

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Nov. 5, 2018

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Three-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days.

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

- Nov 5–8: **Fall Book Fair, Auditorium**
- Wed • Nov 7: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance,**
8:30–9 a.m., *Auditorium*
- Breakfast With the Principal,** 9–9:30 a.m.,
Cafeteria
- Thu • Nov 8: **Dads' Club Meeting,** 6:30–7:30 p.m.,
Monaghan's (2820 Mountain Blvd.)
- Fri • Nov 9: **Duct Tape Mr. Bertolo to a Wall,**
8:30–11:45 a.m., *School yard*
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- Mon • Nov 12: **Veteran's Day Holiday: No School for Students**
- Tue • Nov 13: **SCC Meeting,** 5–6 p.m., *Library*
- SPTO Meeting,** 6–8 p.m., dinner and childcare
provided, *Cafeteria*
- Wed • Nov 14: **Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night,**
7:15–8:30 p.m., *Auditorium*
- Thu • Nov 15: **Healthy Start Fall Showcase,** 5:30–6 p.m.,
Cafeteria
- Fri • Nov 16: **First Trimester Report Cards Sent Home**
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- Nov 19–23: **Thanksgiving Recess: No School for Students**

Fall Book Fair Continues This Week



The Fall Book Fair started last Friday and continues **Monday** through **Thursday** in the auditorium. Come on by with the kids and pick out some books and other goodies.

Book Fair hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday **2:45–4 p.m.** and Wednesday **4–6 p.m.** We still need volunteer helpers to break down the book fair on Thursday. The more helpers we have, the faster it will go. (Remember that there is no book fair on Friday.) Please contact Michelle Diaz (duffdiaz@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Be the Rainbow on Wednesday

Sequoia will have its first Spirit Day of the year this Wednesday: Rainbow Day! Each grade and teacher has an assigned color (and special teachers can wear their favorite colors):

- TK/Kindergarten 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.

Later we'll line up in rainbow order for a photo. Questions? Contact Chris Songster at csongster@yahoo.com.

Harvest Festival Thanks

Thank you to all the Squirrels who volunteered to make the Harvest Festival a great success. While building community and getting into the autumnal spirit, we raised more than \$3,000 for our school! A big shout out to the bakers, booth volunteers, haunted house decorators and actors, room parents, SPTO/Dads' Club, Mr. Bertolo and Nabisco the Goat. Huge gratitude to Heidi Aboites for pouring her heart and soul into the Harvest Festival for the fourth year in a row!

Kyra Lilien, mom to Leo, first grade

School Closed on Monday

Please note that Sequoia will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12, in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. Classes will resume on Tuesday. Enjoy the long weekend.



La Escuela Estara Cerrada el lunes

La escuela Sequoia estará cerrada el lunes 12 de noviembre, en conmemoración del Día feriado de los Veteranos. Las clases se resumiran el Martes. Disfruten del finde semana largo.

Trường đóng cửa vào thứ Hai

Xin lưu ý rằng Sequoia sẽ đóng cửa vào thứ 2 ngày 12 tháng 11 để thực hiện kỳ nghỉ của Ngày Cựu chiến binh. Lớp học sẽ tiếp tục vào thứ ba. Tận hưởng cuối tuần dài.

学校星期一不开放

11月12日， Sequoia 學校將因退伍軍人節而關閉。

المدرسة مغلقة يوم الاثنين

يرجى ملاحظة أنه سيتم إغلاق Sequoia يوم الاثنين 12 نوفمبر ، احتفالاً بيوم عطلة يوم المحاربين القدامى. سيتم استئناف الدروس يوم الثلاثاء. استمتع بعطلة نهاية الاسبوع الطويلة.

Dads' Club Meeting Thursday

Thank you to all the parents that pitched in to make this year's Harvest Festival Halloweenie Bar a success. We look forward to many more to come.



The Dads' Club meets on the first Thursday of the month, rain or shine, at Monaghan's on Mountain Blvd. at 6:30 p.m. We discuss previous events and upcoming ones, and share new ideas about how to make our kids' Sequoia experience the best it can be. Join us this Thursday. All are welcome.

Sequoia Sings! Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

Don't miss Sequoia Sings this Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium.



This month you'll hear beautiful singing by our third graders, along with Mr. Bob's drummers, plus school announcements and the monthly drawing for Golden Ticket prizes. This is always a wonderful time for our community.

Special Breakfast With the Principal Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Join Mr. Bertolo for coffee and treats in the cafeteria right after Sequoia Sings to be part of a conversation with parents and our school coaching experts. This week's event will be the first in a series of monthly conversations with our coaches.



This week, 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.

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Share Arts & Crafts Supplies With artSPARK 2018: KID POWER!



Time to clean out those drawers of extra arts and crafts supplies. Our Sequoia students need materials to create their artSPARK masterpieces.

Collect your extra paint, brushes, paper, foil, glitter, ribbon, boxes, string and trinkets and put them to quality use. We'd love as many students as possible represented in artSPARK and for all kids to have access to supplies for their projects. You can donate materials in the big red bin in the lobby. Don't forget to grab all of the art supplies you need.

Student creations for artSPARK will be collected on the Monday following Thanksgiving break (Nov. 26). Come see our Sequoia KID POWER! at artSPARK on Saturday, Dec. 1, 3:30-6 p.m. in the auditorium.

Cub Scout Pack 296 Supports Alameda County Food Bank

Cub Scout Pack 296 is proud to partner with the Alameda County Food Bank. A donation barrel will be located in the school's front entry starting this week and through the last week of November. Please drop off any unopened food items to help those in need.

Alameda County Food Bank recommends donating the following:

- Canned meats and fish
- Low-sodium soups and stews
- Nuts and beans
- Brown rice and quinoa
- Peanut butter
- Whole grain cereal

The Alameda County Food Banks assist one in five county residents, many of whom are young children. Please consider donating a few food items to help those who are hungry. For more information on volunteering or participating in the food bank's virtual food drive, visit accfb.org.

More information about Cub Scout Pack 296 or to learn how you can help with our food drive, contact Arianne Wagner at ariannewagner@gmail.com.

Mountain Hardwear Discount



The Mountain Hardwear employee store in Richmond has partnered again with Sequoia Elementary. Our school's family and friends will receive 40 to 60% off retail at the employee store. 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) are 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.

Duct Tape Mr. Bertolo to a Wall This Friday

It's finally here: Mr. B's crazy stunt! This Friday morning on the school yard, each Sequoia Student gets to help tape Mr. Bertolo to one of the school walls!



The tentative schedule for duct taping is as follows:

- Mr. J's 4th: 8:30-8:45 a.m.
- 2nd: 8:45-9:15 a.m.
- TK-K: 9:15-9:45 a.m.
- 1st: 9:45-10:15 a.m.
- 3rd: 10:15-10:45 a.m.
- 4th and SDC: 10:45-11:15 a.m.
- 5th: 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Here's what we need to make this happen:

- **Volunteers** to help set up, get it started and guide the kids with a few basic rules (like no tape on the face)
- **Pictures** and/or videos to document the occasion
- **Two sturdy milk crates** for Mr. Bertolo to stand on
- **Duct tape** (fun patterns appreciated)

Contact Arianne Wagner (ariannewagner@gmail.com, 520-393-7596) if you can help.

OUSD Budget Survey

We want to hear from YOU about the OUSD budget. Please take a few moments to take the community survey and share your thoughts about budget prioritization. The survey is available in multiple languages: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OUSDbudgetsurvey>. In addition, we updated ousd.org/fiscalvitality and encourage you to check it out to learn more about the current and future state of the OUSD budget.

SSC Meeting Nov. 13

The School Site Council (SSC) decides how to spend Title I money on programs/priorities that will best serve Sequoia students. Please come to the next meeting on Nov. 13, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the library.

SPTO Meeting Nov. 13

Mark your calendars... The Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) meets next Tuesday in the cafeteria from 6 to 8 p.m. Childcare and dinner provided.



Shout Outs

Thank you TK & K!

Donations: Mrs. Chung, Angela, Bobbie
Guest readers: Grace, Ezra, Sathya, Siena, Izumi, Daymion, Charlie, Dahlia, Zev, Nyle

Afterschool help: Jamie, Amy, Ivy, Adeline

Classroom help and support: Grandma Janet, Brent, Casey, Ms. J, Grandpa Roland, Grace's Grandma Kay, Kathleen, Matt, Angela

Ardenwood Farm chaperones: Hau, Grandma Janet, Casey, Nick, Ofer, Amy, Karen, Ashley

Snack setup: Elaine, Sarah, Barbara, Ivy, Ofer

Snack: Olivia, Henry, Zev, Charlie, Daymion

