

Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Nov. 26, 2018

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SequoiaSchool.net and Facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary



Two-Week Calendar

Wednesdays are minimum days.

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

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

Sat • Dec 1: **artSPARK, 3–5:30 p.m., Auditorium**

Sun • Dec 2: **First Night of Hanukkah**, begins at sundown

Wed • Dec 5: **Sequoia Sings! Student Performance**,
8:30–9 a.m., Auditorium
Breakfast With the Principal, 9–9:30 a.m.,
Cafeteria
Prospective Sequoia Family Tours, Schedule
with School Secretary, Front Lobby

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

Fri • Dec 7: **School Portrait Make-Up Day**
Movie Night, 5–8 p.m., Auditorium

Sequoia Sings! Dec. 5



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

This month you'll hear beautiful singing by our second 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.

Breakfast With the Principal Dec. 5

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. Mr. Bertolo will be talking about Toolbox.

Prospective Sequoia Family Tours



The schedule for Sequoia school tours has changed. Tours will now be held on Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19 and Jan. 9. The Nov. 28 tour has been cancelled. All interested prospective families are encouraged to contact the school secretary to schedule a tour.

Dads' Club Meeting Dec. 6

The Dads' Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at Monaghan's on Mountain Blvd. at 6:30 p.m. We would love to see any new parents who are interested in getting involved. Feel to reach out to Jason Gumataotao at thegumataotaos@gmail.com or Brian Keeffe at briankeeffe@gmail.com with any questions.

Holiday Shopping: Support Sequoia

Do your holiday shopping and support our school with every purchase. Shop at AmazonSmile, Sports Basement, Good Eggs or Primary.com. Get the details and find the special shopping links here: <http://sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia/>.

Winter Break Dec. 24 to Jan. 4

Sequoia will be closed for Winter Break from Monday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Jan. 4. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 7.



Dic. 24-Ene. 4 Vacaciones de Invierno

Sequoia estará cerrada durante las vacaciones de invierno desde el lunes 24 de diciembre hasta el viernes 4 de enero. Las clases se reanudarán el lunes 7 de enero.

Nghỉ mùa đông ngày 24 tháng 12 4

Sequoia sẽ đóng cửa vào kỳ nghỉ Mùa đông từ thứ Hai, 24 tháng 12 đến thứ Sáu, ngày 4 tháng 1. Trường sẽ tiếp tục vào Thứ Hai, ngày 7 tháng Giêng.

寒假 12月24日至1月4日

Sequoia 學校將於12月24日星期一至1月4日星期五休息。學校將於1月7日星期一開學。

المطلة الشتوية 24 ديسمبر . 4

سيتم إغلاق سيكويلا للإسترحة الشتوية من الإثنين 24 ديسمبر إلى الجمعة 4 يناير. المدرسة ستستأنف يوم الإثنين 7 يناير.

artSPARK This Saturday

The ninth annual artSPARK—"KID POWER!"—will transform the auditorium this Saturday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. into a gallery of masterpieces created by Sequoia Squirrels! Enjoy free hors d'oeuvres and great music while you mix and mingle. Admission is free, but all donations are gratefully accepted and go directly to support Sequoia programs.



PROJECT SUBMISSIONS

artSPARK projects are due today before school in the auditorium. You can also drop them off Tuesday morning before school in the auditorium. Projects should be clearly labeled on the back or bottom with first and last name, grade and classroom. Please do not drop off projects in the auditorium without letting artSPARK know as we do not want them to be mislabeled, damaged or thrown away. Email sequoiaartspark@gmail.com.

FOOD AND DRINK DONATIONS

We really need food and drink donations to pass at the gallery opening. You can donate the supplies for making hors d'oeuvres, purchase frozen appetizers, bring in a donation from a local business or make something. It's great to have food that represents the diverse backgrounds and traditions at Sequoia, so if you want to bring a food special to your family or cultural background, go for it! All donations are greatly appreciated. To coordinate a food donation drop off this week, email Sarah Gumataotao at camillusoflellis@gmail.com. Donations also may be dropped off the day of the event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need setup and installation help on Friday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m., volunteers to be greeters at the entrances, fourth and fifth grade food servers and cleanup help after the event. To volunteer, email sequoiaartspark@gmail.com.



EXTENDED: Sequoia and Cub Scout Pack 296 Food Drive

The Alameda County Food Bank has extended the deadline of our food drive. They really need our help in collecting more food and they want to pick up a FULL barrel. **The deadline has been extended to the week of Dec. 10.** Please bring in your donations and drop them into the donation barrel in the school lobby.

Alameda County Food Bank recommends donating the following (no glass containers or perishable items):

- 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.

Movie Night Dec. 7: "Home Alone"



The next Sequoia Movie Night is Friday, Dec. 7, with a showing of "Home Alone" (rated PG). Parents can check in and drop off their children between 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. and pick up by 8 p.m. in the auditorium. A dinner of hot dogs, fruit, veggies and popcorn is included. The cost is \$5 per child.

Movie Night is open to all Sequoia students and their siblings. Parents can drop off the kids and enjoy a few hours off. Parents are also welcome to stay and join in the fun. Supervised by the volunteers of the Dads' Club, kids will be safe, secure and guaranteed to have a blast.

Kids are allowed to dress-up in PJs, bring a pillow and a blanket, and stake out a spot on the floor. The cafeteria also be open for eating, playing games, drawing or reading.

After-school program (SHS/CDC) students who would like to participate should make arrangements with the coordinators of those programs. (Permission slips are available with SHS/CDC.) All TK and Kindergarten students require parent chaperone. All siblings who accompany Sequoia students must sign in and follow the Movie Night rules.

We hope that all students will practice the core Sequoia values of Respect, Compassion, Responsibility and Honesty during the movie. There will be no running, rough play, throwing, taking belongings, climbing, piano or electronics.

All Movie Night attendees must stay inside the event boundaries: auditorium, cafeteria and downstairs hallways. This includes older siblings. Families may be called if children cannot follow the rules.

MLK Oratorical Call for Parent Coaches



We are putting the call out for volunteer support for the MLK Oratorical on Jan. 23. **We need at least 12 parent volunteers to help coach individuals and groups of students.** You don't need to be a drama teacher to be a coach! Your main role is to build confidence in the students. We need parents who are available during the school day to pull students from class to practice over a three week time period starting the week prior of Dec. 17. We are available to support you in your coaching throughout the process. Former Squirrel parent Damond Moodie championed this effort for the past several years, and we want to carry his momentum forward. It is primarily a parent-run effort and is a very special event for our community. To volunteer, please email laraclayman@gmail.com or johnniecol@gmail.com.

Shout Outs

Thank you TK & K!



Donations: Xavier

Guest readers: Grace, Ezra, Sathya, Siena, Izumi, Nyle, Zev, Nyle

Box Tops: Lucas

Afterschool help: Jaime, Amy, Ivy, Adeline

Classroom help and support: Grandma Janet, Jaime, Dahlia

Story Cycle bags: Amy

Motor Skills: Elana, Grandma Janet, Ms. J, Grandma Lynn, Grandpa Joel, Bruce, Mike, Adlain, Daniel. Harvest, Nate

Snack setup: Jon, Grandma Lynn and Grandpa Joel, Barbara, Ivy, Erin

Snack: Dahlia, Grace, Xavier

Reminder: Sequoia Drop-Off Policy and Traffic Safety Map

Please follow these guidelines 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.

