

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Sept. 24, 2018



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Two-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days.

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

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 29–30: **Oaktoberfest, Dimond business district**

Wed • Oct 3: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance, 8:30–9 a.m., Auditorium**

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

Thu • Oct 4: **Dads' Club Meeting, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Monaghan's (2820 Mountain Blvd.)**

Fri • Oct 5: **Movie Night**

Fall Potluck, Upper Grades



Grades 2–5 will have their Fall Potluck this week on Tuesday, Sept. 25 from 6:30 to 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 jennyckimball@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!

School Portraits: Save the Dates



We are excited to announce that Roots & Shoots Photography will be taking school portraits again this fall!

Save the dates:

- Thursday, Oct. 11: Grades TK-2
- Friday, Oct. 12: Grades 3-5
- Friday, Dec. 7: Make-up day

In an effort to be environmentally conscious, we are offering electronic order forms this year. Here is the link to order portraits: <http://order.roots-shoots.com/form-4062582/Sequoia>. This form must be submitted on or before Picture Day. If you prefer to use a paper order form, some will be available in the main office.

This is a volunteer opportunity. If you want to help out on Picture Day and receive a complimentary “gardener” package, please contact Nikki at nikki@roots-shoots.com. First come, first served.

Principal's Corner

With our library clerk position cut, we need some volunteers to work on the library. Rachel Kinnon and Tracey Kelp could really use some support, as they take on volunteering in that space. They will be coming in Saturday morning to get an overall picture of what we need. If you are interested in helping here are their emails: Rachel Kinnon (rachel@amberbug.org) and Tracey Kelp (tlkelp@gmail.com).



The following jobs need to be done weekly:

- Check-in library materials to the library from students and staff, and shelve library books.
- Maintain and organize library materials.
- Help maintain and repair materials.
- Possibly help with maintaining records of overdue materials and help teachers send out notices.
- Keep the library's overall appearance organized and clean.

The classroom teachers will organize 30-minute checkout times for their own classes. During those blocks, they have some volunteers to help support this process. Teachers will send out a call for volunteers individually through their newsletters, once their time slots are chosen. Thank you so much for your understanding and support in this time of need.

Meet Sequoia's New Teachers

Please welcome **Erin Turner**, the new inclusion specialist to Sequoia Elementary! This is Erin's ninth year teaching and she is excited to be in a role with a focus on inclusive practices. She began her teaching career in New York City in an inclusion program in the Bronx. Erin moved to the Bay Area three years ago. She loves Oakland and is excited to be teaching close to home in such a positive, supportive environment at Sequoia.



Thanks to All Bike Day Volunteers and Sponsors!

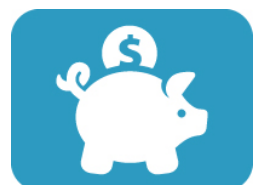
Bike Day was a huge success this year, thanks to our Sequoia volunteers who staffed all the stations and our sponsors: La Farine, Verve Coffee Roasters, Tacos El Grande, Cycles of Change, Safe Routes to School, Bike East Bay and the Bikemobile.

We really appreciate everyone who came out to help, or even just to chit chat and enjoy treats, while their kids learned to ride on two wheels, operate safely in traffic and decorate their bikes.

Next year's event will include a bike exchange. The Dads' Club needs volunteers to help transition to a new event leadership team next year. Please contact Joe Hayes (undeterred@hotmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering.

School Site Council Meeting

The School Site Council decides how to spend Title I money on programs/priorities that will best serve Sequoia students. Please come to the next meeting on Oct. 9, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the library.



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Sequoia Closed This Friday, Sept. 28



Don't forget that Sequoia will be closed for students this 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

Thursday, 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，以便为教师和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 تنس أنه سيتم إغلاق سيكويا للطلاب يوم الجمعة 28 سبتمبر، ليوم احترافي للمدرسين والموظفين. وبسبب عطلة يوم الجمعة، سيبيع طلاب الصف الخامس قضبان فواكه مجمدة بعد المدرسة في يوم الخميس 27 سبتمبر.

Shout-Outs



Thank you TK/K!

Donations: Owen, Annie

Guest readers: Zayd, Izumi, Lukas, Akim
Lukas, Grace

Art and science help: Casey and Melissa

After school Help: Jaime, Amy, Ivy, Adeline

Classroom help and support: Grandma Janet, Jaime, Esther, Sarah, Shabina, Esther, Kathleen, Jaime, Mr. Inclan

Storytellers: Grandma Janet, Mr. Bertolo, Shabina

Story Cycle Bags: Amy

Motor Skills: Ms. J, Shabina, Grandma Janet, Nate, Bruce, Mike, Jackie, Colby, Jen, Don, Tacy, Erika, Laila, Nathan, John, Pam

Snack setup: Jon, Barbara, Ivy, Ofer

Support Sequoia: 93% to Goal

This is the final week for Support Sequoia!

We have received forms from 78% of Sequoia students, and together you have contributed over \$74,000 toward our art, science, music, and library programs, bringing us 93% of the way to our \$80K goal. Thank you for generously supporting art, music, garden, library, and science programs for our students!

This is the fourth and final week of the fundraiser, so it is important for every child to return a pledge form, with or without a donation, by this Thursday, Sept. 27.

We need 100% participation for Mr. Bertolo to do something crazy, and we are almost at 80% participation! Even if you are not able to give a donation at this time, please send in your form. This lets us know that your child brought the form home and showed it to you.

Every student who returns a form receives this year's new Sequoia wristband. Classes with 100% participation earn an extra recess. And if the whole school as at 100%, Mr. Bertolo has to start prepping for wackiness! (Remember when he kissed a pig?)

If you pledged to donate online and have not yet done so, go to <http://sequoiaschool.net/donate/support-sequoia/> via PayPal to complete your pledge. You can make a one-time gift or sign up for 12 automatic monthly payments.

Thank you again to all of those who have donated and to those who reached out to their employers and extended family.

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/>

Our Goal
\$80,000

