

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Dec. 4, 2017



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## Two-Week Calendar

*Wednesdays are minimum days. Note that multiple events occur on the same days.*

- Dec 5–8: **Fall Book Fair**, immediately after school (except on Wednesday 4–6 p.m.), *Auditorium*
- Tues • Dec 5: **Bret Harte Info Night**, 6 p.m., *Auditorium*
- Wed • Dec 6: **Sequoia Sings**, 8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*  
**Breakfast with the Principal**, 9–9:30 a.m., *Cafeteria*  
**Prospective Sequoia Family Tours**, Schedule with School Secretary, *Front Lobby*
- Thu • Dec 7: **School Portrait Make-Up Day**  
**Upper Grade Choir Winter Assembly**, 10:30–11 a.m., *Auditorium*  
**Dads' Club Meeting**, 7–8:30 p.m., *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd.)*
- Fri • Dec 8: **First Trimester Report Cards Sent Home**  
**Dads' Club Movie Night**, 5–8 p.m., *Auditorium*
- Sat • Dec 9: **No SPTO Meeting in December**
- Tue • Dec 12: **First Night of Hanukkah**, begins at sundown  
**SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., *Library*

## Book Fair This Week: NOTE CHANGES

The Book Fair will begin on TUESDAY this year, and held immediately after school in the auditorium on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for about an hour (3–4 p.m.). On Wednesday the hours will be 4–6 p.m.



## Sequoia Sings and Breakfast With the Principal This Wednesday

Come for the entertainment and stay for breakfast! On Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 8:30 to 9 a.m., Sequoia's second grade students will be performing in the auditorium. Immediately following, please join Principal Bertolo for breakfast in the cafeteria from 9–9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

## Portrait Make-Up Day Dec. 7

The school photo make-up day for all grades is Thursday, Dec. 7. Roots & Shoots photographers will be on campus. Questions or concerns? Contact Roots & Shoots at [grow@roots-shoots.com](mailto:grow@roots-shoots.com) or 510-859-4148.



## Blueprint for Quality Schools Community Dialogues: Dec. 6–8

Share your thoughts about the future of OUSD. Topics include investing in school buildings; expanding, merging or closing schools; and changing grade configurations at existing schools. Find meeting details and RSVP at [ousd.org/getinvolved](http://ousd.org/getinvolved). Read more about the initiative at [ousd.org/blueprintforquality](http://ousd.org/blueprintforquality).

## Come Learn About Bret Harte Middle School on Tuesday

Attention, families of fourth and fifth graders: Bret Harte principal, teachers, staff members, and parents and students are coming to Sequoia to share information and answer your questions regarding our neighborhood middle school! The event will be held Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be a panel discussion, Q&A time, light refreshments and possibly even some of Bret Harte's renowned student-musicians on hand to provide entertainment. Last year's event was very helpful in the decision-making process for a number of families. Older kids are encouraged to attend.

會議在

12月5日, 星期二。

四年級和五年級的家庭請參加 Bret Harte

校長 Dr. Bianca D'Allesandro,

教師,家長和學生來談談Bret Harte學校。

如果您對附近的六年級至八年級學校有疑問, 請參加會議。

會議將在12月5日, 星期二下午6:00點在學校禮堂舉行。

Đổi với gia đình lớp bốn và năm! Hiệu trưởng của Bret Harte, giáo viên, nhân viên, phụ huynh và học sinh đến Sequoia để chia sẻ thông tin và trả lời các câu hỏi của bạn về trường trung học khu vực của chúng tôi. Sự kiện sẽ vào Thứ ba, ngày 5 tháng 12 lúc 6 giờ chiều. trong thính phòng. Sẽ có một bảng tròn, thời gian cho các câu hỏi và câu trả lời.

A las familias de cuarto y quinto grado! El director de Bret Harte, maestros, miembros del personal y padres y estudiantes vienen a Sequoia para compartir información y responder a sus preguntas sobre la escuela secundaria de nuestro vecindario. El evento será el martes, 5 de diciembre a las 6 p.m. en el Auditorio. Habrá una mesa redonda, tiempo de preguntas y respuestas.

الاهتمام والأسر من طلاب الصف الرابع والخامس! بريت هارت الرئيسي والمعلمين والموظفين، والآباء والأمهات والطلاب قادمون إلى سيكوييا لتبادل المعلومات والإجابة على أسئلتكم بخصوص حيننا المدرسة المتوسطة! وسيعقد هذا الحدث يوم الثلاثاء 5 ديسمبر في الساعة السادسة مساءً. في القاعة. سيكون هناك حلقة نقاش، Q & A الوقت.

## Black Girls CODE Bay Area Annual Robot Expo on Dec. 9 in Berkeley

Come to the Black Girls CODE Bay Area Annual Robot Expo in Berkeley on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$35 each, and scholarships are available. Go to [www.blackgirlscodes.com/programs/event.html](http://www.blackgirlscodes.com/programs/event.html) for details.

## Sequoia Swag for Sale: Dec. 4–8

Starting Monday, Sequoia swag will be for sale out of the SPTO container near the large play structure. Items will be available on Tuesday (8–9am), Wednesday (4–5pm), Thursday (8–9am) and Friday (3–5pm). Check and credit/debit cards preferred. Cash accepted, but change cannot be promised. If you're unable to come by on one of these days, email Welcome Bisson at [wbisson@yahoo.com](mailto:wbisson@yahoo.com).

## Dads Club Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 8

The Dads club is having its monthly meeting this Thursday at Red Boy Pizza on Leimert from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come and meet with us, where we will be planning for the December Movie night and getting ready for next year's events. All are welcome.

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## Movie Night on Dec. 8: Lego Batman

The next Movie Night is this Friday, with a showing of "The Lego Batman Movie" (rated PG). Parents can check in and drop off their children between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. and pick up by 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium. A dinner of hot dogs, fruit, veggies and popcorn is included. The cost is \$5 per child.



The Movie Night is open to all Sequoia students and their siblings. Parents can drop off the kids and are also welcome to stay and join in the fun. Supervised by the volunteers of the Dads' Club, kids will be secure and safe and guaranteed to have a blast. Kids are allowed to dress-up in PJs, bring a pillow and a blanket, and stake out a spot on the floor. If enough volunteers are available, the cafeteria will be open for eating, playing games, drawing or reading.

After-school program (SHS/CDC) students who would like to participate should make arrangements with the coordinators of those programs. (Permission slips are available with SHS/CDC.)

All TK and Kindergarten students require parent chaperone. All siblings who accompany Sequoia students must sign in and follow the Movie Night rules. 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 during the movie: no running or throwing, no rough play or climbing, no taking other people's belongings, no piano playing and no electronics.

All Movie Night attendees must stay inside the event boundaries: the auditorium, cafeteria and downstairs hallways. This include older siblings who may think they are too old for such restrictions. The Dads' Club volunteers may call a parent or guardian if a child cannot follow these rules. We still need volunteers for Movie Night. Please contact [dave@krozeja.net](mailto:dave@krozeja.net) if you'd like to volunteer.

## First Trimester Report Cards

Report cards for the first trimester will be sent home this Friday, Dec. 8. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher(s).

## Family Dance & Silent Auction

We're still looking for donations for this event in February. Go to our website to donate: <http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/dance-auction/>. Questions? Contact [sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com).



## Try SoulCycle in December for Free

SoulCycle Berkeley is offering a two-week promotion with Sequoia Elementary families to try out classes, on them! The promotion runs Dec. 16–31. Eligible class times are as follows:

- All 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. classes
- Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. classes
- Friday 8:30 a.m. class
- Saturday and Sunday 10:45 a.m. classes
- Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m classes

To take advantage of this promotion, create an account at [soul-cycle.com](http://soul-cycle.com) and then call the studio at (510) 313-1500 up to 30 minutes before your desired class to reserve your bike. Make sure to mention you are a Sequoia Elementary family!

## Shop at Mountain Hardwear and AmazonSmile to Support Sequoia

Support Sequoia when you do your holiday shopping. Get the details on our website here:

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

## Holiday Artisan Markets and Dimond Lights Celebration

Holiday Artisan Market will be Dec. 9–10 and 16-17, 12–6 p.m. The Dimond Lights Celebration will be Dec. 16, 6–9 p.m. Bring your lighted bikes, scooters, or other wheels. Come and enjoy a variety of artisans and musicians:

- Artisan markets
- Live music
- Arts and crafts workshops
- Science activities for kids and teens
- Hawaiian beer and wine bar
- Santa and more

A few spots are still available for musicians, both youth and adult, and a few additional artisans. Sequoia student bakers and crafts-kids also welcome to have a table at the festival. Contact Sara at [yosgurl@yahoo.com](mailto:yosgurl@yahoo.com).

## Shout Outs

Thank you TK and K!

**Donations:** Ariana, Angela, Arin

**Box Tops:** Jamal, Ms. Holmstedt

**Motor Skills:** Leslie, Pam, David, Sasha, Erik, Lynell, Joanne, Annie, Daniel, Reka, Alisha, Lara, Mariane

**November birthday celebration:** Josh, Rachel, Jebson, Josen, Tomoko, Andrew, Pam, Leslie, Jenes, Margo, Melissa, Gerry, Judy, Clint

**Book organizing and classroom help:** Sharon, Ms. A, Melissa

**Meal train:** Tomoko, Erika,

**Snack setup:** Pam, Erich, Tomoko, Sasha, Saniyyah

**Lunch help:** David, Pam

**Snack:** Naomi, Lucas, Madeline, Violet, Kingston, Ava

