

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: May 20, 2019



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Two-Week Calendar

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

- 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*

- Mon • May 27: **Memorial Day Holiday, No School for Students**
- May 28–30: **Minimum Days**, 1:20 p.m. Dismissal
- Wed • May 29: **Principal's Volunteer Appreciation Tea**, 9–9:45 a.m., *Cafeteria*
- Last Day of Healthy Start Afterschool Program**
- End-of-Year Potluck**, 6:30–8 p.m., *School yard*
- Thu • May 30: **Last Day of School for Students**
- 5th Grade Promotion**, 9:30–11 a.m., *School yard*
- Lost and Found Items Cleared and Donated**
- Third Trimester Ends, Report Cards Sent Home**
- Fri • May 31: **Teacher Planning Day, No School for Students**

End-of-Year Potluck



Join the SPTO and the Dads' Club as we celebrate the end of the school year with a potluck for ALL Sequoia families. The event is Wednesday, May 29, starting at 6:30 p.m. on the school yard. Families should bring a dish to share; sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3Op7zoh>. Any help setting up or cleaning up is appreciated. Questions? Email aruna70@gmail.com.

Volunteer Appreciation Tea



Sequoia would not be the school it is without our fabulous volunteers! Anyone who has volunteered for Sequoia is invited and welcome to attend the Principal's Volunteer Appreciation Tea. Please join

Principal Bertolo in the cafeteria on May 29 at 9 a.m.

No School Next Monday

On Monday, May 27, school will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. School resumes on Tuesday, May 28.



No hay clases el próximo lunes

El lunes 27 de mayo, la escuela estará cerrada en conmemoración del feriado del Día de los Caídos. La escuela se reanuda el martes 28 de mayo.

Không có trường học vào thứ hai tới

Vào thứ Hai, 27 tháng 5, trường học sẽ đóng cửa để tuân thủ kỳ nghỉ Ngày Tưởng niệm. Trường sẽ tiếp tục vào thứ ba ngày 28 tháng 5.

下周一没学校

5月27日星期一，学校将因纪念日假期而关闭。学校于5月28日星期二恢复。

لا مدرسة الاثنين المقبل

في يوم الاثنين الموافق 27 مايو، سيتم إغلاق المدرسة احتفالاً بيوم العيد التذكاري. تستأنف المدرسة يوم الثلاثاء 28 مايو.

Minimum Week:

May 28–30

Mark your calendars. The last week of school has only three days and is a minimum week. Dismissal will be at 1:20 p.m. all three days.



Fifth Grade Promotion May 30

Fifth grade families, come celebrate the promotion of your Squirrels! The ceremony starts at 9:30 a.m. This ticketed event will be held on the Sequoia school yard. The school will provide a maximum of three seats per family. If bringing additional people, be prepared to bring your own seating or stand. Your rising sixth graders will be dismissed at the close of the ceremony.



Shout Outs

Thank you TK & K!

Donations: Bobbie, Ms. Kim, Ezra

Box Tops: Charlie

Classroom help and support: Esther, Ashley, Grandma Janet, Ofer, Erin, Zev, Adam, Casey, Karen, Vicki

Snack setup: Jon, Barbara, Ashley, Ofer

Snack: Gwyneth, Izumi, Jules, Grace, Luca



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Spring Sequoia Choir Concerts



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

free and in the auditorium.

2019–20 Sequoia Healthy Start Afterschool Applications



Applications for the 2019–20 program will be available in the main office and Healthy Start office on Monday, May 20. We offer programs for TK/Kinder and grades 1–5. SHS is open to all families who attend Sequoia.

Enrollment priority is given 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.

Box Tops for Education



Keep bringing in those Box Tops! They come from hundreds of purchased participating products; see the list here:

www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products.

Collect them in a small bag labeled with child and teacher name, and deliver to the school office. Angelina coordinates which students in each class submit the most Box Tops.

Need Volunteers for Registration Week: Jul. 29–Aug. 2

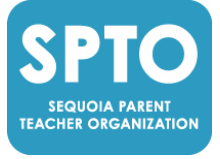
Angelina needs family volunteers for a few hours for all five registration days before school starts. Here is the schedule:

- Mon–Tue, Thu–Fri: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.)
- Wed: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (lunch 2–3 p.m.)

If you can help for a half day or a full day, please email angelina.bazan@ousd.org.

Final SPTO Meeting of the Year

Join us for the final SPTO meeting of the year this Tuesday, in the cafeteria. We will be voting on the 2019–20 SPTO Board Members and the budget, as well as finalizing the school calendar. All are welcome.



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.

Needed: Rising Fourth/Fifth Graders for Girl Scouts

Sequoia's Junior Girl Scouts troop is recruiting rising fourth and fifth graders for 2019–20. Our troop explores the outdoors, participates in hands-on STEM activities, gets engaged in community service projects and learns about leadership and friendship.



Email sequoia.junior.girlscouts@gmail.com for more details. Unleash Strong: Be a Girl Scout!

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>. (A link to our page on Moment appears at the top of this newsletter page.)



What's Happening in the Dimond?

Join your neighbors at the Dimond



Improvement Association (DIA) bi-monthly community meeting and Volunteer Fair at the Dimond Library on Jun. 5 at 7 p.m. Local organizations will present volunteer opportunities in the Dimond. Learn how you can make a positive difference in your community. Choose something that takes a few hours or a longer-term commitment, now or in the future. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. Learn more about the DIA at dimondnews.org.