequoia. Potluck sẽ được tổ chức vào thứ Ba, ngày 5 tháng 6 bắt đầu lúc 6:30 chiều. gần cấu trúc chơi mẫu giáo. Câu lạc bộ của bố sẽ nướng xúc xích. Các gia đình nên mang theo một món ăn để chia sẻ. Bất kỳ trợ giúp thiết lập hoặc làm sạch được đánh giá cao.

انضم إلى منظمة (Sequoia Parent Teacher (PTO) و Dad's Club و بينما نحتفل بنهاية العام الدراسي مع وجبة طعام لكل العائلات من سيكويا. سيتم عقد potluck يوم الثلاثاء ، 5 يونيو ابتداء من الساعة 6:30 مساءً. بالقرب من هيكل رياض الأطفال. سوف يقوم نادي Dad's Club باستحضار الكلاب الساخنة. يجب على العائلات إحضار طبق للمشاركة. أي إعداد مساعدة أو تنظيف هو موضع تقدير.

## Minimum Week June 4–7

Please note that the last week of school is a minimum week. Dismissal will be at 1:20 p.m. all four days.

## Principal's Corner

Hello Squirrel Families:



For those of you that don't know, Sequoia Healthy Start (SHS), our afterschool program, has a contract with the district to use our grounds after school. They have first priority when it comes to using the yard after 3:00, and the parents pay SHS to monitor their children. It's really difficult for their staff to watch students and prevent issues when there are so many other children out on the yard. This takes the staff away from program students.

While I understand chatting and playing after school is a great way for students to release some steam, and play with other students besides their classmates, it's creating a problem for Healthy Start employees. There have been conflicts on the yard between program students and students who are not in the program. When this happens, Healthy Start staff then have to stop and resolve a conflict. Students that are not supervised by an adult may not remain on the yard. If you are remaining on the yard after the bell, please make sure you are monitoring your child, and leaving campus within a reasonable time frame.

Another issue we are having is students who are not being picked up on early release days. Students must be picked up at 1:20 on early release days. They may not be out on the yard waiting until 3:00. Please make prior arrangements for their pick-up. The last week of school is an early release week. Please plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding and help making the after school program a safe place for our students.

With Warmest Regards,  
Principal Bertolo

## 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](mailto:amara@ebac.org) or 510-482-7213 x.2101 with any questions.