

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 6, 2019

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Two-Week Calendar

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

- May 6–10: **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- May 8–9: **Bike to School Days**
- Sequoia Sings! Student Performance,**
8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*
- Fri • May 10: **Parent-Sponsored Teacher Appreciation Lunch**
- Sport Nite 2019,** 5–8 p.m., *School yard*
- Sun • May 12: **Mother's Day**
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- Tue • May 14: **SSC Meeting,** 5–6 p.m., *Library*
- Wed • May 15: **Open House,** 6:30–8 p.m., *Classrooms*
- Sun • May 19: **Playdate for Incoming TK/K Families,**
10 a.m.–12 p.m., *School yard by the Kinder play structure*

It's Teacher Appreciation Week



It's finally here, our week-long opportunity for our Squirrels to show love and support to all our teachers. And don't forget about our hard-working enrichment teachers!

We can show our love lots of different ways. Here are some examples:

- Monday: Bring a flower for your teacher.
- Tuesday: Write a poem, letter or thank you.
- Wednesday: Bring in a classroom or office supply.
- Thursday: Draw a picture.
- Friday: Surprise your teacher with something unexpected!

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Friday



The annual Parent-Sponsored Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is this Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event, despite being in the teacher's lounge, is always spectacular because of the amazing food donations we get from all of you! (**Special

note: Our teachers really appreciate healthy options!) Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0448A>. Every year we receive different donations, and every year it's magical. Food can be dropped off in the teacher's lounge (next to the main office) anytime before 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Email Sarah with questions: camillusofellis@gmail.com.

Sequoia Sings! Wednesday



Our final Sequoia Sings event of the school year happens this Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium, featuring our outgoing fifth graders and Mr. Bob's drummers. (Parents of soon-to-be middle schoolers: bring tissues.) In addition to great music, come hear all the

important school announcements and witness the final Golden Ticket drawing of the year. Families are welcome! (Note: There is no Breakfast With the Principal in May.)

Bike to School Twice This Week

Bike to School on Wednesday and Thursday this week! Wednesday is Sequoia Bike to School Day, and we added Thursday because it's Bike to Work Day, and we know some parents like to also bike to school with their kids that day. Why not bike to school twice?



Starting at 8 a.m. by the cafeteria both days, we will have treats from La Farine and coffee sponsored by East Bay Realtors Joey and Tanja. Get ready to kick off your summer, get your bike in gear and help us alleviate traffic around the school while getting some exercise. Don't forget to bring a bike lock.

Returning to Sequoia for 2019–20?

Something new from OUSD this spring: confirming ONLINE that your Squirrel intends to return to Sequoia for the next year. (Note: This does not apply to students transferring out or graduating to middle school.)



Go to sequoiaschool.net/schoolmint to learn how to confirm re-enrollment at Sequoia. (Note: Sequoia paper forms distributed earlier this spring are NOT valid for OUSD re-enrollment.)

¿Regresando a Sequoia para 2019-20?

Algo nuevo de OUSD esta primavera: confirmar en línea que su ardilla tiene la intención de regresar a Sequoia para el próximo año. (Nota: Esto no se aplica a los estudiantes que se transfieren o se gradúan a la escuela intermedia).

Vaya a sequoiaschool.net/schoolmint para aprender cómo confirmar la reinscripción en Sequoia. (Nota: los formularios en papel de Sequoia distribuidos a principios de esta primavera NO son válidos para la reinscripción en OUSD).

返回红杉2019-20 ?

今年春天来自OUSD的一些新消息：确认你的松鼠有意在明年返回Sequoia。（注意：这不适用于转学或升入中学的学生。）请访问sequoiaschool.net/schoolmint，了解如何确认Sequoia的重新注册。（注意：今年春季早些时候发布的红杉纸质表格不适用于OUSD重新注册。）

Quay trở lại Sequoia cho 20192020?

Một cái gì đó mới từ OUSD vào mùa xuân này: xác nhận TRỞ LẠI TUYÊN rằng Squirrel của bạn dự định trở lại Sequoia cho năm tới. (Lưu ý: Điều này không áp dụng cho học sinh chuyển trường hoặc tốt nghiệp trung học cơ sở.)

Truy cập sequoiaschool.net/schoolmint để tìm hiểu cách xác nhận đăng ký lại tại Sequoia. (Lưu ý: Các mẫu giấy Sequoia được phân phối vào đầu mùa xuân này KHÔNG hợp lệ cho

العودة إلى سيكويا 2019-2020

شيء جديد من OUSD هذا الربيع: أكد عبر الإنترنت أن السنجاب الخاص بك يعترف بالعودة إلى سيكويا للعام المقبل. (ملاحظة: هذا لا ينطبق على الطلاب الذين ينتقلون أو يتخرجون إلى المدرسة الإعدادية.)
انتقل إلى sequoiaschool.net/schoolmint لمعرفة كيفية تأكيد إعادة التسجيل في سيكويا. (ملاحظة: نماذج ورق سيكويا الموزعة في وقت سابق من هذا الربيع غير صالحة لإعادة التسجيل في OUSD.)

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Sport Nite 2019 Friday



The Dads' Club invites you to come out to the Sequoia playground on Friday, 5–8 p.m., for an evening of play, sports and fun. We will have small-sided games of basketball, fútbol, four square and other playground activities. Hot dogs and snacks will be available.

Suggested donation is \$5/child; free for all coaches. Questions? Contact Jason at 510-506-6440 or thegumataotaos@gmail.com.

Thank You From the Neighborhood Appeal Team



Donations are still being tallied from our recent Neighborhood Appeal campaign.

In the meantime, we want to give a huge shout out to the following people who helped assemble and distribute packages to

local neighborhoods: Alma Leon-Reveles, Andrea Larson, Andy and Andrea Dreyfuss, Anna Keefe, Anne Rockwood, Arianne Wagner, Elana and Adam Stein, Emily and Chris Songster, Erich Valo, Janis Loughlin, Jen Bellenger, Jessica Swesey, J. Joey Smith, Kristin Dwellley, Leslie Olsson, Marcy Spaulding, Mary Fuller, Odessa Robinson, Rachel Kinnon, Sarah Altschul, Shizue Seo, Stephanie Yap, Suzanne Samuel, Sylvia Colt, Tim Barry, Tracey Kelp, Danielle Boikanyo, Heidi Aboites, MaryAnn Aquino-Lagura and Robyn Ellis.

Thanks for all of your time and help!

Playdates for Incoming TK/K Families



There are three playdates throughout the spring and summer for incoming TK and K families on the following days:

- Sunday, May 19, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.–11 p.m.
- Sunday, July 14, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

All playdates meet at Sequoia in the Kindergarten play area. If you know of any families that will be joining our Sequoia community in the new school year, please pass along the information.

These playdates offer a great opportunity to meet other families and for the kids to start to make new friends and get comfortable with the transition to Sequoia! Questions? Email

adeline.zensius@gmail.com.

2019–20 Sequoia Healthy Start Afterschool Applications

If you've been looking to join the Sequoia Healthy Start (SHS) family, now's the time to sign up! Applications for the 2019–20 program will be available in the main office and Healthy Start office on Monday, May 20. We offer two programs: one for TK/Kinder and the other for grades 1–5. SHS is open to all families who attend Sequoia.



SHS Afterschool Program is a program under the East Bay Agency for Children. Our vision is that every student's spark is kindled, nurtured and encouraged to radiate! We do this by offering a wide range of academic and enrichment activities, carried out in a safe and supportive environment here at Sequoia. We provide snack and juice. We are open from when the bell rings until 6 p.m. almost every day school is in session. Our activities include reading help, recreation, music, legos, nutrition/cooking, gardening and more!

Our TK/Kinder Program runs from Aug. 19 to May 27 and is funded by parent fees. We have three options to choose from: full-time, M–F (\$440/month), part-time, M–W–F option (\$320/month) and part-time, Tu–Th option (\$190/month). Paid drop-in days are available for part-time TK/Kinder students.

Our grades 1–5 program runs from Aug. 14 to May 27 and is grant funded. The program fees are on a sliding scale, and no family is turned away for inability to pay.

Both programs give enrollment priority to returning students, siblings of students already enrolled and students identified as high need by Sequoia. The grades 1–5 program also gives enrollment priority to students who can attend the program 3 hours a day, 5 days a week.

Please turn applications into the SHS mailbox in the main office by Friday, May 31. Families will be notified of enrollment status the week of June 14. Please contact Deanna Grant-Curtis, Program Coordinator, at deanna.grant@ebac.org or 510-482-7213 x.2101 with any questions.

Shout Outs

Thank you TK & K!

Donations: Sophie, Dahlia

Box Tops: Gwyneth

Classroom help and support: Sandro, Grandma Janet, Casey, Mayah, Dahlia

Science Fair: Siena

Green Bags: Amy

Asian American Readers: Esther

Snack setup: Jon, Bobby, Dan, Ashley, Ofer

Snack: Nathan, Nyle, Olivia, Dahlia, Daymion

