

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Oct. 2, 2017



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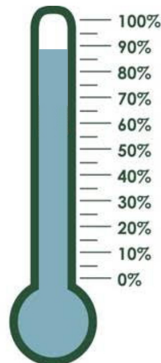
## Two-Week Calendar

*Wednesdays are minimum days.*

- Wed • Oct 4: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**, 8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*
  - Wed • Oct 4: **Breakfast with the Principal**, 9–9:30 a.m., *Cafeteria*
  - Wed • Oct 4: **International Walk and Roll to School Day**
  - Thu • Oct 5: **School Portrait Day**, Grades TK–2
  - Thu • Oct 5: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7–8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd.)*
  - Fri • Oct 6: **School Portrait Day**, Grades 3–5
  - Fri • Oct 6: **Support Sequoia Campaign Ends**
  - Sat • Oct 7: **SPTO Meeting**, 9–10 a.m., *Cafeteria*
  - Sat • Oct 7: **Sequoia Family Workday, sponsored by the Dads' Club**, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., *School yard*
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- Mon • Oct 9: **Columbus Day**
  - Tue • Oct 10: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*
  - Thu • Oct 12: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday**, 3–3:30 p.m., *School yard*
  - Fri • Oct 13: **Professional Development Day for Teachers: No School for Students**

## Support Sequoia: One Week Left

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Support Sequoia form(s). We have had an amazing response so far, raising 87% of our goal! If you have not yet done so, please return your Support Sequoia form to your child's teacher. Even if you are not able to give right now, you can help us reach our goal of having every Sequoia student return a pledge form, even without a donation. Each returned form earns that student this year's Sequoia wristband and an entry into the free frozen fruit bar raffle. Classes with 100% participation earn extra recess.



Funds raised through Support Sequoia directly benefit Sequoia students for art, music, library, science, garden and more. By raising \$350 per student this year, we can provide every classroom with a full year's worth of enrichment. We're counting on your support!

**This is the final week of the fundraiser.** Two classes have earned an extra recess, and 7 more classes are very close to that. The school will get a really cool surprise if there is 100% school participation.

To donate online, go to <https://sequoiaschool.networkforgood.com>, for a one-time donation or signing up for 12 monthly payments. Please consider increasing your donation to support enrichment for another child in the Sequoia community. Contact Arianne Wagner at [ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com) or text/call 510-292-7596.

## Sequoia Sings! October 4

The next Sequoia Sings event is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium, featuring our fourth graders. Sequoia Sings is a monthly event where Sequoia students gather to sing together as a community, and families are invited to attend!



## School Portrait Days, Oct. 5 and 6

Picture Day with Roots & Shoots Photography is coming up:

Thursday, Oct. 5: Grades TK–2

Friday, Oct. 6: Grades 3–5



Make-up day is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Order forms along with payment are due on Picture Day. Late order forms will incur a \$10 late fee. You can pay with a credit card, cash or money order. Checks are no longer accepted. Pay online at <http://order.roots-shoots.com/form-2872493/Order-Form>. If you have any questions, contact Nikki at [nikki@roots-shoots.com](mailto:nikki@roots-shoots.com) or 510-859-4148.

### ¡sesión de fotos!

El día de la imagen esta por venir:

Thursday, October 5th: TK-2nd

Friday, October 6th: 3rd-5th

Los retratos que haya que repetir se harán el Martes, 28 Noviembre. Los formularios de pedido junto con el pago se deben entregar el día de la foto. Los formularios de orden tardíos incurrirán en una cuota de \$10. Puede pagar con tarjeta de crédito, dinero en efectivo o giro postal. Los cheques ya no son aceptados. Pago en línea <http://order.roots-shoots.com/form-2872493/Order-Form> Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con Nikki en Roots & Shoots Photography directamente en: [nikki@roots-shoots.com](mailto:nikki@roots-shoots.com) o 510-859-4148.

Sequoia 學生攝影日同 Roots and Shoots 攝影公司是

十月五日, 星期四: TK-2 年級

十月六日, 星期五: 3年級-5年級

十一月二十八日, 星期二: 最後一次

可以攝影

攝影形式和付費是在同一攝影日。

付款可以現金或信用卡。

你也可以用電腦支付:

<http://order.roots-shoots.com/form-2872493/Order-Form>

付款遲到將支付10.00。

Ngày Chụp ảnh Chân dung, 5 và 6 Tháng Mười

Hình ảnh ngày với Roots & Chụp Nhiếp ảnh là sắp lên:

Thứ 5, ngày 5 tháng 10: Các lớp TK-2

Thứ 6, ngày 6 tháng 10: Lớp 3-5

Ngày make-up được lên kế hoạch cho thứ ba 28 Tháng Mười Một.

Hình thức đặt hàng cùng với thanh toán là do ngày Picture. Các mẫu

đơn đặt hàng trễ sẽ phải chịu lệ phí \$ 10 muộn. Bạn có thể thanh

toán bằng thẻ tín dụng, tiền mặt hoặc lệnh chuyển tiền. Séc không

còn được chấp nhận. Thanh toán trực tuyến tại

<http://order.roots-shoots.com/form-2872493/Order-Form>. Nếu bạn

có bất kỳ câu hỏi nào, hãy liên hệ với Nikki tại

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صورة يوم مع جذور و يطلق النار التصوير هو الخروج:

الخميس، 5 أكتوبر: تك-2nd

الجمعة، 6 أكتوبر: 3rd-5th

ومن المقرر يوم المكياج يوم الثلاثاء، 28 نوفمبر. استمارات الطلب جنبا إلى جنب مع الدفع

المستحقة في يوم الصورة. ستتحمل رسوم الطلب المتأخر رسوما متأخرة بقيمة 10

دولارات. يمكنك الدفع باستخدام بطاقة ائتمان أو نقدا أو نقدا. لم تعد الشيكات مقبولة. الدفع

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## Breakfast With the Principal

Please join us after Sequoia Sings for Breakfast with Principal Bertolo on Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

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## Walk or Roll to School Oct. 4

Put on your best walking shoes, get out those bikes and scooters and celebrate International Walk and Roll to School Day with your Sequoia Community this Wednesday. In the U.S., only one in 10 children walks to school regularly. This means most children do not experience the joy and benefits that come with getting to school with their own two feet. This is a great day to start a new habit! If you are not within walking distance of the school, you can park on Wilbur or Laguna and join one of the walking school buses. We will have treats and coffee. Contact Joey Smith at [jenjoeysmith@gmail.com](mailto:jenjoeysmith@gmail.com) for more information.



## Principal's Corner

Hello Squirrel Parent-Partners! It's hard to believe this year is going so quickly. Things are going well, but there are a couple of things I would like you to think about.



**Traffic:** The morning traffic situation has really started to calm down. Thank you for your patience, help and understanding. We need to put the same attitude into resolving the afternoon traffic situation. What makes the afternoon difficult is the addition of buses, vans, and aftercare vehicles. By now, you know we have no parking, the streets are extremely narrow, and horns are easy to honk. Turning onto Hearst from Lincoln is the only safe way to ensure that traffic runs smoothly. Again, I realize time is tight and we all have deadlines and schedules, but please consider just parking and walking. Moreover, THERE IS NO PARKING ON THE HEARST SIDE of the school at the beginning and end of the school day. It is a ticket zone. Last year we were able to ask Oakland Police to issue warnings only, but that might no longer be an option.

**Morning Drop-Offs:** There are still children being dropped off before 8 a.m. Before that time, we have no supervisors on site. We send home warning notes when we see early drop-off, and we will also begin making calls home. If you are having difficulty with early morning childcare, please reach out to the office and see if we can help with the situation. I understand it's difficult for some families. However, from the district perspective, you must understand even if your child is extremely responsible and well-behaved, for them to be on campus unsupervised is a huge liability.

Thank you all for your continued support and attention to safety.

## Get Ready for artSPARK 2017: CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!

Calling all students and parent volunteers for Sequoia's annual art show, artSPARK, happening this year on Saturday, Dec. 2.

**Parents:** artSPARK is the sort of kid-centric, community-supported event that keeps Sequoia an extraordinary place for our kids. We need you to volunteer. Can you help share posters and postcards with the community? Are you a wiz with labels? Can you harness the stash of art supplies for the kids in the foyer? Will you lend a hand setting up the event? We need your talent for artSPARK. Please reach out and let us know how you might be a part of the show.

**Students:** Be a part of art at Sequoia. Bust out your ideas, gather materials, and start creating. Let's hang your art in the auditorium. This year's theme is CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE! Please contact Raylene Samson at [sequoiaartspark@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaartspark@gmail.com) or 415-509-5889 with any questions.

## Racial Justice Discussion Groups

Last year the Sequoia Inclusive School Committee sponsored Dr. Allison Briscoe-Smith ([drbriscoesmith.com](http://drbriscoesmith.com)) to lead Sequoia families and staff in discussions about race: from how we talk to our kids to how race and racism play out at Sequoia. 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 to 7:30 p.m. 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).

Latino/Latina Families: Tuesday, Oct. 3

African-American Families: Tuesday, Oct. 10

## Family Workday Saturday at 9 a.m.

Mark your calendars and please join us in our first Sequoia workday of the year on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

Drop by for whatever time you can spare; snacks and refreshments are provided, and the playground will be open as usual. This event is sponsored by the Sequoia Dads' Club. Please contact Roger King at [protonpusher33@gmail.com](mailto:protonpusher33@gmail.com) for more information.

## SPTO Meeting Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us for the next Sequoia PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) meeting this Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. We will discuss enrichment programs and upcoming fundraising events. Childcare will be provided.

## OUSD School Year Changing in 2018

The first day of school for 2018-19 will be August 13. Further dates, including school breaks and the last day of the school year, have not been finalized. OUSD wants to hear from you! Please join us at upcoming community meetings on Oct. 10 or Oct. 17 and take our survey to share your thoughts. Survey, meeting details and more information can be found at [www.ousd.org/newfirstday](http://www.ousd.org/newfirstday).

## Blueprint for Quality Schools Survey

The Blueprint for Quality Schools Initiative was launched to meet the changing facility, program and educational needs of the district. Take the survey at <https://www.ousd.org/blueprintforquality>.

## Sequoia Shout Outs

Send your shout out to [shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net](mailto:shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net).

Thanks TK and K!

Donations: Ruby, Sam, Mr. Bertolo

Room Parents: Erika and Myisha

Motor Skills: David, Leslie, Rosanna, Heather, Andy, Reka, Lynell, Marie, Issabella, Annie, Daniel, Mariana

Book Organizing: Sharon

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

Birthday treats and help: Theo, Audrey, Liliana, Freja, Justin, Kingston, Erika, Rollie, Michelle, Katie, Erich, Jay, Sasha, Pam

Work Day help: Roger, Erik, Dads' Club

Lunch help: David, Gami

Snack: Malaya, Sam, Kate, Naomi, Jon

