

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Jan. 28, 2019



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SequoiaSchool.net and Facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary

Two-Week Calendar

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

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: **Sequoia Community 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*

Tue • Feb 5: **Lunar New Year: Year of the Pig Begins**

Wed • Feb 6: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance,**
8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*

Breakfast With the Principal, 9–9:30 a.m.,
Cafeteria

Thu • Feb 7: **Dads' Club Meeting,** 7–8:30 p.m., *Monaghan's (Mountain Blvd.)*

Sat • Feb 9: **Sequoia Family Dance and Silent Auction,**
6–9 p.m., *Cafeteria and Auditorium*

Sequoia Auction: It's Not Too Late To Donate



Are you afraid you missed the deadline? Don't fret, we can still take your donations. In fact, we need your help now more than ever.

OUSD budget cuts are coming. Our goal is to raise \$35,000 through the auction. The only way for this event to raise enough money is to have plenty of items and experiences available for the auction.

This means we need more donations, at all price points, for all kinds of things. So far we have 90 items to bid on; last year we had over 200.

How can you help us get more donations? Here are a few ideas:

- Reach out to your favorite local businesses and restaurants.
- Talk to your friendly neighbor who has a small business or works in an interesting field.
- Identify a special skill or talent you want to teach to others, such as a baking lesson, how to make jam, building a birdhouse, etc.
- Share a favorite special experience with others, such as a hike in Roberts Park, a trip to the Oakland Zoo or dinner with Sequoia families.

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

Early bidding opens on Friday, Feb. 1. Questions? Email the auction team at: SequoiaAuctionTeam@gmail.com.

Principal's Corner: Special Opportunity

Hello K–2 Squirrel Parents!

On Tuesday all families in Kindergarten through second grade are cordially invited to a very special event.



This year, Sequoia joined the Kinder2College (K2C) program through Oakland Promise and the City of Oakland. Here's the exciting news: as a result, all of our K–2 students will receive a College Savings Account (CSA) worth \$100.

On Tuesday, during a special K2C event from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the auditorium, each child will be presented with a certificate for that CSA. Please join us for coffee and bagels, along with special encore performances by some of our first and second graders, followed by an information session. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

—Donald T. Bertolo

Celebrate the 100th Day of School

Technically today is the 100th day of school, according to the OUSD calendar.

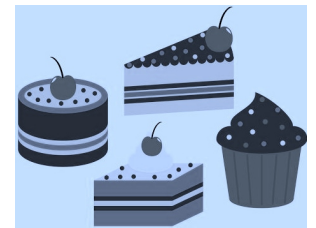
Due to school cancellation for the poor air quality in November, our TK/K classes will celebrate this milestone on the actual 100th day of classes at Sequoia, which is tomorrow, Jan. 29.

SSC Meeting This Week

Come to the next SSC meeting this Tuesday 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.)

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/b0xAIGRWAs27pUin2 or email Lisa Sutton at SFSuttons@gmail.com.



Teacher Contract Information Meeting



Please join teachers and parents in the auditorium on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to learn about the current teacher contract negotiations. Some of our teachers will share information about the current situation, update us on contract negotiations and explain how families can show their support. Childcare and snacks provided.

Reunión de información del contrato del maestro

Únase a los maestros y padres en el auditorio el jueves 31 de enero, de 5:30 a 6:30 p.m. para aprender sobre las negociaciones actuales del contrato docente. Algunos maestros compartirán información sobre la situación actual y cómo las familias pueden mostrar su apoyo. Cuidado de niños siempre.

Họp thông tin hợp đồng giáo viên

Tham gia cùng giáo viên và phụ huynh trong khán phòng vào thứ Năm, ngày 31 tháng 1, từ 5:30 đến 6:30 chiều. để tìm hiểu về các cuộc đàm phán hợp đồng giáo viên hiện tại. Một số giáo viên sẽ chia sẻ thông tin về tình hình hiện tại và cách các gia đình có thể thể hiện sự hỗ trợ của họ. Chăm sóc trẻ em cung cấp.

教师合同信息会议

1月31日星期四下午5:30至6:30，与教师和家长一起参加礼堂。了解当前的教师合同谈判。一些教师将分享有关当前情况以及家庭如何表示支持的信息。提供托儿服务。

اجتماع معلومات المعلم

انضم إلى المدرسين وأولياء الأمور في القاعة يوم الخميس ، 31 يناير ، من الساعة 5:30 إلى الساعة 6:30 مساءً. لمعرفة المزيد عن مفاوضات عقد المعلم الحالية. سيشارك بعض المعلمين معلومات حول الوضع الحالي وكيف يمكن للعائلات إظهار دعمهم. رعاية الأطفال المقدمة.

Get Your Girl Scout Cookies



Support Sequoia's Junior Girl Scouts with your cookie purchases Jan. 28–Mar. 3. Look for Troop 33525 on the yard after school and at Healthy Start.

Here are the sale dates:

- **After school:** Jan. 28, Feb. 1, Feb. 15
- **Healthy Start:** Jan. 29 (4:30–5 p.m.), Jan. 31 (5–6 p.m.), Feb. 12 (5:30–6:15 p.m.)

More dates to come; watch the newsletter, Facebook and website for updates.

Don't let your favorite cookies get away. Buy early and buy often. Thanks for supporting Girl Scouts!

Variety Show: Get Your Act Together

Save the date: the 30th Annual Sequoia Variety Show will be held on Saturday, Mar. 16.



This beloved event lets students have a blast and show off their talents and creativity, by singing and dancing, comedy, magic, juggling, playing music or performing skits.

We're looking for fresh talent among students of all grades and ages. This is a great way for students to overcome shyness and enjoy the thrill of being on stage and putting together a spectacular performance.

Please talk to your students about being part of this year's Variety Show, whether as individuals or part of a group.

Need help with an idea, words of encouragement, or plan development? Is your child interested in group performance with choreographic guidance? Does your child want to be on stage but needs a plan or has an idea for a group effort but needs participants? Contact us; we want to help.

Please email sequoiavarietyshow@gmail.com. We're here to help if you are time-limited but your child would like to perform.

We're also seeking new parent volunteers. We're looking for workshop coaches, music and sound expertise, help with auditions and rehearsals, advertisers, raffle prize solicitors, graphic arts skills, and more.

Here are key dates for the Variety Show:

- **Saturday, Feb. 2 (10 a.m.–1 p.m.): Tryouts.** Please register at <http://sequoiaschool.net/calendar-events/variety-show/>. Acts that pre-register will be given a time slot; others might have to wait.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 13 (2:30–6 p.m.) or Wednesday, Feb. 20 (2:30–6 p.m.): Workshops!** Registering for a workshop is required (see link).
- **Saturday, Mar. 2 (10 a.m.–3 p.m.): First rehearsal** (mandatory).
- **Thursday, Mar. 14 (6:30–9:30 p.m.): Dress rehearsal** (please attend, all performances).
- **Saturday, Mar. 16 (5–9 p.m.): Sequoia Variety Show!**

We will work so all students feel included, confident and excited to share their talents with the Sequoia community! Many thanks from the Variety Show volunteer coordinators, Heidi Aboites (Mia, 4th) and Anna Keeffe (Elliot, 4th).

Shout Outs

Thank you TK & K!

100th day snacks: Kathleen, Casey, Ashley, Jaime

Donations: Bobbie

Box Tops: Ms. Holmstedt

Oratorical video: Casey

Classroom help and support: Grandma Janet

Snack setup: Bobby, Barbara, Ashley

Snack: Charlie, Daymion

