

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Sept. 17, 2018



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[SequoiaSchool.net](http://SequoiaSchool.net) and [Facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary](https://Facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary)

## Two-Week Calendar

*Wednesdays are minimum days.*

*Please note that multiple events may happen on the same day.*

- Tue • Sep 18: **Yom Kippur**, begins at sundown
- Wed • Sep 19: **First Fall Choir Rehearsal**, 1:25–2:10 p.m., Auditorium
- Thu • Sep 20: **Fall Potluck for TK, Kinder and First Grades**, 6:30–8 p.m., Cafeteria
- Sat • Sep 22: **Sequoia Family Workday, sponsored by the Dads' Club**, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., School yard  
**First Day of Fall/Fall Equinox**

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- Tue • Sep 25: **Fall Potluck, Grades 2–5**, 6:30–8 p.m., Cafeteria
- Thu • Sep 27: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday**, School Yard  
**Support Sequoia Campaign Ends**
- Fri • Sep 28: **Professional Development Day for Teachers: No School For Students**
- Sep 30–Oct 1: **Oaktoberfest**, Dimond business district

## Sequoia Fall Potlucks

TK/K and first grade families are invited to the first Fall Potluck this Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.



Grades 2–5 will have their Fall Potluck the following week on Tuesday, Sept. 25 from 6:30–8 p.m.

Please bring a dish if you can (with a serving spoon if needed):

**Main dishes:** last names R–Z

**Salads/sides/vegetarian main dishes:** last names K–Q

**Desserts:** last names F–J

**Beverages:** last names A–E (no alcohol please)

If you can help with setup, please arrive at 6 p.m. Clean-up help is always greatly appreciated too! Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenny Kimball at [jennykimball@gmail.com](mailto:jennykimball@gmail.com).

Bring containers for leftovers; if you are feeling especially green, please bring your own plates, utensils and cups to use and take home. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

## Family Work Day Saturday, Sept. 22



Please join us in our first Sequoia work day of the school year on this Sat., Sept. 22, 9 a.m.–noon, sponsored by the Dads' Club. We will have jobs for all skill levels and interests. We'll need people attend to the gardens and some indoor projects and cleaning in the classrooms. There is no requirement to stay for the duration, so drop in for as much time as you have. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. The playground will be open as usual so the kids can play while you work.

## School Closed Friday, Sept. 28



Don't forget that Sequoia will be closed for students on Friday, Sept. 28, for a professional development day for teachers and staff. Due to the Friday holiday, fifth graders will be selling frozen fruit bars after school on Thurs., Sept. 27.

No olvide que Sequoia estará cerrada para los estudiantes el viernes 28 de septiembre para un día de desarrollo profesional para los maestros y el personal. Debido a las vacaciones del viernes, los estudiantes de quinto grado venderán barras de frutas congeladas después de la escuela el jueves, 27 de septiembre.

不要忘记，红杉将于9月28日星期五为学生关闭，以便为教师 and 员工提供专业的发展日。由于周五假期，五年级学生将于9月27日周四放学后出售冷冻水果棒。

Đừng quên rằng Sequoia sẽ đóng cửa cho sinh viên vào thứ Sáu, ngày 28 tháng 9, trong một ngày phát triển chuyên môn cho giáo viên và nhân viên. Do kỳ nghỉ thứ Sáu, học sinh lớp năm sẽ bán các loại thanh trái cây đông lạnh sau giờ học vào thứ Năm, ngày 27 tháng Chín.

لا تنسَ أنه سيتم إغلاق سيكويا للطلاب يوم الجمعة 28 سبتمبر، ليوم احترافي للمدرسين والموظفين. ويسبب عطلة يوم الجمعة، سيبيع طلاب الصف الخامس قضبان فواكه مجمدة بعد المدرسة في يوم الخميس 27 سبتمبر.

## Sequoia Directory

Please remember to return to your child's teacher the neon green Sequoia Directory form or fill out the form online at [bit.ly/2MBKkUG](http://bit.ly/2MBKkUG).

## Shout-Outs

Thank you TK/K!

**Donations:** Owen, Henry, Zayd, Bobbie

**Birthday erasers:** Jules

**Guest readers:** Armaan, Xavier, Zayd

**Tech help:** Victor and Kevin

**Box Tops:** Lukas

**Art help:** Casey

**After school help:** Jaime, Amy, Ivy, Adeline

**Classroom help and support:** Grandma Janet, Jaime, Esther, Sarah, Shabina

**Storytellers:** Grandma Janet, Adam, Erin, Ofer

**Story cycle bags:** Amy

**Motor skills:** Ms. J, Elana, Grandma Janet, Nate, Bruce, Mike, Pete, Tacy, Erica, Susan, Nathan, Joe, Harvest

**Snack setup:** Jon, Elaine, Barbara, Ivy, Emily, Ofer

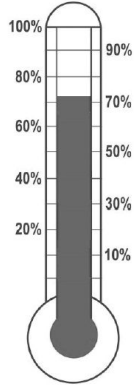
**Snack:** Lukas, Dahlia, Gwyneth, Nathan ALLERGIES: nuts, peanuts





## Support Sequoia: 73% to Goal

Our Goal  
**\$80,000**



Thank you to everyone who has returned a Support Sequoia form. Together you have raised \$58,000, bringing us 73% of the way to our goal of raising \$80,000 with this fundraiser.

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If you have not yet done so, please return your Support Sequoia form to your child's teacher. Even if you are not able to give right now, you can help us reach our goal of having every Sequoia student return a pledge form, with or without a donation.

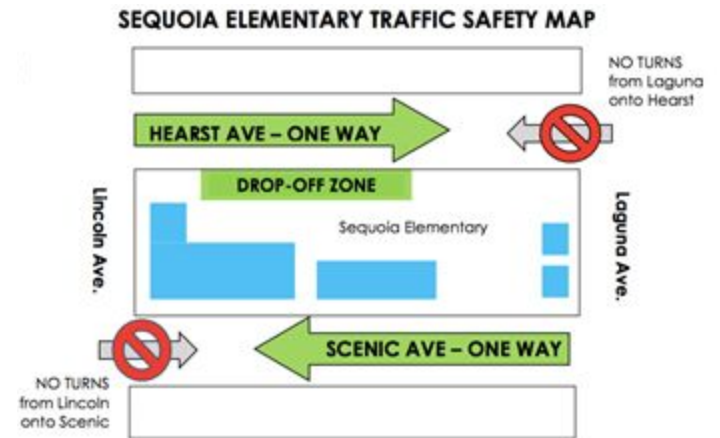
Every student who returns a form receives this year's new Glow in the Dark Sequoia wristband and classes with 100% participation earn an extra recess. Tell Mr. Bertolo what you think would be a crazy stunt and he might pick your idea. He will only do something wacky if every child returns their form!

To make your donation online, go to <http://sequoiaschool.net/donate/support-sequoia/> via PayPal. You can make a one-time donation, or you can spread your donation over the year by signing up for twelve automatic monthly payments. If you can, please consider increasing your donation to support enrichment for another child in the Sequoia community.

## Reminder: Drop-Off Policy and Traffic Safety Map

A reminder for everyone who does not have time to park and must drop off quickly, please follow the guidelines below so we can get our kids to school safely. Use the map below to determine your best route to the drop-off zone on Hearst Avenue.

- Do not ever block driveways, double-park, or leave your car unattended in the drop-off zone.
- Do not make U-turns on any streets around the school.
- Pull over completely at legal parking spots or drop-off zone, before letting children out.
- Slow down and watch for pedestrians, especially at crosswalks.
- Please note that there is no yard supervision until 8 a.m.
- If your child is in TK/Kindergarten, you must stay with your child until the 8:45 a.m. bell.
- Be courteous and helpful to neighbors and other parents.



## Printed Newsletter Opt-Out

To help Sequoia save money, we offer families the option to opt-out of receiving a printed copy of the newsletter; the newsletter is available on the school website and is also posted to the school's Facebook page and Yahoo community group each week.



<http://sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities/newsletter-opt-out/>