

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Oct. 29, 2018



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Two-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days.

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

Wed • Oct 31: **Halloween**
Sequoia Halloween Parade, 9-9:30 a.m.
Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated

Nov 1–2: **Días de los Muertos**

Sun • Nov 4: **Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Nov 5–9: **Fall Book Fair, Auditorium**

Get Ready for artSPARK 2018: KID POWER!

Calling all students and parent volunteers for Sequoia's annual art show, artSPARK, happening this year on Saturday, Dec. 1. Parents, artSPARK is the sort of kid-centric, community supported event that keeps Sequoia an extraordinary place for our kids.



We need you to volunteer. Can you help share posters and postcards with the community? Are you a wiz with labels? Can you harness the stash of art supplies for the kids in the foyer? Will you lend a hand setting up the event? We need your talent for artSPARK. Please reach out and let us know how you might be a part of the show.

Students, be a part of art at Sequoia. Bust out your ideas, gather materials and start creating. Let's hang your art in the auditorium. This year's theme is KID POWER! Show us what you've got.

For more information contact Raylene Samson at sequoiaartspark@gmail.com.

Volunteer for the Book Fair November 5–9



We need volunteers for the upcoming Book Fair, which runs from **Monday, Nov. 5** through **Friday, Nov. 9**, in the auditorium.

The Book Fair will be open during the following hours:

- Monday, Tuesday and Friday: **2:45–4 p.m.**
- Wednesday: **4–6 p.m.**
- Thursday: **2:45–6 p.m.**

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, Nov. 5** 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 heatherking.lmt@gmail.com to volunteer.

Halloween Festivities at Sequoia

The Sequoia Halloween Parade is this **Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 9 to 9:30 a.m.** on the playground. Students should come to school in their costumes but bring a set of clothes to change into following the parade. The parade is in the morning and parties may not take place until after lunch.

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. Families are welcome to come join the fun and take pictures!

Fiestas de Halloween en Sequoia

El Desfile de Halloween de Sequoia es este **miércoles, 31 de octubre, de 9 a.m. a 9:30 a.m.** en el patio de recreo. Los estudiantes deben venir a la escuela con sus disfraces, pero deben traer un juego de ropa para cambiarse después del desfile. El desfile es por la mañana y las fiestas no pueden tener lugar hasta después del almuerzo.

Como siempre, las armas, o cualquier cosa que pueda ser interpretada como un arma, incluso si es una parte integral del disfraz, debe dejarse en casa. Además, las máscaras que obstruyen la visión o el campo de visión deben dejarse en casa. ¡Las familias son bienvenidas a unirse a la diversión y tomar fotos!

红杉的万圣节庆祝活动

萬聖節遊行於10月31日星期三上午9點至9點30分在操場上舉行。

穿上你的萬聖節服裝到學校。

萬聖節遊行後換到普通衣服。

如果你的班級有一個萬聖節派對，那將是午餐後。

不允許帶武器的萬聖節服裝。

如果您的萬聖節面具遮擋了視線，則不允許。

歡迎所有家庭觀看遊行並拍很多照片！

Lễ hội Halloween tại Sequoia

Cuộc diễu hành Halloween của Sequoia là Thứ Tư, ngày **31 tháng 10, từ 9 giờ sáng đến 9 giờ 30** sáng trên sân chơi. Học sinh nên đến trường trong trang phục của họ nhưng mang theo một bộ quần áo để thay đổi theo sau cuộc diễu hành. Cuộc diễu hành là vào buổi sáng và các bữa tiệc có thể không diễn ra cho đến sau bữa trưa.

Như thường lệ, vũ khí, hoặc bất cứ thứ gì có thể được hiểu là vũ khí, ngay cả khi đó là một phần không thể thiếu của trang phục, phải được để ở nhà. Ngoài ra, mặt nạ cản trở tầm nhìn hoặc trường nhìn nên được để ở nhà. Các gia đình được hoan nghênh tham gia vui chơi và chụp ảnh!

احتفالات عيد القديسين في سيكويا

موكب هالوين سيكويا هو يوم الأربعاء ، 31 أكتوبر ، من الساعة 9 صباحًا حتى 9:30 صباحًا في الملعب. يجب على الطلاب أن يأتوا إلى المدرسة بملابسهم ، لكن احضروا مجموعة من الملابس لتتحول إلى متابعة العرض. العرض في الصباح ، وقد لا تتم الحفلات حتى بعد الغداء

كما هو الحال دائما ، يجب ترك الأسلحة ، أو أي شيء يمكن أن يفسر كسلاح ، حتى لو كان جزءا لا يتجزأ من الزي ، في المنزل. بالإضافة إلى ذلك ، يجب ترك الأقنعة التي تعيق الرؤية أو مجال الرؤية في المنزل. نرحب بالعائلات للمشاركة في المتعة والتقاط الصور!

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Sequoia Sings! and Breakfast With the Principal Nov. 7



Our third Sequoia Sings event of the school year is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium, featuring the third graders. Sequoia Sings is a monthly event where Sequoia students gather to sing together as a community. Families are invited to attend. Breakfast with the Principal immediately follows at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria.

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.

How to join the fundraiser:

1. Visit 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.)

Be Sequoia's Next Webmaster

Sequoia is looking for one or more individuals to take over webmaster duties in preparation for our current webmaster moving on after this year.



Duties involve updating information at the start of each year and working with the communications team to keep our site up to date. It is a great way to volunteer at Sequoia especially for those unable to be on site regularly. Time commitment varies, but often is about one hour per week. The webmaster is also a member of the communications team.

Familiarity with content management systems (specifically WordPress) is ideal, with some basic html, css and web-hosting skills a plus. Email webmaster@sequoiaschool.net.

One More Week Until Mr. Bertolo Gets Duct Taped to a Wall

Save the date and get out your scissors. On **Friday, Nov. 9**, Mr. Bertolo will be DUCT TAPED TO A WALL.

Don't miss this, kids. Parents and families, 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.

The money raised during the Support Sequoia campaign goes toward our overall fundraising goal, which supports Sequoia's amazing enrichment classes. So, a BIG pat on the back to everyone for helping to make this happen.

Arianne Wagner, Volunteer Coordinator

Principal's Corner

Starting in November, we will offer opportunities for Sequoia families to learn from our coaching experts. Coach deKernion will join us for Breakfast with the Principal at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 in the cafeteria.



Coach deKernion will talk about how to support your child in reading at home and school. She will answer your questions about book levels, choosing appropriate books and how to engage reluctant readers. Please join us for our discussion on reading.

Spirit/Rainbow Day Nov. 7

Sequoia will have its first Spirit Day of the year on Wednesday, Nov. 7. On Rainbow Day, everyone will dress in an assigned color:

- Kinder and TK will wear red.
- First grade will wear orange.
- Second grade will wear yellow.
- Third grade will wear green.
- Fourth grade will wear blue.
- Fifth grade will wear purple.

Teachers will wear their grade's color, and special teachers will wear their favorite color. At the end of the day, we will all line up in rainbow order and have a picture taken. For more information, contact Chris Songster at csongster@yahoo.com.

Mountain Hardwear Discount

The Mountain Hardwear employee store in Richmond and Sequoia have partnered again with Sequoia family and friends receiving 40 to 60% off retail. Brands include Columbia, Prana and Sorel, and 10% of purchases made by Sequoia families and friends goes directly to the school.

Invitations (valid Oct. 26 through Nov. 25) were emailed and will also be available via classroom folders and in the school office. Extra invitations are available for you to pass out to co-workers, kids' sports teams, churches and whoever else you think would be interested. Questions? Please email our SPTO Fundraising Chair Lina Andersen at lina.andersen@icloud.com. (See <http://sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia/> for more information on this and other school fundraisers.)

Shout Outs

Thank you TK & K!

Donations: Lukas, Lucas, Nyle, Janet
October birthday celebration:

Gwyneth, Luca, Siena, Daymion, Lucas, Manuel, Jon, Elaine, Lesieli, Jodi, Lalo

Guest readers: Izumi, Grace, Lucas, Siena, Akim, Ezra

Motor Skills: Janet, Elana, Ms. J, Amy, Nate, Mike, Jen, Nathaniel, Tracey, Daniel, Nathan

Harvest Festival help: Sarah, Casey, Andrea, Elaine, Jaime, Barbara, Nicole, Kathleen, Jodi, Ivy, Emily, Natalie, Tim, Adam

Afterschool help: Jaime, Amy, Ivy, Adeline

Classroom help and support: Grandma Janet, Adam, Casey

Story Cycle bags: Amy

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

Snack: Gwyneth, Dahlia, Jules, Izumi, Akim

