

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Nov. 13, 2017

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## Three-Week Calendar

*Wednesdays are minimum days. Note that several activities are listed on the same day below.*

- Tue • Nov 14: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*
- Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night**, 7:15–8:30 p.m., *Auditorium*
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- Nov 20–24: **Thanksgiving Recess: No School for Students**
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- Thu • Nov 23: **Thanksgiving Day**
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- Mon • Nov 27: **School Resumes After Thanksgiving Recess**
- Tue • Nov 28: **School Portrait Make-Up Day**
- Wed • Nov 29: **Prospective Sequoia Family Tours**,  
Schedule with School Secretary, *Front Lobby*
- Thu • Nov 30: **Healthy Start Fall Showcase**,  
6–7 p.m., *Cafeteria*
- Sat • Dec 2: **artSPARK**, 3:30–6 p.m., *Auditorium*

## School Site Council Meeting, Nov. 14

The Sequoia School Site Council (SSC) meeting will be held this Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Sequoia library. All are welcome! SSC is a group of Sequoia teachers, parents and community members who work together with the principal to develop, review and implement an ongoing School Improvement Plan.



## Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night, Nov. 14

All prospective Sequoia families are invited to attend the Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night tomorrow, Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 7:15–8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Families will meet Principal Bertolo, along with teachers and parents who will introduce them to our vibrant school and answer questions.



## Schedule Change for Healthy Start Fall Showcase

Mark your calendars: the Healthy Start Fall Showcase, originally slated to be this Thursday, has been moved to Thursday evening, Nov. 30, 6–7 p.m. in the cafeteria.



## Portrait Make-Up Day: Nov. 28

The school photo make-up day for all grades will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Roots & Shoots photographers will be on campus to capture beautiful images of any students who missed the original portrait sessions.



## Family Dance & Silent Auction

The Sequoia Family Dance & Silent Auction is fast approaching. This year's event is Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, from 5 to 8 p.m. To make this event fun and successful, we need your help.



If you have made a donation or were able to sponsor the event in the past and can do so again, please fill out the forms on the Sequoia website.

- **Donate an item:**  
<http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/dance-auction/>
- **Sponsor the event:**  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzXRxeHHKAByr2XxWdJjHMzWk\\_Eeh7rfNiY6mCCjaT6Me5lQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzXRxeHHKAByr2XxWdJjHMzWk_Eeh7rfNiY6mCCjaT6Me5lQ/viewform)

If you are new to this event, there are lots of ways to help. You can donate an item or service, sponsor the event, host a party or activity (as an auction item), or solicit items from businesses, restaurants and/or places you frequent.

If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please contact [sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com) and we will get you started!

### Baile Familiar & Subasta Silenciosa

Nuestra recaudación de fondos anual es el sábado 10 de febrero del 2018, de 5 a 8 p.m. Necesitamos tu ayuda para que este evento sea divertido y exitos. Puedes donar un artículo o servicio, patrocinar el evento, organizar una fiesta o actividad (como artículo de la subasta) o solicitar artículos de negocios, restaurantes o lugares que visites con frecuencia. Para donar un artículo, visita <http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/dance-auction/>. ¿Preguntas? Pónte en contacto con [sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com).

### 無聲拍賣和舞蹈之夜

我們的年度籌款活動是 2018年2月10日星期六，下午5點到8點。我們需要你的幫助。幫助拍賣，您可以捐贈物品，捐贈一項服務或計劃一項活動。您也可以要求企業或餐廳捐贈給拍賣。如果您有任何問題或捐款，請聯繫：<http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/dance-auction/>。或 [sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com)。

### Buổi Mua Quà Đầu Giá Im Lặng và Khiêu Vũ Toàn Gia Đình

Cuộc gây quỹ (fundraising) hàng năm của chúng ta là thứ bảy, ngày 10 Tháng 2 năm 2018, từ 5 đến 8 giờ chiều. Để làm cho buổi tổ chức này thêm vui vẻ và thành công, chúng tôi cần Học Sinh và Phụ Huynh giúp đỡ. Bạn có thể tặng cho Trường một món hàng để đấu giá hoặc một dịch vụ dùng tài năng hay công của mình (ví dụ như nướng bánh, hoặc nhổ cỏ, hoặc làm móng tay cho khách). Hoặc giúp ban tổ chức làm một bữa tiệc, hoặc liên lạc với các cơ sở kinh doanh yêu cầu họ đóng góp, thí dụ như những quán ăn hoặc những tiệm mà bạn thường xả giao. Để tặng một món hàng, hay liên lạc với ban tổ chức: <http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/dance-auction/> hoặc [sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com).

الرقص الأسرة والمزادات الصامتة تجمع التبرعات السنوية لدينا هو السبت، 10 فبراير 2018، من 5 إلى 8 مساءً. لجعل هذا الحدث متعة وناجحة، ونحن بحاجة لمساعدتكم. يمكنك التبرع ببند أو خدمة، أو رعاية الحدث، أو استضافة حفلة أو نشاط (كبنده مزاد)، أو طلب عناصر من الشركات أو المطاعم أو الأماكن التي تزورها بشكل متكرر. للتبرع بقطعة، يرجى زيارة <http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/dance-auction/> أو الاتصال [sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com).



## Sequoia Shout Outs

Send shout outs to

[shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net](mailto:shoutouts@sequoiaschool.net).

**Thank you TK and K!**

Donations: Waylon

Motor Skills: Leslie, Pam, Sasha, David, Andy, Lynell, Erik, Annie, Daniel, Noah

Book organizing and classroom help: Sharon, Ms. A

Snack setup: Pam, Arin, Tomoko, Sasha, Saniyyah

Lunch help: David, Pam

Snacks: Jordan, Zeke, Audrey, Eliseo



## artSPARK, "Choose Your Own Adventure," Saturday, Dec. 2

Has your child received an artSPARK planning sheet? Use your Thanksgiving break to get crafty as a family and dive into planning your child's artSPARK project. "Choose Your Own Adventure" is the theme, and projects are due the Monday after Thanksgiving break.



For artSPARK on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 3 to 6 p.m., the auditorium will be transformed into an art gallery of Sequoia students' work. Much like a science fair, artSPARK is an opportunity for students to share their unique artistic ideas with an art project they work on at home. If you are looking for materials to get you started, come check out our box of supplies outside of the school office. Help us transform the school auditorium on Dec. 2 into a neighborhood destination, and encourage your young artist to submit a project.

Projects are due on Nov. 27. Questions? Contact [sequoiaartspark@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaartspark@gmail.com).

## Thanksgiving Recess: No School

School will be closed for the week of Nov. 20–24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, Nov. 27.



## Volunteers: We Want YOU!

Our vibrant school community needs volunteers to help us thrive. Here's a list of current volunteer opportunities—some only needing just a small amount of your time:

- Salad bar coordinator(s) to help set up/break down and monitor student participation
- Safety Patrol scheduler (stipend available)
- Someone to put up and take down safety signs in the mornings
- Committee on researching raises for our enrichment teachers
- Science Fair co-lead for event setup/breakdown

Please contact [jennykimball@gmail.com](mailto:jennykimball@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you!

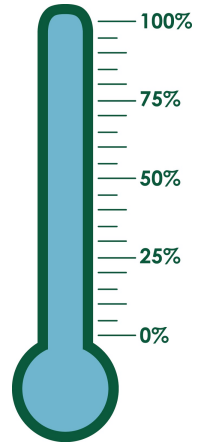
## Support Sequoia Water Balloon Mania

We did it and got pretty doggone close to 100% , so Mr. Bertolo called it!

Mr. B will have to find his wetsuit because all the kids get to throw ONE water balloon right at him! (We may have a few extra for parents.)

Here's the water balloon schedule:

- TK and K: Wednesday, Nov. 15
- Grades 1–5: Friday, Nov. 17



Please contact [ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com) or the Dads' Club ([elemetal2@gmail.com](mailto:elemetal2@gmail.com)) if you can help with filling up water balloons. We need a LOT!

We are looking for feedback on the Support Sequoia fundraiser. It is our biggest fundraiser and helps bring in a large amount of what is needed to support our enrichment classes. We would like to make it more inclusive and fun for all of our kids and families. The first step would be to provide the forms in other languages. Please share your thoughts anonymously:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaKcDpr6m0OISRsDe9x0d-4u8jQS2MTxIA7t\\_AD5cePHKIOw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScaKcDpr6m0OISRsDe9x0d-4u8jQS2MTxIA7t_AD5cePHKIOw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Printed Newsletter Opt-Out

To help Sequoia save money, we offer families the option to opt out of receiving a printed copy of the newsletter (which is posted on the school website, the school's Facebook page and Yahoo community group). Complete the form on the website to opt out; capitalize "Oakland"



in the security question field (on a computer, not phone):

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

## 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).

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يحتاج فريق النشرة الإخبارية سيكويا أحد المتطوعين الأم إلى  
مساعدة في الترجمة العربية. كل أسبوع نشرة تحتوي على مقال مترجم إلى عدة لغات،  
وذلك بفضل المترجمين الأم. للمساعدة، أرسل بريد إلكتروني  
[SequoiaNewsTeam@googlegroups.com](mailto:SequoiaNewsTeam@googlegroups.com).

## Shop at Mountain Hardwear to Support Sequoia

From Nov. 20 through Dec. 24, Sequoia family and friends can buy [Mountain Hardwear](http://MountainHardwear) merchandise at the employee store in Richmond for 50% off retail. Ten percent of all purchases made by Sequoia families and friends goes directly to our school. See more information at

<http://sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia/>.

