

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Aug. 21, 2017



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Two-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days.

The first week of school is all minimum days.

- Mon • Aug 21: **First Day of School for Students**
- Mon • Aug 21: **First Day Welcome Tea, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Cafeteria**
- Tue • Aug 22: **Healthy Start Orientation for 1st–5th Grade Parents, 5:30–7:30 p.m., Cafeteria**
- Wed • Aug 23: **Healthy Start After School Program for 1-5 Begins**
- Thu • Aug 24: **Dads' Club Meeting, 7–8:30 p.m., Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd.)**
- Sat • Aug 26: **Welcome Picnic Sponsored by the Dads' Club, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Dimond Park**

- Mon • Aug 28: **Healthy Start After School Program for TK/K Begins**
- Thu • Aug 31: **Room Parent Meeting, 7–8:30 p.m., Library**

Welcome Back Picnic This Saturday

Our annual Welcome Back Picnic is a Sequoia tradition that features family activities, sack races, water balloon toss and the epic kids vs. adults tug-of-war.



The Sequoia Dads' Club hosts this not-to-be-missed event at Dimond Park. All new and returning families are welcome, as we look forward to seeing old friends and making some new ones!

Please join us this Saturday, Aug. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Redwood Grove in Dimond Park.

The Dads' Club is looking for volunteers to help with the event, and also encourages families to bring a salad or side dish to share with other Sequoia families.

To volunteer, contact Luke Milich at elemetal2@gmail.com.

First Dads' Club Meeting This Week

The first Dads' Club meeting of the new school year is this Thursday, Aug. 24. The Dads' Club organizes and funds many of the annual family and community events, school enrichment programs and communication services that support our students and teachers.



The Dads' Club provides many hands-on services—from hosting beloved and time-honored school events to devoting hours towards improving our school facility. Despite its name, the Dads' Club is open to all parents and guardians, men and women. The club organizes and funds annual events such as the Welcome Back Picnic (this Saturday!), school/garden work days, the fall fundraiser, the Variety Show and the pancake breakfast.

The Dads' Club also raises thousands of dollars each year to support Sequoia's enrichment programs and Sequoia's teachers.

So please join us this Thursday at 7 p.m. at Red Boy Pizza, 1500 Leimert Blvd. For more information, please contact Luke Milich at elemetal2@gmail.com.

Minimum Days All This Week

Every day of this first week of school is a minimum day, meaning early release for all grades at 1:20 p.m., Monday through Friday. Next week begins the regular school schedule. Wednesdays are always minimum days, throughout the school year.



本週最低天數

這個學校第一周的每一天都是最短的一天，這意味著在星期一到星期五下午1:20，提前發放所有成績。下週開始正規的學校安排。在整個學年，星期三總是最少的日子。

Những ngày ít nhất trong tuần này

Mỗi ngày trong tuần đầu tiên của tuần học là ngày tối thiểu, có nghĩa là phát hành sớm cho tất cả các lớp học lúc 1:20 chiều, từ Thứ Hai đến Thứ Sáu. Tuần sau bắt đầu lịch học thông thường. Thứ Tư thường là những ngày tối thiểu, trong suốt năm học.

Días Mínimos Toda Esta Semana

Cada día de esta primera semana de escuela es un día mínimo, lo que significa liberación temprana para todos los grados a las 1:20 p.m., de lunes a viernes. La próxima semana comienza el horario escolar regular. Los miércoles siempre son días mínimos, durante todo el año escolar.

الحد الأدنى أيام كل هذا الأسبوع

كل يوم من هذا الأسبوع الأول من المدرسة هو الحد الأدنى من اليوم، وهذا يعني الإفراج المبكر لجميع الدرجات في 1:20 بعد الظهر، من الاثنين إلى الجمعة. الأسبوع المقبل يبدأ الجدول المدرسي العادية. أيام الأربعاء هي دائما الحد الأدنى من أيام، طوال العام الدراسي.

Three-Day Holiday Weekend

Please note that school is closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Enjoy the three-day weekend and we'll see you Tuesday, Sept. 5.



Learn About Being a Room Parent

Are you interested in helping in the classroom? Want to be an integral part of your child's experience at Sequoia? Wondering how to support teachers? Volunteer to be a Room Parent! Sequoia Volunteer Coordinator Marie Jones will hold a meeting for all who are interested on Thursday, Aug. 31, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Sequoia library. Light refreshments will be served.

Sequoia Monthly Meetings

SPTO (Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization, formerly FOSS)

The SPTO supports the school community by coordinating volunteers, organizing events and fundraising for student enrichment. Meetings alternate between Tuesday evening and Saturday morning. The first meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria; dinner and childcare are provided.

Sequoia Dads' Club

The Dads' Club meets on the first Thursday of each month. The first meeting is this week, on Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. at Red Boy Pizza at 1500 Leimert Blvd. For more information, see Dads' Club article.

School Site Council (SSC)

SSC works with the principal to review and evaluate school programs and the school budget. SSC meets the second Tuesday of each month. The first meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m. in the library.

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Stay Informed at Sequoia

Sequoia parents, teachers and staff have a number of ways to keep in touch about school, enrichment programs and volunteer activities. Be sure to read, subscribe to and join these resources to get all the latest news.



To submit news, updates, Shout Outs and more for the newsletter, website and Sequoia Facebook page, please use the form on the school website sequoiaschool.net.

Newsletter

Each Monday, a group of parent volunteers—with the help of Sequoia staff and teachers—publishes and distributes a newsletter with announcements about upcoming events and happenings at Sequoia. A paper newsletter is distributed to individual students by each teacher, and an electronic version is distributed through the Sequoia Yahoo group and published to the website.

Website

The school's website has the latest news, updates and calendars, as well as general information about the school, resources for parents, volunteer opportunity information, event information and ways to donate.

Facebook

If you're a Facebook member, be sure to join the Sequoia Elementary Facebook Group to get timely updates and reminders in your feed. This group is meant to provide another way to get news and updates that also appear in the newsletter and on the website.

Yahoo Community Group

This group is for members of the Sequoia community to stay informed and communicate with one another. Members receive the weekly newsletter and have access to meeting minutes and other documents, plus can make announcements, ask questions and share resources. To join, send an email to sequoiacommunity-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

For more information about these resources, including how to submit items to the newsletter and website, visit sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities.

For questions about communications at Sequoia, contact Vicki Moulton at vicki.moulton@gmail.com.

Sequoia Recurring Events

For new and returning families, here's a handy list of some events that happen throughout the school year:

- **Sequoia Sings!** student performances are the first Wednesday of the month. There is no performance in January.
- Unclaimed **lost and found** items are gathered and donated on the last school day of even-numbered months.
- **Frozen fruit bar sales** are every Friday from 3-3:20 p.m., beginning in September. Sales end the second to last week of school. Fruit bars are \$2 each, which supports the fifth grade science camp. Fruit bar sales are on Thursday when there is a Friday holiday.

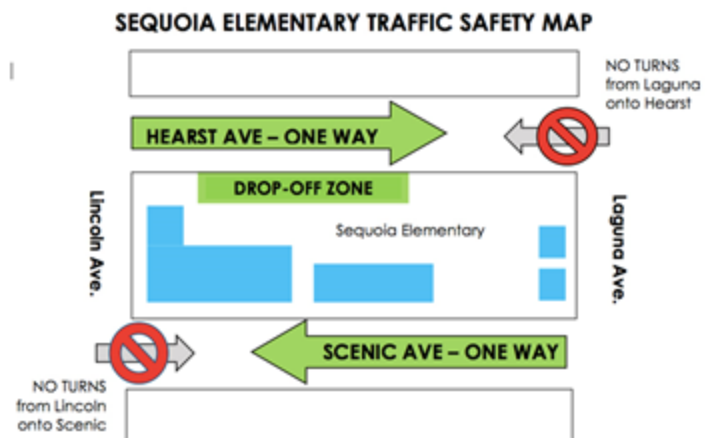


Always check the school calendar on the Sequoia website (sequoiaschool.net) for up-to-date information.

Sequoia's Drop-Off Policy

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. 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 8:20 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.



Sequoia Shout Outs

Sequoia would not be the wonderful school it is without our parent volunteers!

TK/K Orientation: Thank you to Molly Salyk, Hilary Bunlert, Michela Marini, Jennifer Schmitz, Welcome Bisson, Anne Rockwood, Mora Tulian, Andrik Cardenas, Jeff Roller and Annie Crocker.

Meet and Treat: Thank you to Lisa Sutton, Hudson Sutton, Piper Sutton, Thai-An Ngo, Sekou Kimmons, Eric Jackson, Suzanne Samuel, Finn Kelsey, Lucy Roller and Grace Johnson for their help manning the Frozen Fruit Bar Table.



TK/K Spring/Summer Playdates: Thank you to Tracey Kelp, Melanie Kelsey and all the other parents who helped make the incoming TK/K families feel welcome!

Support Sequoia by Shopping at Amazon Smile

Did you know that you can donate to the Sequoia Dads' Club while shopping on Amazon? The "Amazon Smile" logo on our website



(sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia) is a link with a Sequoia referral code, and it goes to Amazon Smile, a charity version of Amazon. By shopping there, 6-8 percent of your purchase is directed to Sequoia Dads' Club at no cost to you. In addition, if you choose Sequoia Dads' Club as your Smile charity, we get an extra half percent in addition to the money that we get because you used our link. Thanks for supporting our Sequoia Squirrels!