

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Sept. 5, 2017

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## Two-Week Calendar

*Wednesdays are minimum days.*

Mon • Sep 4: **Labor Day Holiday: No School for Students**

Wed • Sep 6: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*

Wed • Sep 6: **Breakfast with the Principal**, 9–9:30 a.m., *Cafeteria*

Thu • Sep 7: **Back-to-School Night**  
• 6–6:40 p.m., *TK-2nd Grade Classrooms*  
• 6:45–7:15 p.m., *Auditorium (All Grades)*  
• 7:20–8 p.m., *3rd-5th Grade Classrooms*

Mon • Sep 11: **Support Sequoia Campaign Begins**, runs through Friday, Oct. 7

Tue • Sep 12: **SPTO Meeting**, Dinner served at 6 p.m., meeting from 6:15–8 p.m., childcare provided, *Cafeteria*

Tue • Sep 12: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*

Wed • Sep 13: **Upper Grade Choir Meeting**, 1:25–1:45 p.m., *Room 5*

Fri • Sep 15: **Central American Independence Day**

Sat • Sep 16: **Mexican Independence Day**

Sun • Sep 17: **Seventh Annual Bike Day at Sequoia**, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., *School yard*

## September 7: Back-to-School Night

Thursday, Sept. 7 is Back-to-School night, and it is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and the parents of other students in the class. Here's the schedule:

- **TK–Second grades** meet in their classrooms 6–6:40 p.m.
- From 6:45–7:15 p.m., **parents and guardians of all students** are encouraged to join us in the auditorium to meet all the teachers and staff, and to hear Principal Donald Bertolo discuss the school's goals for the new year.
- **Third–Fifth grades** meet in their classrooms 7:20–8:00 p.m.

### Childcare

Back-to-School Night is an adults-only event. Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) has arranged free childcare for 40 Sequoia students at Dimond Rec Center. Childcare is available from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. The rec center staff will provide supervision, spaghetti dinner (meatless) and activities for the kids.

You must make a reservation to guarantee a spot! Call Dimond Rec Center at 510-482-7831, and ask to be placed on the list for Sequoia Back-to-School Night Childcare. The rec center office is open weekdays 10 a.m.–6 p.m. You can also leave a message at any time, and they will call you back to confirm. When you drop off your child, allow time to complete a short registration form including emergency numbers. Blank forms are already available in the school office if you want to pick one up ahead of time. (See pg. 2 for translations of this article in Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish and Arabic.)

## Sequoia Directory

Please fill out and return to your child's teacher the neon green Sequoia Directory form sent home last week. If you already filled out the form at the Kindergarten Orientation, no need to fill it out again. Please contact [Melanie.Kelsey@gmail.com](mailto:Melanie.Kelsey@gmail.com) with questions.

## Principal's Corner

Dear Squirrel Families, there are several important changes that have happened with traffic flow and safety. The gates on Scenic will no longer be open. The school district, Sequoia and Oakland PD have shut down access on the Scenic side due to several dangerous traffic situations last year, and to limit accessibility to the campus for anyone in the community who does not belong at Sequoia. Please enter the school through the front of the building, or use the gates on the Hearst Side. I know it is inconvenient, but we must put the safety of our families first.

Our Safety Patrol students represent both Sequoia and Oakland PD. As a courtesy, please refrain from verbally abusing or lashing out at the students and the adult volunteer supervisor. They are doing their very best to help control a situation that is already difficult. I realize your time is valuable, and we all have incredibly busy and stressful schedules. However, if we all work together as a community, we can ensure the safety of all Sequoia families involved in this process. It truly takes everyone to make our Traffic Safety Plan work, and I thank you for doing your part. Please refer to the traffic safety map you signed in the Registration Packet.

Finally, there is absolutely no drop off before 8 a.m. This year, in response to parent hardships concerning before-school care from the previous year, I hired someone to be out on the yard at 8 a.m. Nubia also will continue to monitor and supervise TK/K students in the cafeteria at 8 a.m. But there is absolutely no one to watch children before 8 a.m. Ms. Dolores and the Safety Patrol are the only ones here at 7:45 a.m., and they are preparing for their duty. It is a huge liability to OUSD and Sequoia, and a danger to students to be here without supervision. It is also unfair for the office staff and teachers who are trying to prepare for the day to have to deal with situations that have arisen with early drop off. Please consider their needs in this matter. We also realize emergency situations arise every so often, so please communicate with the office and we will work with you if possible. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to making Sequoia a safe community.

## Sequoia Sings! September 6

Our first Sequoia Sings event of the school year is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Sequoia Sings is a monthly event where Sequoia students gather to sing together as a community, and families are invited to attend!



## Breakfast With the Principal

Please join us after Sequoia Sings for Breakfast with Principal Bertolo on Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

## 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](http://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!

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## Newsletter Opt-Out

To help Sequoia save money, we offer families the option to opt-out of receiving a printed copy of the newsletter; the newsletter is available on the school website and is also posted to the school's Facebook page and Yahoo community group each week. By opting out, families reduce the amount of paper and printing used each week to produce the paper newsletter, helping save the school money. Fill out the online form (link below) to opt out of receiving a paper newsletter every week for the rest of the school year. You can opt out one or each of your Sequoia students from receiving a printed newsletter. For families with more than one student at Sequoia, only the youngest student will bring home the newsletter (older students are automatically removed from the newsletter distribution list). Families who opt-out will not receive a printed newsletter starting in mid- to late September.

<http://sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities/newsletter-opt-out/>

## Sequoia Shout Outs

Thank you TK! Thank you to everyone who has helped out!

Donations: Waylon, Theo, Sam, Zeke.

Train Table: Dina.

Train Table Assembly: Dina & Jene.

Snack set-up: Arin, Tomoko, Saniyyah.

Snack: Waylon, Jordan, Kate.



## Cub Scouts Pack 296

Please attend Cub Scouts Pack 296 information night on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. at Joaquin Miller Elementary Library to learn more about being a cub scout. Our welcome back picnic is on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m., at the Pinewood Picnic Area in Joaquin Miller Park.

Sequoia mom Arianne Wagner says, "Scouting has been a great addition to my son's life and has reinforced values such as being kind to others and to our to earth. He has developed new friendships and actually enjoys camping. Most meetings are held at Sequoia and the pack includes the elementary schools Sequoia, Montera, Joaquin Miller, Crocker and Redwood Heights. We are a large troop with many resources but we have re-aligned our meetings to allow a smaller group feel. Additionally, there are summer camps with amazing activities ranging from archery, crafts and woodworking. Did you know Mr. Bertolo is an Eagle Scout?"

Pack 296 is an all-embracing pack that welcomes boys from all backgrounds from first grade through fifth grades. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Arianne Wagner at (510) 292-7596 or email [ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com).

## First SPTO Meeting: September 13

Please join us for the first Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization or SPTO (formerly known as FOSS) meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the cafeteria. We'll be discussing upcoming events and volunteer opportunities and reviewing the final budget for this school year. Dinner and childcare provided. We hope to see you there!

## Back to School Night (cont'd)

**Ngày 7 tháng 9: Đêm Back-to-School (trở lại trường học)**  
Thứ Năm, Ngày 7 tháng 9 là đêm Back-to-School. Đó là một cơ hội tốt để gặp giáo viên mới của con bạn và cha mẹ của những sinh viên khác trong lớp.

Đây là lịch trình:

**Lớp Mẫu Giáo - Lớp 2:** 6:00-6:40 chiều (gặp nhau trong lớp học)

Từ 6:45-7:15 giờ tối, phụ huynh của tất cả các học sinh gặp ở phòng tập thể (auditorium)

**Lớp 3 - Lớp 5:** 7:20-8:00 chiều (gặp nhau trong lớp học)

Chăm sóc trẻ em

Đêm Back-to-School là cuộc họp dành cho người lớn. Tổ chức Giáo viên Phụ Huynh Sequoia (SPTO) đã sắp xếp dịch vụ giữ trẻ miễn phí cho 40 sinh viên Sequoia tại Trung tâm Dimond Rec Center. Giờ Chăm sóc trẻ từ 5:30 đến 8:45. Nhân viên Trung tâm sẽ coi chừng các em, cho ăn tối spaghetti (không thịt) và các trò chơi và hoạt động cho trẻ em. Bạn phải đặt trước để dành chỗ! Hãy gọi Dimond Rec Center số **510-482-7831**, để ghi danh.

回到學校會議, 9月7日星期四.

來見老師, 課室和家長

TK到二年級 遇到 6:00-6:40

在禮堂舉行會議 遇到 6:45-7:15

三年級至五年級 遇到 7:20-8:00

會議是成人參加沒有學生來.

Sequoia 紅杉家長教師組織 (SPTO) 為鑽石拍攝中心的40名紅杉學生提供免費托兒服務。托兒服務時間為5:30至8:45。包括晚餐。致電Dimond Rec Center at **510-482-7831**, 並要求被列入Sequoia Back-to-Night Night Childcare的名單。首先要打電話。

Septiembre 7: Noche de Vuelta a la Escuela

El jueves 7 de septiembre es la noche de Vuelta a la Escuela. Esta noche es una gran oportunidad para conocer al maestro de su hijo y los padres de otros estudiantes en la clase. El horario:

TK-Segundo grados 6-6: 40 p.m.

6: 45-7: 15 p.m., los padres deben venir el auditorio para escuchar un mensaje importante del Principal.

Tercer-quinto grado se reúnen en sus salones 7: 20-8: 00 p.m.

Cuidado de niños

La Noche de Vuelta a la Escuela es un evento solo para adultos.

Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (Organización de Padres y Maestros de Sequoia) ha organizado cuidado de niños gratis para 40 estudiantes de Sequoia en Dimond Rec Center. La guardería está disponible de 5:30 a 8:45 p.m. El personal del centro de recreación proporcionará supervisión, cena de espaguetis (sin carne) y actividades para los niños. Usted debe hacer una reserva para garantizar un lugar! Llame a Dimond Rec Center al 510-482-7831, y pida que lo incluyan en la lista de guarderías nocturnas Sequoia Back-to-School.

7 سبتمبر: العودة إلى المدرسة ليلة

الخميس, 7 سبتمبر هو ليلة العودة إلى المدرسة، وهي فرصة عظيمة للقاء معلم طفلك وأولياء أمور الطلاب الآخرين في الصف. إليك الجدول الزمني:

الصفوف الثانية للمعارف التقليدية 6-6: 40 مساء

من 6: 45-7: 15 مساء، الآباء وأولياء الأمور من جميع الطلاب قاعة

تجتمع الصفوف الخامسة والثالثة في الفصول الدراسية 7: 20-8: 00 مساء

رعاية الأطفال

ليلة العودة إلى المدرسة هو حدث للبالغين فقط. وقد رتبنا منظمة سيكويآ الآباء المعلم

(سبتو) رعاية الأطفال مجاناً لـ 40 طلاب سيكويآ في مركز ديموند للتسجيل. تتوفر رعاية

الأطفال من الساعة 5:30 حتى 8:45 مساءً. وسيقوم موظفو المركز بتقديم الإشراف وعشاء

السباغيتي (اللحوم) والأنشطة للأطفال. يجب إجراء حجز لضمان بقعة! اتصل ديموند ريك

سينتر في 510-482-7831، واطلب أن توضع على قائمة لسيكويآ العودة إلى المدرسة

ليلة رعاية الأطفال

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