

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Oct. 16, 2017

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Two-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days.

Oct 16–20: **Minimum Days, 1:20 p.m. Dismissal**

Thu • Oct 26: **Dad's Club Meeting, 7–8:30 p.m., Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd.)**

Thu • Oct 26: **"Lights On After School" Healthy Start Celebration, Cafeteria**
• 3:30–6 p.m., Open House
• 6–7 p.m., Potluck Dinner

Sat • Oct 28: **Harvest Festival, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Cafeteria and School Yard**

Minimum Days This Week

Students will be on a minimum day schedule this week—Monday, Oct. 16, through Friday, Oct. 20—due to parent/teacher conferences. For more information or to find out the date and time of your student's conference, please speak with your teacher.

Días mínimos esta semana - Debido a las conferencias de padres y maestros, los estudiantes tendrán días mínimos esta semana, desde el lunes 16 hasta el viernes 20 de Octubre. Hable con su maestra/o si necesita más información ó para averiguar la hora y la fecha de la conferencia de su estudiante.

每天, 10月16日至10月20日是放早學, 放學時間是下午一時二十分. 是教師學生回顧等級. 請教老師你的孩子的日子和時間. 多謝各位家長!

Ngày Học Ngắn Cả Tuần Này - Học sinh sẽ có ngày học ngắn cả tuần này - Thứ Hai, Ngày 16 Tháng 10 cho đến Thứ Sáu, Ngày 20 Tháng 10 - Những ngày ngắn sẽ là cơ hội để giáo viên được họp mặt với phụ huynh và học sinh để bàn luận chuyện ở trường. Để biết giờ hẹn để gặp với giáo viên, vui lòng nói chuyện với giáo viên của con bạn.

الحد الأدنى أيام هذا الاسبوع

سوف يكون الطلاب على الأقل يوم الجدول الزمني هذا الاسبوع-الاثنين 16 أكتوبر حتى الجمعة 20 أكتوبر بسبب مؤتمرات الآباء / المعلمين. لمزيد من المعلومات أو لمعرفة وقت وتاريخ مؤتمر الطالب، يرجى التحدث مع معلمك.

We Want YOU!

Volunteers Needed Now

Looking for a way to get involved? Need a little extra cash? Help out the Sequoia community in one of three ways:

(1) Noon Supervisor: See job posting here: <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/JobPosting/966371>. This position is currently for 2.5 hours per day, but may increase to 4 hours per day with an increase in pay.

(2) Two Committee Volunteers: Join our enrichment teacher compensation study committee. The group will meet a couple times and do some research, before making recommendations for possible pay increases for our hardworking enrichment teachers. Contact Jenaver Goodman at jenaver@gmail.com.

(3) Safety Patrol Volunteer—with stipend opportunity! We urgently need a second (and possibly third) parent to help fully implement Safety Patrol. Ideally this volunteer has morning availability (7:45-8:40 a.m.) at least a couple mornings a week. We also need someone who can collaborate with fourth and fifth grade teachers and help organize a rotating schedule for students. Contact sequoiavolunteers@gmail.com.

Principal's Corner

Early Release Days

This week we have early release every day. On early release days (including our normal Wednesdays), if you are taking your child off school grounds before the bell rings, you **MUST** come to the office and sign them out. Teachers and cafeteria staff will not allow you to take your child if you do not have an early release slip or the office has not called. Our normal procedure is for the office to call the room and have your child come down with their belongings, or you are sent to the room with an early release slip. I realize we are all busy, and it's convenient to just grab your child and go on those days. However, it's an extremely DANGEROUS practice. We need to work together to ensure all students are safe and accounted for before they leave school grounds. Please help us keep Sequoia safe.



Drop-Off or Pick-Up on Lincoln

There is absolutely no drop-off or pick-up on Lincoln. We are having more and more parents engaging in this dangerous practice. Since this is continuing despite our pleas for it to end, I am asking OPD to come out and ticket parents who are engaging in this unsafe behavior. Additionally, we will be sending OPD the license plates and names of known parents that are continuing to endanger themselves and other families with this continued practice. All it takes is one distracted driver and someone not obeying the law for something to happen. I apologize for taking a hard stand, but due to the volume of cars on that street, the city has made it a complete No Drop-Off Zone. If we all work together, we can make sure our children and staff are safe.

With warmest regards,
Donald T. Bertolo, Principal

Halloween Festivities at Sequoia

The Sequoia Halloween Parade will be held Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. on the playground. Teachers will be sending home specific information about their classroom parties and activities, so please be on the lookout for that information. Because the parade is in the morning and parties may not take place until after lunch, students should come in their costumes and have something to change into after the parade. As always, weapons, or anything that could be construed as a weapon, even if it's an integral part of the costume, must be left at home. Additionally, masks that obstruct vision or field of view should be left at home.

Harvest Festival on October 28

Sequoia's annual Harvest Festival is on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please join us for a day of games, live music with a surprise guest, jumpy house, BBQ feast, haunted house (kid friendly), sugar skulls and more! Come with your family and friends.



This event is run entirely by our student and family volunteers. There are plenty of big and little tasks to make it possible, such as running a booth, bringing baked goods and setting/cleaning up. Please contact Heidi Aboites at heidiaboites@gmail.com or 510-435-3973 for more information on how you can help.

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Support Sequoia Wrap-Up

A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard on our successful Support Sequoia fundraiser! Shout outs go to Hoa On and Arianne Wagner for overall organization, SPTO for its support, Gina Lewis and David Lee for managing the immense task of organizing and making the personalized labels, Dale Beevers for creating the hallway posters and classroom goal thermometers, Hoa On and her child's swim team parents for stuffing all the envelopes, Clifford Richard for maintaining the Lincoln Ave. goal thermometer, Sylvia Colt for facilitating the extra recesses and Principal Bertolo for being the voice and promoter of the weekly fruit bar raffle. Above all, an epic thank you to Sequoia teachers for handling the envelopes and encouraging all of their students to participate, Sequoia kids for "motivating" their parents and Sequoia parents for signing their forms and giving so generously. Lastly, a tremendous thank you to those families that were able to give extra supporting those that were not able to donate.

Final Participation Prize

Congratulations to the 10 classes where every single student returned a Support Sequoia envelope. These classes will enjoy a well-deserved extra recess as their reward. The teachers whose classes reached 100% participation are Ms. Love, Mr. Fleischman, Ms. Williams (Ms. Heather), Ms. Roth, Ms. Phoi, Ms. Loeser, Ms. Rau, Ms. Catalano, Ms. Jessica and Ms. Chiodo.

Sequoia Shout Outs

Send shout out to shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net. Thank you TK/K!

Donations: Malaya, Jack, Siimi, Dina

Room Parents: Erika and Myisha

Motor Skills: David, Leslie, Sasha, Ms. Fufu, Pam, Andy, Dennis, Reka, Lynell, Erik, Alex, Daniel, Mariana, Annie

Box Tops: Eliseo, Ava

Book Organizing and Classroom help: Sharon, Kate

Snack set-up: Pam, Erika, Tomoko, Sasha

Work Day help: Roger, Erik, Dad's Club

Lunch help: David, Sasha, Pam

Snack: Ava, Eliseo, Kate, Freja



Family Movie Night Outdoors: "Sing" Friday, Nov. 3, 6-8:30 p.m.

The Sequoia Dads' Club is proud to present the first ever Outdoor Family Movie Night, showing "Sing" (2016), 1 hour and 48 minutes, rated PG. The movie will be shown outdoors (weather permitting, otherwise in auditorium), so please bring blankets and sleeping bags for comfortable seating. This will also be a family movie night, no dropoffs, so every child must have an adult chaperone. The event will start at 6 p.m., and the movie will start at 6:30 p.m. We are asking a donation of \$5 per child (adults are free!). The Dads' Club will provide a limited number of hot dogs, fruit and vegetables, but please feel free to bring dinner for your family or to share.

We hope that all students will practice the core Sequoia values of Respect, Compassion, Responsibility and Honesty during the movie and will follow these guidelines in the movie area:

- no running
- no rough play
- no throwing
- no taking belongings
- no climbing
- no piano
- no electronics

Please contact Dave Lewak at dave@krozeja.net if you would like to volunteer for Movie Night.

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.



Harvest Festival: We need Volunteers! Can you help? Saturday, October 28

Yes, I would like to volunteer!

- I will be there to help set up (8:30-11 a.m.)
- I can work at a booth (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- I can work at a booth (12:30-2 p.m.)
- I can work at a booth (2-3 p.m.)
- I will be there to help break down (3-4 p.m.)
- I can donate baked goods for the bake sale



Please list bake sale item(s): _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Child's name: _____ Room: _____

Please turn in this form @ SPTO box in the office or contact Heidi Aboites at 510-435-3973 or heidiaabotes@gmail.com.