

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Sept. 18, 2017

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## Two-Week Calendar

*Wednesdays are minimum days.*

- 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,**  
1:25–1:55 p.m., *Room 5*
  - Thu • Sep 21: **Al Hijra/Muslim New Year,** begins at sundown
  - Fri • Sep 22: **First Day of Fall/Fall Equinox**
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- Wed • Sep 27: **Upper Grade Choir Rehearsals begin,**  
1:25–2:10 p.m., *Auditorium*
  - Thu • Sep 28: **Fall Potluck for 2nd–5th grades,**  
6:30–8 p.m., *Cafeteria*
  - Fri • Sep 29: **Yom Kippur,** begins at sundown
  - Sep 30–Oct 1: **Oaktoberfest,** *Dimond business district*

## Support Sequoia

Thank you for supporting our school's biggest and easiest fundraiser! The Support Sequoia campaign started with a bang last week, as 40 percent of students returned their forms. So far you have raised over \$33,500, putting us well on the way toward our target of raising \$65,000 by October 6.

Your donations help pay for enrichment such as the weekly art, music, science, garden and library programs that began last week. These programs benefit everyone by providing vibrant learning opportunities for kids and much-needed planning time for teachers. The programs that rely on fundraising cost around \$350 per student per year, so Sequoia is counting on your support.

Our goal is 100 percent participation. Return your form with or without a donation to get this year's new Sequoia wristband. A donation of any size enters your student into the weekly classroom drawing for a free frozen fruit bar.

To make your donation online, go to [sequoiaschool.networkforgood.com](http://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.

Please contact Arianne Wagner at [ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com) or text/call 510-292-7596 with any questions

## Sequoia Shout Outs

Sequoia would not be the special place it is without our wonderful volunteers. Send your shout out to [shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net](mailto:shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net).

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

Donations: Malaya, Waylon

Room Parents: Erika and Myisha

Motor Skills: David and Leslie

Book Organizing: Sharon

Snack set-up: Arin, Tomoko, Sasha, Angela

Lunch help: David

Snack: Waylon, Eliseo, Jack, Madeline



## Time for 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. 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.



## 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](mailto:jacqueline.roth@ousd.org)



## Family Work Day Saturday, Oct. 7

School Workday! Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Mark your calendars and please join us in our first Sequoia workday of the year. In order to keep our beloved school looking and functioning its best, it sometimes needs a little help from our parent community. We have jobs for all skill levels and interests. We will need people to maintain the various gardens and attend to various projects in the classrooms.

There is no requirement to stay for the duration, so drop in for as much time as you have. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. The playground will be open as usual so the kids can play while you work.

This event is sponsored by the Dads Club. Please contact Roger King at [protonpusher33@gmail.com](mailto:protonpusher33@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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: [boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products](http://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.



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## Racial Justice Discussion Groups at Sequoia

Last year, sponsored by the Sequoia Inclusive School Committee, Dr. Allison Briscoe-Smith ([drbriscoesmith.com](http://drbriscoesmith.com)) led Sequoia families and staff in discussions about race: from how we talk to our kids to how race and racism play out at Sequoia. As a next step this year, families have a chance to meet in affinity groups to share their personal experiences and give feedback for what is working well and not working well for their kids at Sequoia. Groups will meet in the school library from 6—7:30 pm and be facilitated by staff and family volunteers. Light refreshments will be provided. To RSVP and for more information on childcare please contact Kristin Nelson at [kristin7177@yahoo.com](mailto:kristin7177@yahoo.com).

Asian & Pacific Islander Families: Tuesday, Sept. 26

Latino/Latina Families: Tuesday, Oct. 3

African-American Families: Tuesday, Oct. 10

### Llegó el momento para una comida.

¡Marquen sus calendarios para las comidas del Otoño!

Disfrutemos de una noche juntos-volver a conectar con viejos amigos, hacer nuevos ¡y comer algo delicioso! La comida se llevará a cabo en la cafetería.

Grados TK-1: Martes, 19 de septiembre, 6:30-8 p.m.

Grados 2-5: Jueves, 28 de septiembre, 6:30-8 p.m.

Por favor traigan un plato si pueden (con una cuchara para servir si es necesario):

Platos principales: apellidos A-G

Ensaladas / guarniciones / Platos principales vegetarianos: apellidos H-P

Postres: apellidos Q-S

Bebidas: apellidos T-Z (sin alcohol por favor)

Para ayudar con la preparación, por favor lleguen a las 6 p.m., la ayuda con la limpieza también es muy apreciada. Traigan envases para sobras. Incluso podrían contribuir con la protección del medio ambiente y traer sus propios platos, utensilios y tazas para usar y llevar de vuelta a casa.

### 請來參加

Sequoia 學校的餐會,還可以結識朋友和美好的食物。

幼稚園和一年班在九月十九日,星期二

二年班至五年班在九月二十八日,星期三

這兩天的時間從晚上六時三十分至八時在學校的飯堂

如你們可以帶食物來,請跟隨這指示:

你的姓名由 A -- G, 請帶主菜

你的姓名由 H -- P, 請帶沙拉

你的姓名由 Q -- S, 請帶甜品

你的姓名由 T -- Z, 請帶飲品

如果可以, 請在6:00幫忙。

完成後也需要我們的幫助。

你可以把你自己的盤子和叉子吃食物

希望大家來參加這個集會, 多謝!

### Thời gian cho mùa thu Potlucks

Đánh dấu lịch cho Fall Potlucks! Hãy tận hưởng một buổi tối cùng nhau-kết nối lại với bạn cũ, làm những cái mới và ăn một số thực phẩm ngon! Potlucks được tổ chức trong phòng ăn.

Các lớp TK-1: Thứ ba, ngày 19 tháng 9, 6: 30-8.

Các lớp 2-5: Thứ Năm, 28 Tháng Chín, 6: 30-8.

Hãy mang theo một món ăn nếu bạn có thể (với muốn ăn nếu cần thiết):

Các món ăn chính: họ A-G

Salad / Sides / Chay chính: họ H-P

Món tráng miệng: họ Q-S

Đồ uống: Họ T-Z (không uống rượu)

Để trợ giúp thiết lập, vui lòng đến lúc 6 giờ tối, và trợ giúp dọn dẹp cũng rất tuyệt. Mang theo đồ đựng đồ ăn thừa. Bạn thậm chí có thể đi màu xanh lá cây và mang theo tấm của riêng bạn, dụng cụ và cốc để sử dụng và mang về nhà.

لوقت لخريف بوتلوكس

بمناسبة التقويمات الخاصة بك لخريف بوتلوكس! دعونا التمتع مساء معا، إعادة الاتصال مع الأصدقاء القدامى، وجعل جديدة وتناول بعض الطعام لذيذا! يتم استضافة بوتلوكس في الكافتيريا.

الصفوف تك-1: الثلاثاء، 19 سبتمبر، 6: 8-30 مساء

الصفوف 2-5: الخميس، 28 سبتمبر، 6: 8-30 مساء

يرجى إحضار طبق إذا كنت تستطيع (مع ملعقة تقديم إذا لزم الأمر):

الأطباق الرئيسية: الأسماء الأخيرة A-G

السلطات / الجانبين / نباتي الأطباق الرئيسية: الأسماء الأخيرة H-P

الحلويات: الأسماء الأخيرة Q-S

المشروبات: الأسماء الأخيرة T-Z (لا الكحول يرجى)

للمساعدة في الإعداد، يرجى الوصول في 6 مساء، والمساعدة تنظيف كبيرة جدا. جلب حاويات لبقايا الطعام. يمكنك حتى الذهاب الأخضر وتقديم لوحات الخاصة بك، والأواني والأكواب لاستخدام واتخاذ المنزل.

## After School Enrichment Info

Information on afterschool enrichment classes starting the week of Sept. 25 was sent home with your student last week. The packet includes enrollment instructions, which is on a first-come, first-served basis. This year's enrichment classes include Craft Kitchen, Storytelling, Spanish, Legos, and Chess. If your child is enrolled in aftercare at Sequoia, you can still enroll in after school enrichment. Contact [sequoia.afterschoolenrichment@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:SequoiaNewsTeam@googlegroups.com).

## Cub Scouts Pack 296

Come learn more about being a cub scout at 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](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com)

## Girl Scouts at Sequoia!

Did you know our Girl Scout troop is open year round to second and third grade girls? If you have a child who has been considering joining, feel free to come to one of our meetings and see what it's like. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 18. Girl Scouts develop confidence and life skills through camping, helping others, selling cookies and, most of all, having fun! Questions? Call/email Kristin Escue at 510-774-0109 or [kristin@onthemovesf.com](mailto:kristin@onthemovesf.com).