

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Oct. 15, 2018

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## Two-Week Calendar

*Wednesdays are minimum days.*

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

Tue • Oct 16: **SPTO Meeting**, Dinner and childcare provided, 6–8 p.m., *Cafeteria*

Thu • Oct 18: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY Due to Friday Holiday**, 3 p.m., *School yard*

**OUSD's Screening of "America to Me,"**  
5:30–9 p.m., *The New Parkway Theater*

Fri • Oct 19: **School Holiday: No School for Students**  
(in lieu of Lincoln's Birthday)

Thu • Oct 25: **"Lights On After School" Healthy Start Celebration**, *Cafeteria*

• 3:30–6 p.m., Open House

• 6–7 p.m., Potluck Dinner

Sat • Oct 27: **Harvest Festival**, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.,  
*Cafeteria and School yard*

## SPTO Meeting



Join us on October 16 at 6 p.m. for our monthly Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) meeting. Dinner is provided, as well as childcare, for free.

This is a great opportunity for Sequoia families:

- to get involved with your child's school
- to meet the new art and garden teachers
- to learn about SPTO fundraising
- to get involved with upcoming events
- to learn about efforts to improve equity at Sequoia

In the spirit of Halloween, there will be a costume exchange. Please bring a gently used Halloween costume and trade for a different one.

## Halloween Festivities at Sequoia

The Sequoia Halloween Parade will be held Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. on the playground. Teachers will be sending home specific information about their classroom parties and activities, so please be on the lookout for that information.

Because the parade is in the morning and parties may not take place until after lunch, students should come in their costumes and have something to change into after the parade.

As always, weapons, or anything that could be construed as a weapon, even if it's an integral part of the costume, must be left at home. In addition, masks that obstruct vision or field of view should be left at home.

As always, families are welcome to come join the fun and take pictures!

## No School This Friday, Oct. 19

This Friday, Oct. 19 is an OUSD school holiday. All schools will be closed. The district calendar lists the reason for this as "in lieu of Lincoln's Birthday," but you can just think of it as another excuse for a three-day weekend!



Este viernes, 19 de octubre es un feriado escolar de OUSD. Todas las escuelas estarán cerradas. El calendario del distrito enumera la razón de esto como "en lugar del cumpleaños de Lincoln", ipero puedes pensar que es otra excusa para un fin de semana de tres días!

學校會在10月19日,停課一天,學校將紀念林肯總統的生日。多謝各位家長!

Thứ Sáu này, ngày 19 tháng 10 là một kỳ nghỉ của trường OUSD. Tất cả các trường sẽ đóng cửa. Lịch học khu liệt kê lý do cho điều này là "thay cho Sinh nhật của Lincoln", nhưng bạn có thể nghĩ đó là lý do khác cho một ngày cuối tuần ba ngày!

هذه الجمعة 19 أكتوبر . وزارة التربية في مدارس اوكلاند عطلة ، كل المدارس سوف تغلق . رزنامة وزارة التربية تعتبر هذه العطلة بمناسبة ( عيد ميلاد ابراهام لينكن ) ، ولكن يمكنك اعتبارها عطلة لثلاث أيام لأي سبب كان .

## "America to Me" Screening

OUSD's Office of Equity invites you to a special screening of the docu-series, "America to Me," on Oct. 18 from 5:30 to 9 p.m at The New Parkway Theater.

This series is currently airing on STARZ and features the experiences of diverse students at a premier Chicago high school not unlike our own Oakland Technical High School. On the night of the screening, we will view an episode and then talk with a student and a teacher featured in the series, as well as hear from OUSD students during a panel discussion. We hope you will join us for this and future events centered on race, gender and equity. Learn more and please RSVP here:

<https://www.ousd.org/calendar#calendar223/20181008/event/60627>.

## Shout Outs

**Thank you TK & K!**

**Donations:** Lukas, Nyle, Nikki at Roots & Shoots Photography

**Box Tops:** Gwyneth

**Guest Readers:** Izumi, Lukas, Akim, Grace, Luca, Ezra

**Afterschool Help:** Jaime, Amy, Ivy, Adeline

**Classroom help and support:** Grandma Janet, Adeline, Ashley

**Story Cycle Bags:** Amy

**Snack set-up:** Elaine, Barbara, Ivy, Ofer

**Snack:** Lukas, Nyle, Owen



**Support Sequoia Campaign**

HUGE THANKS to **Arianne Wagner** for coordinating a successful Support Sequoia campaign!



## Support Sequoia and the Duct Tape Mr. Bertolo to a Wall SUCCESS



We did it, Squirrels!

Save the date and get out your scissors. On Nov. 9, Mr. Bertolo will be DUCT TAPED TO A WALL! Don't miss this, kids. Parents, bring your cameras. Everyone come celebrate our success in raising over \$80,000 by helping Mr. B make good

on his promise of doing something outrageous!

This money goes towards our overall fundraising goal, which supports Sequoia's amazing enrichment classes. Without the money we have raised, there would be NO art, science, music, garden and more. This won't be the last plea, but it really helps. So BIG pat on the back to everyone for helping to make this happen.

An additional shout out to the SPTO treasurer, Leslie Olsson, who has to count and allocate all of the money we brought in and to everyone who volunteers their time to our many fundraisers and activities. All of this community support is what makes Sequoia so great. Thank you again for your support.

*Arianne Wagner, Volunteer Coordinator*

## Harvest Festival: Volunteers Needed



Sequoia's annual Harvest Festival is on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This very fun experience for children and families fosters the amazing connection between the Sequoia Community and the neighborhood. Please join us for games, pumpkins, jumpy house, arts & crafts,

food, music, haunted house, sugar skulls, water balloon toss, frozen treats from Flavor Brigade and more! Come with your family and friends. This event is run entirely by our student and family volunteers.

There are plenty of big and little tasks, such as running a booth, bringing baked goods and setting/cleaning up. For more information on how you can help, please return the attached form (see below) with your information, or contact event volunteer coordinators Kyra Lilien ([kyralilien@gmail.com](mailto:kyralilien@gmail.com)) or Heidi Aboites ([heidiaboites@gmail.com](mailto:heidiaboites@gmail.com)).

## Book Fair Helpers Wanted

The Fall Book Fair will be held the week of Nov. 5 immediately after school in the auditorium on Monday, Tuesday and Friday for about an hour (2:45–4 p.m.). Due to choir rehearsals on Wednesday, the hours will be 4–6 p.m. On Thursday, the Book Fair will be open 2:45–6 p.m.



As always, we need volunteer helpers to set up on Friday, Nov. 2, and to break down on Friday, Nov. 9. A volunteer is also needed on Monday to help the kids in the classrooms get a sneak preview during the school day. This also allows the teachers to pick out their free books.

Please contact Heather King at 510-846-5519 or email [heatherking.lmt@gmail.com](mailto:heatherking.lmt@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## Shop Good Eggs, Help Sequoia

This fall, 5% of every grocery order you place on Good Eggs (grocery delivery service) will go back to Sequoia Elementary! The first five new families to join the fundraiser from our school will receive a free flower bouquet.



How to join the fundraiser:

1. Visit [schools.goodeggs.com](http://schools.goodeggs.com).
2. Enter the code SQUIRRELS and click "Shop Now."
3. Add your groceries to your Good Eggs basket and check out.

New customers get \$15 off with this code; if 20 new customers join the fundraiser, the school gets a \$500 fundraising bonus. (See <http://sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia/> for Terms & Details on this and other school fundraisers.)

### Harvest Festival: We need Volunteers! Can you help? Saturday, October 27

Yes, I would like to volunteer!

- I will be there to help set up (8:30-11 a.m.)
- I can work at a booth (11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- I can work at a booth (12:30-2 p.m.)
- I can work at a booth (2-3 p.m.)
- I will be there to help break down (3-4 p.m.)
- I can donate baked goods for the bake sale



Please list bake sale item(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn in this form @ SPTO box in the office or email to [kyralilien@gmail.com](mailto:kyralilien@gmail.com) or