

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter: Dec. 17, 2018



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## Four-Week Calendar

*Wednesdays are minimum days. Note that multiple events may happen on the same day.*

Tues • Dec 18: **Daytime Winter Choir Concert**, 9:30–10 a.m., Auditorium

Wed • Dec 19: **Evening Winter Choir Concert**, 7–7:30 p.m., Auditorium

Fri • Dec 21: **Duct Tape Mr. Bertolo to a Wall**, 8:30 a.m.

**Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated**

**School Spirit Day: "Sleepy Day!"**

Dec 24–Jan 4: **Winter Recess: No School for Students**

Mon • Jan 7: **School Resumes After Winter Recess**

**MLK Oratorical Practices Begin**, times TBD

Tues • Jan 8: **SSC Meeting**, 5–6 p.m., Library

Wed • Jan 9: **Prospective Sequoia Family Tours**, Schedule with School Secretary, Front Lobby

Thu • Jan 10: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Monaghan's (2820 Mountain Blvd.)

## Winter Break Dec. 24–Jan. 4



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

Have a restful and enjoyable break.

## Winter Choir Performances



Come hear the beautiful harmonies of the Sequoia Choir. The daytime performance is Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. The evening concert is on Wednesday, Dec. 19, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Both performances are free and in the auditorium.

## Friday Is School Spirit Day

Sequoia's Student Council has declared Friday, Dec. 21 "Sleepy Day!" Bring your stuffed animals and wear pajamas. Hot chocolate will be available for 50 cents. All proceeds go to the Student Council to put back into our school.

## Duct Tape Mr. B to a Wall on Friday

The Duct Tape Challenge is BACK ON. Let's kick off our holiday break right with a BANG . . . like taping our principal to a wall!

The taping begins on Friday at 8:30 a.m. **We STILL need a few parent volunteers to help supervise the taping and make sure kids are following the rules** (e.g., no tape on Mr. B's head).

Please contact Arianne Wagner at [ariannewagner@gmail.com](mailto:ariannewagner@gmail.com) if you can help.

## MLK Oratorical Assembly Jan. 23

**SCHEDULE CHANGE: The evening performance will be held Tuesday, Jan. 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the night before the daytime assembly on Wednesday, Jan. 23.**



Forty years ago the MLK Oratorical was founded as a way to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. by showcasing students' public speaking skills. Teachers and students are already working on selecting their pieces for the competition.

We have an all-star group of parent and grandparent volunteer coaches who will dedicate much time, expertise and heart in supporting the large number of participating students over the coming weeks. It isn't too late to jump on the coaching bandwagon, so if you are feeling even a little curious, please reach out. Thank you coaches and students in advance for your courage and hard work!

We are looking for judges for the competition. If you have suggestions or personal connections to someone you think would be great, please let us know. People who are from our community and invested in Sequoia are ideal, such as educators, activists, artists, elected officials, local business owners and former Sequoia families. Judges need to have roughly two hours of daytime availability and be able to judge the students fairly according to festival guidelines.

To volunteer or suggest judges, please email Lara Clayman at [laraclayman@gmail.com](mailto:laraclayman@gmail.com) or John Colleton at [johanniecol@gmail.com](mailto:johanniecol@gmail.com).

## Lost and Found Items

Please take a moment and visit one of the Lost and Found areas to pick up any misplaced items before they are cleared and the items donated on Friday, Dec. 21.



### Objetos Perdidos

Por favor, tómese un momento y visite las áreas de Objetos Perdidos para recoger los objetos extraviados antes de que sean donados el 21 de diciembre

如果您的孩子丢失或错放了他们的物品，请访问学校遗失的地点。这些东西将于12月21日捐赠。

### Vật phẩm bị mất và tìm thấy

Vui lòng dành chút thời gian và ghé thăm một trong những khu vực Mất tích và Tìm thấy để nhặt bất kỳ vật dụng bị thất lạc nào trước khi chúng bị xóa và các vật phẩm được tặng vào ngày 21 tháng 12.

### قائمة المفقودات

من فضلكم خذو دقيقة من وقتكم وتوقفوا في مكان المفقودات للبحث على ادواتكم واشياء ابنائكم قبل التبرع بها يوم 21 ديسمبر .



## “Hog Wild”: Volunteers Needed for Silent Auction & Family Dance



We are gearing up for the Sequoia Silent Auction & Family Dance on Saturday, Feb. 9. This year's theme is “Hog Wild,” and we need volunteers. With your help, we had an amazing event last year and hope to do even better this year.

We need the following volunteers:

- **Creative writers** to help promote the event (website copy, updates on Nextdoor, newsletter/social media posts). All can be done in the comfort of your home.
- **Carpenter** (amateur or professional skills) to make outdoor games (think cornhole or giant Jenga).
- **Photographer** to do mini-photo sessions, about 15 minutes per family for a fixed cost.
- **Silent auction donation solicitors** to ask businesses and individuals for donations.
- **People who work at fun/interesting places** to donate a private tour to the auction.
- **Sponsors** to donate money. If you are a small business, this is a perfect way to promote your business. And don't forget about asking your employer for an employee match.

If you are interested in helping in any capacity or have questions, contact the Silent Auction team at

[sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com](mailto:sequoiaauctionteam@gmail.com). If you have something to donate, please use the form at [bit.ly/2019sequoiaauction](http://bit.ly/2019sequoiaauction).

Thank you in advance.

## OUSD Is Hiring Special Educators



In an effort to grow our own, OUSD has partnered with local universities to provide talented and committed OUSD employees an opportunity to pursue a special education teaching credential while working. Candidates who are accepted into

the cohort may take classes in Oakland and access unique benefits. Start a new career today by filling out this survey:

<http://tinyurl.com/OUSDGrowOurOwnSpEd>. To speak with an

OUSD Talent Recruiter about becoming a teacher, sign up at

<https://calendly.com/ousdcareers>.

## Shout Outs

Thank you TK & K!

**Donations:** Bobbie

**Guest readers:** Grace, Ezra, Sathya, Siena, Izumi, Nyle, Zev, Nyle, Luca, Henry

**Box Tops:** Owen

**November birthday party:** Ashley,

Jonathan, Erin, Ofer, Nicole, Erik, Casey, Jaime, Tim, Amy, Maggie

**Classroom help and support:** Grandma Janet, Casey, Nicole, Jaime, Tim, Amanda, Tracey, Ms. Aquino, Bobby

**Motor Skills:** Ms. J, Elana, Grandma Janet, Nate, Mike, Tracey, Bruce, Nathan, Harvest, Daniel

**Story Cycle bags:** Amy

**Motor Skills:** Ms. J, Amy, Grandma Janet, Nate, Mike, Colby, Bruce, Nathan, Pam, Harvest, Alice, Jen, Tacy, Harmoni, Journey

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

Snack: Olivia, Nyle, Zev, Izumi, Akim



## 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/>.

## Upcoming January Events

Here's a preview of events to look forward to after Winter Break:

Tues • Jan 15: **SPTO Meeting**, 6–7 p.m., *Cafeteria*

Mon • Jan 21: **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday: No School for Students**

Tues • Jan 22: **MLK Oratorical Evening Performances**, 6:30–8 p.m., *Auditorium*

Wed • Jan 23: **MLK Oratorical Assembly**, times TBD, *Auditorium*

**First Spring Choir Rehearsal**, 1:25–2:10 p.m., *Auditorium*

Thu • Jan 24: **Frozen Fruit Bar Sales on THURSDAY due to Friday Holiday**, 3–3:20 p.m., *School Yard*

Fri • Jan 25: **Professional Development Day for Teachers: No School for Students**

Sat • Jan 26: **Sequoia Family Workday**, sponsored by the Dads' Club, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., *School Yard*