

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 13, 2019

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Two-Week Calendar

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

Wed • May 15: **Sequoia Open House**, 6:30–8 p.m., Auditorium and Classrooms

Sun • May 19: **Playdate for Incoming TK/K Families**, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., School yard by Kindergarten play structure

Tue • May 21: **SPTO Meeting**, Dinner and childcare provided, 6–8 p.m., Cafeteria
Sequoia Choir Daytime Assembly, 9:30–10 a.m., Auditorium

Wed • May 22: **Sequoia Choir Evening Concert**, 7–7:30 p.m., Auditorium

Thu • May 23: **Healthy Start End-of-Year Potluck & Showcase**: 6–7 p.m., Potluck Dinner, Cafeteria
7–8 p.m., Performances, Auditorium

Oakland Loves Ms. Love



Congratulations to Sequoia's rockstar Transitional Kindergarten Teacher, **Tontra Love**, for being selected as an OUSD 2019 Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Love was selected in part because of her leadership and innovative methods used to foster learning among the youngest Squirrels.

Ms. Love told OSUD that she "felt like she was born to teach" and that she followed in the footsteps of her mother and grandfather, who were both teachers.

Madison Park Academy's Precious James and Urban Promise Academy's David Ramirez are the other two OUSD 2019 Teachers of the Year.

Incoming TK/K Playdate Sunday



The first of three TK/K playdates for incoming families is from 10 a.m. to noon this Sunday 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 this 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!

The two remaining playdates for incoming TK and K families are on the following days:

- Saturday, Jun. 22, 9 a.m.–11 a.m.
- Sunday, Jul. 14, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Questions? Email adeline.zensius@gmail.com.

Open House Wednesday

Please join us from 6:30 to 8 p.m. this Wednesday for Sequoia's Open House. Classrooms will be open so you can visit and see what your student has been working on all year. This is also an opportunity to visit the classrooms of the grade your returning student will be entering next year.



Our fifth graders will display their women's projects in the auditorium. Each fifth grader selected a notable woman about whom to research and complete a project. Ms. Love's TK class will celebrate Family Day and plan to give all TK families a special gift.

Casa abierta es miércoles

amilias de ardillas se unen a nosotros de 6: 30-8 p.m. este miércoles 15 de mayo para la jornada de puertas abiertas. Las aulas estarán abiertas para que pueda visitar y ver en qué ha estado trabajando su estudiante todo el año. Esta también es una oportunidad para visitar los salones de clase del grado al que su estudiante ingresará el próximo año.

Los alumnos de 5º grado también mostrarán el proyecto de sus mujeres en el auditorio. Cada estudiante de 5to grado seleccionó a una mujer notable para investigar y completar un proyecto sobre. Y la clase de kindergarten de transición de la Sra. Love también celebrará el Día de la Familia y planeará dar a todas las familias un regalo especial.

開放日是星期三

松鼠家庭從下午6點30分至晚上8點加入我們。這個星期三，5月15日開放日。教室將開放，您可以訪問並查看您的學生一年四季都在做什麼。這也是參觀明年學生將進入的年級教室的機會。

五年級學生還將在禮堂展示他們的女性項目。每個五年級的學生都選擇了一位著名的女性來研究和完成一個項目。

Love女士的過渡性幼兒園課程也將慶祝家庭日，併計劃為所有家庭提供特別禮物。

Open House là thứ tư

Các gia đình sóc tham gia với chúng tôi từ 6: 30-8 chiều Thứ Tư này, ngày 15 tháng 5 cho Open House. Các lớp học sẽ được mở để bạn có thể ghé thăm và xem những gì học sinh của bạn đã làm việc trong cả năm. Đây cũng là một cơ hội để đến thăm các lớp học của lớp mà học sinh của bạn sẽ bước vào năm tới.

Các học sinh lớp 5 cũng sẽ được hiển thị dự án Phụ nữ của họ trong khán phòng. Mỗi học sinh lớp 5 đã chọn một phụ nữ đáng chú ý để nghiên cứu và hoàn thành một dự án. Và lớp mẫu giáo chuyển tiếp cô Love cũng sẽ tổ chức Ngày Gia đình và lên kế hoạch tặng tất cả các gia đình một món quà đặc biệt.

البيت المفتوح هو الأربعاء

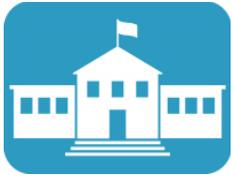
تنضم إلينا عائلات السنجاب من الساعة 6:30 إلى 8 مساءً هذا الأربعاء ، 15 مايو للبيت المفتوح. ستكون الفصول الدراسية مفتوحة حتى تتمكن من زيارة ومعرفة ما كان يعمل الطالب طوال العام. هذه أيضًا فرصة لزيارة الفصول الدراسية للصف الذي سيدخله الطالب في العام المقبل.

كما سيعرض طلاب الصف الخامس مشروع نسايم في القاعة. اختار كل طالب في الصف الخامس امرأة بارزة للبحث وإكمال مشروع عنه.

كما ستحتفل روضة السيدة الحب الانتقالية لرياض الأطفال بيوم الأسرة وتخطط لمنح جميع الأسر هدية خاصة.



Principal's Corner



Sequoia Parent-Partners, let me get right to the point.

Verbally assaulting anyone is not allowed, for any reason. Driving dangerously to swerve around a parked school bus is not allowed, for any reason. Parking on Hearst by the school (between Lincoln Ave. and the lower gate) is illegal during the road construction project during school hours. "Parking" means stopping your car along the curb for anytime longer than a minute to let your kid(s) climb out.

Last week one of the bus drivers and a grandparent volunteer were verbally assaulted by an angry parent who was illegally parked on Hearst and not giving the bus driver enough room to park the bus.

Be warned: Oakland Police Parking Services will be summoned to ticket illegally parked cars. Yelling at anyone who is just doing their part to protect our children and/or ignoring the rules because they are not convenient will no longer be tolerated. This behavior is not only breaking the law; it also is setting a very poor example for our students.

We have 13 days left until the end of the school year. Let's try and end it on a positive note.

With Warmest Regards,
Principal Bertolo

Spring Sequoia Choir Concerts



Come enjoy the lovely harmonies of the Sequoia Choir! The evening concert will take place on Wednesday, May 22, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. The daytime assembly will take place on Tuesday, May 21, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Both performances are

free and in the auditorium.

Shout Outs



Thank you TK & K!

Donations: Bobbie, Daymion, Lukas, Owen, Zane, Lucas, Nyle

Teacher Appreciation: Room 9, Abilene, Grandma Carmen, Malaya, Lukas, Zane, Izumi, Daymion, Owen, Casey, Janet,

Luncheon and Breakfast Committees

Box Tops: Lukas

Classroom help and support: Esther, Grandma Janet, Zavian, Ms. Miriam, Mr. Alex

Motor Skills: Elana, Grandma Janet, Ms. J, Tacy, Jen, Liz, Andy, Rachel

Fairyland Chaperones: Andrea, Janet, Karen, Ashley, Jon, Sophie, Sarah, Emily, Tzionah, Elaine, Ivy, Amy, Natalie

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

Snack: Charlie, Ellie, Ezra, Henry, Akim

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 x2101 with any questions.

Final SPTO Meeting of the Year

Join us for the final SPTO meeting of the year from on Tuesday, May 21, in the cafeteria. We will be voting on the 2019–20 SPTO Board Members and the budget.



Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:15 p.m. Childcare is provided from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, email jenaver@gmail.com or aruna70@gmail.com.

Moment Signup

If you have not received an invitation to join Moment, the school might not have your current email address. Please sign up to join Sequoia on Moment and get easy access to school communication. Look for the Moment logo on the home page of Sequoia's website, <http://sequoiaschool.net>.

