

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Sept. 11, 2017

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Two-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days.

- Mon • Sep 11: **Support Sequoia Campaign Begins**, runs through Friday, Oct. 7
- Tue • Sep 12: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*
- Tue • Sep 12: **SPTO Meeting**, Dinner served 6 p.m., meeting 6:15–8 p.m., childcare provided, *Cafeteria*
- 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*

Tue • Sep 19: **Fall Potluck for TK, Kinder, and 1st Grades**, 6:30–8 p.m., *Cafeteria*

Wed • Sep 20: **Rosh Hashanah**, begins at sundown

Wed • Sep 20: **Upper Grade Choir Meeting**, 1:25–1:45 p.m., *Room 5*

Thu • Sep 21: **Al Hijra/Muslim New Year**, begins at sundown

Fri • Sep 22: **First Day of Fall/Fall Equinox**

Support Sequoia Starts Now

Our school depends on our community to help raise money throughout the year to support art, music, library, science, garden, computers, motor skills and other programs that enrich our student's experience at school. Without these donations, these programs could dwindle.

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Support Sequoia, is also our easiest: there's nothing for you to buy or sell. Just watch for the Support Sequoia packets that your students are bringing home this week, complete and return the form, and give what you can.

The programs supported by your donations cost around \$350 per student per school year, so we are really counting on your support. Every donation, large or small, makes a difference as we work to raise \$65,000 over the next four weeks.

Our goal is 100% participation. Every student who returns the Support Sequoia form, with or without a donation, receives this year's supercool Sequoia wristband. A donation of any size enters your student into the weekly drawing for a free frozen fruit bar. There is one winner per class per week, so return your forms now for more chances to win!

To make your donation online, go to <https://sequoiaschool.networkforgood.com>. You can make a one-time donation, or you can spread your donation over the year by signing up for 12 automatic monthly payments. If you can, please consider increasing your donation to support enrichment for another child in the Sequoia community.

If you have questions, contact Arianne Wagner at (510) 292-7596 or ariannewagner@gmail.com.

First SPTO Meeting: September 12

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. 12, 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.

Principal's Corner

Sequoia's policy on student use of personal cell phones is simple: **there is no student cell phone use on campus.** If a student brings a phone to school, it must be held by the teacher or left with office staff until the end of the day. Any student may ask to use the office phone anytime. This policy was created after I received reports of students using their phones to record inappropriate things and/or use social media. Thank you for your cooperation.

Donald T. Bertolo Jr., Principal

School Site Council Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m. in the school library is our first School Site Council (SSC) meeting. It's a chance to be part of the decision-making process at Sequoia. The SSC votes on how we spend our Title 1 money, helps make determinations on our school site plan, and gives you another voice in helping make Sequoia an even more amazing place. If you are interested in being a part of this vital committee or have any questions about how exactly the SSC operates, please contact Principal Bertolo at donald.bertolojr@ousd.org.



Sequoia Choir

Calling all singers! If you are in third, fourth or fifth grade and considering becoming a new member of the Sequoia Choir, please come to an informational session on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 1:25 to 1:55 p.m. in Room 5. This meeting is open to everyone, but returning singers are not required to attend. Teachers should have sent home permission slips to students who have expressed an interest, so please return these to Jackie Roth with your payment as soon as possible. Choir is limited to 40 members. Boys are especially encouraged to join! Questions? Email jacqueline.roth@ousd.org.



Box Tops for Education

Sequoia participates in the Box Tops for Education program. When our school sends in the collected Box Tops, we earn 10 cents each to spend on anything our school needs. Squirrel families can help by clipping physical Box Tops from any of hundreds of purchased participating products (search here: www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products), collecting them in a small sandwich bag labeled with the name of your child and her/his teacher, and delivering to the school office. Angelina is our coordinator, keeping track of which students in each class submit the most Box Tops.



Sequoia Shout Outs

Sequoia would not be the special place it is without our wonderful volunteers.

Thank you TK!

Donations: Theo

Room Parents: Erika and Myisha

Snack setup: Arin, Tomoko, Sasha, Angela

Lunch help: David

Snack: Theo, Freja, Audrey



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Time for Fall Potlucks

Mark your calendars for the Fall Potlucks! Let's enjoy an evening together—reconnect with old friends, make new ones and eat some delicious food! Potlucks are hosted in the cafeteria.



Grades TK-1: Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6:30-8 p.m.

Grades 2-5: Thursday, Sept. 28, 6:30-8 p.m.

Please bring a dish if you can (with a serving spoon if needed):

Main dishes: last names A-G

Salads/Sides/Vegetarian main dishes: last names H-P

Desserts: last names Q-S

Beverages: last names T-Z (no alcohol please)

To help with setup, please arrive at 6 p.m., and cleanup help is great too. Bring containers for leftovers. You could even go green and bring your own plates, utensils and cups to use and take home.

After School Enrichment

Next week families will receive information on the many enrichment classes to be offered after school, beginning the week of Sept. 25. The packet will include enrollment instructions. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. Last year's enrichment classes included yoga, crafts, chess and Spanish. If your child is enrolled in aftercare at Sequoia, you can still enroll in after school enrichment. Contact sequoia.afterschoolenrichment@gmail.com with any questions.

Arabic Translations Needed

The Sequoia newsletter team needs a parent volunteer to help with Arabic translations. Each week the newsletter features an article translated into several languages, thanks to parent translators. To help, email SequoiaNewsTeam@googlegroups.com.

Cub Scouts Pack 296

Come to information night on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. at Joaquin Miller Elementary Library to learn more about being a cub scout, and the welcome back picnic on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m., at Joaquin Miller Park Pinewood Picnic Area. Pack 296 is an all-embracing group that welcomes boys from all backgrounds from first grade through fifth grades. Scholarships are available. Contact Arianne Wagner at (510) 292-7596 or ariannewagner@gmail.com.

Bike Day at Sequoia

Bring that bike (working or not) and helmet out of the garage and join your friends for Bike Day at Sequoia, coming up this Sunday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



- Mechanics from the Bikemobile will get your bike fixed up and ready to ride.
- Take off those training wheels and learn how to ride on two wheels.
- Test your skills at the Bike Rodeo.
- Enjoy bike-blender smoothies, Four Barrel coffee, La Farine pastries and Tacos El Grande.
- Customize your ride with decorations.
- No bike? No problem! Lender bikes will be available, so come out and join the fun!

We can always use help with setup Sunday morning; contact Joe Hayes at undeterred@hotmail.com or 510-500-2995.

Día de bicicletas en Sequoia

Saque esa bicicleta (funcional o no) y el casco fuera del garaje y únase a sus amigos el Día de la Bicicleta en Sequoia, el domingo 17 de septiembre, de 10 a.m. a 1 p.m.

Los mecánicos de Bikemobile arreglarán su bicicleta y la dejarán listas para montar.

Quite las ruedas de entrenamiento y aprenda a montar en dos ruedas.

Pruebe sus habilidades en el Bike Rodeo.

Disfrute de batidos licuados por bicicleta, café de Four Barrel, pasteles de La Farine y Tacos El Grande.

Personalize su bici con decoraciones.

¿Sin bicicleta? ¡No hay problema! Habrá bicicletas para prestar, así que ¡salga y únase a la diversión!

Siempre podemos usar su ayuda con la instalación el domingo por la mañana; póngase en contacto con Joe Hayes en

undeterred@hotmail.com o 510-500-2995.

Sequoia Bike Day. 您可以

修理您的自行車, 學習騎自行車,

裝飾您的自行車

星期日, 10:00am-1:00pm 9月17日是

Sequoia Bike Day.

在學校場地參加自行車騎行課程。

如果您沒有自行車, 將會有自行車供孩子

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使用

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Ngày Xe đạp ở Sequoia

Đưa xe đạp (làm việc hoặc không) và mũ bảo hiểm ra khỏi nhà để xe và tham gia cùng bạn bè của bạn cho Ngày xe đạp tại Sequoia, sắp tới chủ nhật này, ngày 17 tháng 9, từ 10 giờ sáng đến 1 giờ chiều. Cơ học từ Bikemobile sẽ giúp xe đạp của bạn cố định và sẵn sàng để đi xe.

Đưa những bánh xe đào tạo này và học cách lái xe trên hai bánh.

Kiểm tra kỹ năng của bạn tại Bike Rodeo.

Thưởng thức các loại bánh mì trộn xe đạp, cà phê Four Barrel, bánh La Farine và Tacos El Grande.

Tùy chỉnh chuyến đi của bạn với đồ trang trí.

Không có xe đạp? Không vấn đề gì! Người cho vay xe đạp sẽ có sẵn, vì vậy hãy ra ngoài và tham gia vui vẻ!

Chúng tôi luôn có thể sử dụng trợ giúp với buổi sáng chủ nhật; hãy liên hệ với Joe Hayes tại undeterred@hotmail.com hoặc 510-500-2995.

يوم الدراجة، إلى، سيكويا

جلب هذه الدراجة (تعمل أم لا) وخوذة من المرآب والانضمام أصدقائك يوم الدراجة في

سيكويا، الخروج يوم الأحد، 17 سبتمبر، من 10:00 صباحاً إلى 1 مساءً

الميكانيكا من بيكيموبيل سوف تحصل على الدراجة الخاصة بك ثابتة

وعلى استعداد لركوب

خلع تلك العجلات التدريب وتعلم كيفية ركوب على

عجلتين.

اختبار المهارات الخاصة بك في الدراجة روديو

يمكنك الاستمتاع بالعصائر اللذيذة في الدراجة وخبز فور باريل ومعجنات لا فارين وتاكوس

إل غراند

تخصيص رحلتك مع الزينة

لا الدراجة؟ ليس هناك أي مشكلة! سوف المقرض الدراجات تكون متاحة، لذلك يخرج

والانضمام إلى متعة

يمكننا دائماً استخدام المساعدة في الإعداد صباح يوم الأحد. اتصل جو هايز في

أو 510-500-2995 undeterred@hotmail.com