

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Jan. 22, 2019



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Two-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days. Note that multiple events may happen on the same day.

- Mon • Jan 21: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday: No School for Students**
- Tues • Jan 22: **MLK Oratorical Evening Performances**, 6:30–8 p.m., *Auditorium*
- Wed • Jan 23: **MLK Oratorical Assembly**, 9–11 a.m., *Auditorium*
First Spring Choir Rehearsal, 1:25–2:10 p.m., *Auditorium*
- Thu • Jan 24: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales** on THURSDAY due to Friday Holiday, 3–3:20 p.m., *School Yard*
- Fri • Jan 25: **Professional Development Day for Teachers: No School for Students**
- Sat • Jan 26: **Sequoia Family Workday**, sponsored by the Dads' Club, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., *School Yard*
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- Mon • Jan 28: **100th Day of School**
- Tue • Jan 29: **Celebration of 100th Day of School for TK/K**
Early Scholarship Celebration for K–2 Families, 8:30–9:30 a.m., *Auditorium*
Kinder to College (K2C) Workshop for Families, 9:30–10 a.m., *Auditorium*
SSC Meeting, 5–6 p.m., *Library*
- Thu • Jan 31: **Meeting About Teacher Contract Negotiations**, 5:30–6:30 p.m, childcare provided, *Auditorium*
- Sat • Feb 2: **Variety Show Mandatory Tryouts**, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., *Auditorium*

The Sequoia Auction Needs You



It's almost time for Sequoia's annual Family Dance and (mostly) Silent Auction. This is one of three annual school fundraisers. It's grown by leaps and bounds over the years. Last year we raised more than \$30,000. Our goal this year is to raise \$35,000.

The hard truth is we are facing big OUSD budget cuts for next year, and we need your help. The Sequoia community must raise funds to fill in the gaps. The only way for us to raise money is to have items and experiences up for auction. This means we need lots of donations, at all price points, for all kinds of things.

To donate, visit this link: bit.ly/2019sequoiaauction (if using a mobile device, scroll down to select "Standard Version").

Questions? Email the auction team at SequoiaAuctionTeam@gmail.com. Thank you, Sequoia!

Teacher Contract Info Session

Want to learn about the current teacher contract negotiations, timeline and how to support teachers in meeting their demands? Join teachers and parents in the auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A few teachers will share about the current situation, what families can do to show their support and additional information. Childcare provided.

Principal's Corner

There are some exciting things happening at Sequoia!



We have teamed up with Oakland Promise (www.oaklandpromise.org) and are becoming a part of K2C (Kindergarten to College).

What is K2C? K2C is part of the Oakland Promise and is working to ensure that every Oakland child will graduate from high school with the expectation, skills and resources to complete college and be successful in the career of their choice. Oakland Promise includes four programs: Brilliant Baby, K2C, Future Centers, and College Scholarships and Completion.

We have more than 50 OUSD elementary schools participating in K2C this year. There are three main components to our program:

- Provide early scholarships of \$100 (for Kindergartners every year, currently for K–2).
- Implement a college-going culture at school (for TK–5).
- Support families with technical assistance to open their own 529 College Savings Accounts (CSAs), offering up to \$100 in incentives as families open accounts and save consistently for 6 months.

Sequoia's K2C Point Person is **Veena Pathiparampil** (veena@oaklandpromise.org). She helps with all K2C programming for Sequoia, including helping families open CSAs.

Here are some key dates for Sequoia families:

- **Early Scholarship Celebration, Jan. 29:** 8:30–10 a.m., for K–2 families. Here is the agenda:
 - 8:30–8:45 a.m.: Parents grab coffee and bagels
 - 8:50–9:30 a.m.: Student Performances and Early Scholarship Ceremony
 - 9:30–10 a.m.: K2C Workshop for Families
- **Breakfast With the Principal, Mar. 6:** 9–9:30 a.m. K2C will be there to provide information for families, as well as support in helping to open up CSA accounts.
- **Cal Day, Apr. 13:** 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Save the date! K–2 families, students and staff are invited to tour UC Berkeley with all other K2C schools. More info to come.

MLK Oratorical This Week

The MLK Oratorical evening assembly is tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The morning assembly and competition is tomorrow, Wednesday, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the auditorium. Students will perform in grade order from TK to 5 for both the evening and morning assemblies.



Families are welcome to attend both events. Solo and small group performances are strongly encouraged to attend the evening assembly; students performing with their entire class (TK, K and first grade) do not need to attend tonight.

In the past, "winners" have been determined by taking the four highest scores from the entire school. This year we will select winners according to the grade divisions set by the school district. There will be one "winner" for the grades TK–2 division and three "winners" for the grades 3–5 division.



No School This Friday



School is closed this Friday, Jan. 25, for teachers' Professional Development Day. Frozen fruit bars will be sold on Thursday, Jan. 24.

Sequoia Family Workday Jan. 26



Hello and Happy New Year! The Dads' Club would love to invite any and all families to come out Jan. 26 for our winter workday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the school yard. We will be tackling projects that our wonderful teachers

have asked of us. All you need to bring is yourself. Hope to see you there! Questions? Email **Jason Gumataotao** at thegumataotaos@gmail.com or **Brian Keeffe** at briankeeffe@gmail.com.

Dia de Trabajo familiar en Sequoia el 26 de enero.

Hola y Feliz Año Nuevo! Al Club de Padres le encantaría invitar a todas las familias a venir el 26 de enero para nuestro día de trabajo de invierno, de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m. en el patio de la escuela. Estaremos abordando proyectos que nuestros maravillosos maestros nos han pedido. Todo lo que necesitan traer es a ustedes mismos. Esperamos verlos allí! ¿Preguntas? Mande un correo electrónico a **Jason Gumataotao** en thegumataotaos@gmail.com o a **Brian Keeffe** en briankeeffe@gmail.com.

Sequoia 家庭工作日1月26日

新年快樂!

Sequoia Dad's Club 請家庭參加工作日是

1月26日, 上午9:00am至下午12:00pm

在校園裡。我們將幫助老師完成他們需要的課程項目。

希望能在那裡見到你。

如果您有任何疑問, 請聯繫:

发送电子邮件至jgu Gumataotao, 电邮至

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Ngày làm việc của gia đình Sequoia ngày 26 tháng 1

Xin chào và chúc mừng năm mới Câu lạc bộ Dads sẽ rất thích mời

bất kỳ và tất cả các gia đình đi ra vào ngày 26 tháng 1 cho ngày

làm việc mùa đông của chúng tôi từ 9 giờ sáng đến 12 giờ đêm.

trên sân trường. Chúng tôi sẽ giải quyết các dự án mà các giáo

viên tuyệt vời của chúng tôi đã yêu cầu chúng tôi. Tất cả những gì

bạn cần mang là chính mình. Hy vọng sẽ gặp bạn ở đó! Câu hỏi?

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Sequoia Family Workday Jan. 26

مرحباً وسنة جديدة سعيدة! يحب نادي Dads دعوة أي وجميع العائلات للخروج 26

يناير في يوم العمل الشتوي من الساعة 9 صباحاً حتى 12 ظهراً. في ساحة المدرسة.

سنقوم بمعالجة المشاريع التي طلبها معلمونا الرائعون منا. كل ما عليك إحضاره هو

نفسك. نأمل أن نراك هناك! الأسئلة؟ البريد الإلكتروني جاسون Gumataotao في

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Bakers Needed

To help fuel all the bidding and boogieing at the Family Dance & Silent Auction on Saturday, Feb. 9, there will be a bake sale to raise money for the fourth and fifth grade classes to attend camp.

Please help us make this fundraiser a success by contributing something (or several somethings): cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pies... We'll take it all!

If you don't bake, you can still help by contributing a different type of dessert, asking your favorite bakery for a donation or buying something delicious to donate.

The bake sale success is fully dependent on having plenty of yummy treats to sell, so we can really use your help.

Please sign up at goo.gl/forms/b0xAlGRWAs27pUin2 or email Lisa Sutton at SFSuttons@gmail.com.

SSC Meeting Moved to Jan. 29

Please note that the next meeting will be held next week, on Jan. 29, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the library. The School Site Council (SSC) decides how to spend Title I money on programs/priorities that will best serve Sequoia students. (Meetings are usually held the second Tuesday of the month.)

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 hundreds of purchased participating products (www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products), collecting them in a small sandwich bag labeled with child and teacher name, and delivering to the school office. Angelina is our coordinator, keeping track of which students in each class submit the most Box Tops.



Shout Outs

Thank you TK & K!

100th day snacks: Kathleen

Donations: Bobbie, Gwyneth

Green bags: Amy

Classroom help and support: Grandma Janet, Adam, Casey

Snack setup: Jon, Sarah, Owen's Grandma, Ashley, Ofer

Snack: Nyle, Olivia, Owen, Xavier, Zev

