

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Nov. 13, 2018

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Three-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days.

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

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**

Nov 19–23: **Thanksgiving Recess: No School for Students**

Mon • Nov 26: **School Resumes After Thanksgiving Recess**
artSPARK Project Submissions Due

Wed • Nov 28: **Prospective Sequoia Family Tours**, Schedule with School Secretary, *Front Lobby*

Duct Tape Mr. Bertolo Event Postponed Until Tuesday

Due to the poor air quality last Friday, we will be holding our duct taping event on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

This 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.

SSC Meeting Tuesday



The School Site Council (SSC) meets this Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the library. The SSC decides how to spend Title I money on programs/priorities that will best serve Sequoia students. Please join us.

SPTO Meeting Tuesday



Join your Sequoia PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) to help build our Equity Vision Statement, and hear from alumni students and families about their middle schools. The next SPTO meeting is this Tuesday in the cafeteria from 6 to 8 p.m. Childcare and dinner provided.

Girl Scouts Fall Treats Sale Tuesday

Yes, the Girl Scouts offer goodies in the fall, too! Support Sequoia's Troop 33525 with the purchase of candies, nuts and snack mix at \$5 per tin. Look for our booth in the playground area on Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Recess: No School

School will be closed for the week of Nov. 19–23 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes resume on Monday, Nov. 26.



Recreo de Acción de Gracias: No hay escuela

La escuela estará cerrada durante la semana del 19 al 23 de noviembre en conmemoración de las vacaciones de Acción de Gracias. Las clases se reanudarán el lunes, 26 de noviembre.

Lễ tạ ơn: Không có trường học

Trường sẽ đóng cửa trong tuần

Ngày 19 đến 23 tháng 11 trong việc tuân thủ kỳ nghỉ Lễ Tạ Ơn. Lớp học tiếp tục vào thứ Hai, ngày 26 tháng 11.

感恩节休息：没有学校

学校将关闭一周

11月19日至23日庆祝感恩节假期。课程将于11月26日星期一恢复。

عيد الشكر العطللة: لا مدرسة

سيتم إغلاق المدرسة في الأسبوع الممتد من 19 إلى 23 نوفمبر احتفالاً بعطلة عيد الشكر. سيتم استئناف الدروس يوم الاثنين، 26

Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night, Nov. 14

All prospective Sequoia families are invited to attend the Prospective Sequoia Family Information Night on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:15–8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Families will meet Principal Bertolo, along with teachers and parents who will introduce them to our vibrant school and answer questions.



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.

Winter Break Begins Dec. 22

Greetings Squirrel families. Can you believe we are six weeks away from Winter Break? The two-week break begins Monday, Dec. 24. School resumes Monday, Jan. 7.



Mountain Hardwear Discount



The Mountain Hardwear employee store in Richmond has partnered again with Sequoia Elementary. Our school's family and friends will receive 40–60% 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 are valid through Nov. 25 and are available via classroom folders and in the school office. Extra invitations are available for you to pass out to coworkers, 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.

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.

Amazon Smile



Did you know that you can support the Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) every time you shop online at Amazon? Get the details and find the special shopping link here:

<http://sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia/>

Shout Outs

Thank you TK & K!

Donations: Esther, Barbara, Owen

Book Fair donations: Zev, Grace, Book Fair Committee, Heather King

Guest readers: Grace, Ezra, Sathya, Siena, Izumi, Daymion, Charlie, Dahlia, Zev, Nyle

Box Tops: Lucas

After school help: Jaime, Amy, Ivy, Adeline

Classroom help and support: Grandma Janet

Story Cycle bags: Esther

Motor Skills: Elana, Grandma Janet, Ms. Esther, Bruce, Mike, Rachel, Felicia, Daniel, Liz, Pete, Nathan

Harvest Dimond Library and Park chaperones: Ashley, Casey, Ivy

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

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Sequoia Drop-Off Policy and Traffic Safety Map

For those who do 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.

