



## Two-Week Calendar

*The first week of school is all minimum days (1:20 p.m. release).*

*All Wednesdays are minimum days.*

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

Mon • Aug 12: **First Day of School for Students**

**First Day Welcome Tea**, 8:30–9:30 a.m.,  
*Cafeteria*

Tues • Aug 13: **Healthy Start Orientation, Parents Grades 1–5**,  
5:30–6:30 p.m., *Cafeteria*

Wed • Aug 14: **Healthy Start After School Program Begins  
Grades 1–5**, yard closes to non-HS 1:35 p.m.

Sat • Aug 17: **Welcome Back Picnic, Sponsored by the  
Dads' Club**, 11 a.m.– 2 p.m., *School Yard*

Mon • Aug 19: **Healthy Start After School Program Begins TK–K**

Wed • Aug 21: **Room Parent Meeting**, 6:30–7:30 p.m.,  
*Auditorium*

## Minimum Days for First Week



Every day of this first week of school is a minimum day, meaning early release for all grades at 1:20 p.m., Monday through Friday. Next week begins the regular school schedule. Wednesdays are always minimum days throughout the school year.

### 本週最低天數

在上學的第一周，學校每天1:20結束。

定期的學校時間表將於下週開始。

每個星期三學校將在1:20結束。

### Những ngày ít nhất trong tuần này

Mỗi ngày trong tuần đầu tiên của tuần học là ngày tối thiểu, có nghĩa là phát hành sớm cho tất cả các lớp học lúc 1:20 chiều, từ Thứ Hai đến Thứ Sáu. Tuần sau bắt đầu lịch học thông thường. Thứ Tư thường là những ngày tối thiểu, trong suốt năm học.

### Días Mínimos Toda Esta Semana

Cada día de esta primera semana de escuela es un día mínimo, lo que significa liberación temprana para todos los grados a las 1:20 p.m., de lunes a viernes. La próxima semana comienza el horario escolar regular. Los miércoles siempre son días mínimos, durante todo el año escolar.

### الحد الأدنى أيام كل هذا الأسبوع

كل يوم من هذا الأسبوع الأول من المدرسة هو الحد الأدنى من اليوم، وهذا يعني الإفراج المبكر لجميع الدرجات في الساعة 1:20 مساءً، من الاثنين إلى الجمعة الأسبوع المقبل يبدأ المدرسة العادية جدول. الأربعاء هي دائماً الحد الأدنى أيام طوال العام الدراسي.

## Learn About Being a Room Parent



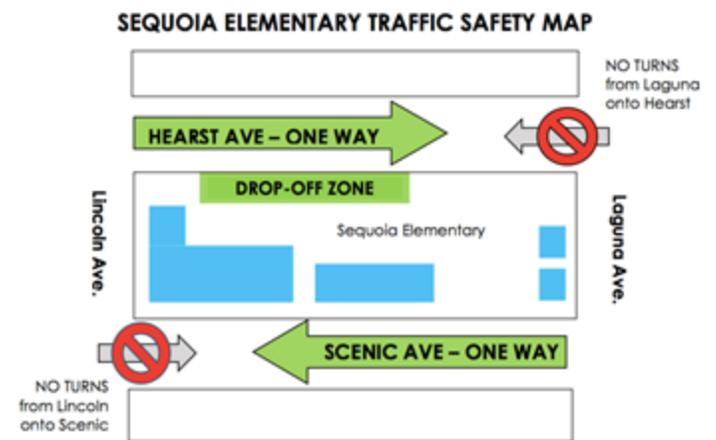
Are you interested in helping in the classroom? Want to be an integral part of your child's experience at Sequoia? Wondering how to support teachers? Volunteer to be a Room Parent!

Join Sequoia Volunteer Co-Coordinator Jenny Kimball and Jen Bellenger for a Room Parent information meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

## 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.



## Sequoia Dads' Club: All Are Welcome

The Dads' Club organizes and funds many of the annual family and community events, school enrichment programs and communication services that support our students and teachers. The Dads' Club provides many hands-on services—from hosting beloved and time-honored school events to devoting volunteer hours towards improving our school facility.



The Dads' Club has been a part of Sequoia for more than 80 years. Despite its name, the Dads' Club is open to all parents and guardians, all genders. The club meets at Monaghan's the first Thursday of each month to plan events. By volunteering with the Dads' Club, you not only help the school but also get to meet other parents and learn more about Sequoia (often over a beer).

## Shop for Sequoia

Did you know that you can support the Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) when you shop? Get the details here: [sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia](https://sequoiaschool.net/donate/shop-for-sequoia).

## 2019–20 OUSD Calendar

Got questions about school holidays, teacher development days and winter/spring break dates? See the OUSD 2019–20 calendar: [www.ousd.org/districtcalendar](https://www.ousd.org/districtcalendar).





## Fundraising Chair Needed



The Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO) is looking for a Fundraising Chair to join the SPTO board. The Fundraising Chair coordinates with the leaders of our fundraising campaigns (e.g., Support Sequoia,

Neighborhood Appeal, Silent Auction, Readathon and Pancake Breakfast) and reports on fundraising progress at board meetings and SPTO monthly meetings. The Fundraising Chair supports the work of the fundraiser leads but is not responsible for fundraising. The position can be divided between two co-chairs to share responsibilities and manage the load. Interested? Contact SPTO Co-Chairs Aruna Sokol and Andrik Cardenas at [SPTOCochair@gmail.com](mailto:SPTOCochair@gmail.com).

## Where To Get News

 Sequoia parents, teachers and staff use the private, secure Moment web platform and app to keep in touch about school, enrichment programs and volunteer activities. **Make sure you're signed up on Moment** (sign up here: <https://bit.ly/31ry5xc>).

### Newsletter

Each Monday, a group of parent volunteers publishes a digital newsletter with announcements about upcoming events and happenings at Sequoia. The most current newsletter PDF is posted on the school website ([sequoiaschool.net/Newsletter.pdf](http://sequoiaschool.net/Newsletter.pdf)) and sent to all families via Moment.

### Website

Our website, [sequoiaschool.net](http://sequoiaschool.net), has a wealth of general information about the school, resources for parents, volunteer opportunities, detailed event information and ways to donate.

### Facebook

If you're a Facebook member, be sure to join the official Sequoia Elementary group ([facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary](https://facebook.com/groups/sequoiaelementary)) and the Sequoia Parents Social group for parent conversations ([facebook.com/groups/308942912598058](https://facebook.com/groups/308942912598058)).

For more information about these resources, visit [sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities](http://sequoiaschool.net/parent-resources/newsletters-communities). For questions about communications at Sequoia, email [sequoia.communications.team@gmail.com](mailto:sequoia.communications.team@gmail.com).

## Monthly School Meetings

### Sequoia Dads' Club

The Dads' Club meets one Thursday per month. The next meeting is Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. at Monaghan's, 2820 Mountain Blvd. (See Dads' Club article on page 1 for more information.)

### Sequoia Parent Teacher Organization (SPTO)

The SPTO supports the school community by coordinating volunteers, organizing events and fundraising for student enrichment. Meetings happen the second Tuesday of the month (except August and December). The first meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria; dinner and childcare are provided.

### School Site Council (SSC)

SSC works with the principal to review and evaluate school programs and the school budget. SSC meets the second Tuesday of each month. The first meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 5 p.m. in the library.

## Principal's Corner: Back to School

It was a pleasure getting to meet so many of you at the Meet & Treat on Friday. Our school staff cannot wait to welcome all of our students to the 2019–20 school year! Here are some final reminders of Sequoia policies and procedures (old and new) to support a safe and orderly school experience:



- **All toys and personal play equipment must stay home.** Parents are invited to donate sports equipment for use by the school/classroom.
- **The school yard will close 15 minutes after final bell, starting Aug. 14.** At 10 minutes after the bell, a warning whistle will be blown. At 15 minutes after the bell, a distinct final whistle will be blown to signify that all students and parents should exit the yard. Beginning this Wednesday, the school yard may only be utilized by Sequoia Healthy Start, our after school program.
- **Pick-ups and drop-offs should only occur on Hearst.** Parking is not allowed outside of the designated pick-up/drop-off zone. We recommend that you park a few blocks away and join a walking group to our campus.
- **The first week of school is all minimum days** (dismissal at 1:20 p.m.) so that teachers can meet with small groups and do initial assessments. Please make sure you've signed up with your child's teacher.
- **All classroom assignments are final.** We will not make classroom changes by parent requests.

I'm so glad to join Sequoia as your principal and look forward to supporting the excellence of this community!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ada Carter, Principal

## Recurring School Events

For new and returning families, here's a handy list of events that happen regularly throughout the school year; always check the school calendar on Moment or on the Sequoia website ([sequoiaschool.net](http://sequoiaschool.net)) for up-to-date information:

- **Sequoia Sings!** student performances are usually the first Wednesday of the month. Each performance features a different grade. There is no performance in January.
- Unclaimed **lost and found** items are gathered and donated on the last school day of even-numbered months.
- **Frozen fruit bar** sales are every Friday\* from 3 to 3:20 p.m., beginning in September. Sales end the second to last week of school. Fruits bars are \$2 each, which supports the fifth grade science camp and fourth grade nature camp. (\*Sales are on Thursday when there is no school on Friday.)

## Shout Outs

Sequoia would not be the wonderful school it is without our parent volunteers!

- **TK/K Orientation:** Thank you to Melanie Kelsey, Tracey Kelp, Jenes Joas, Jennifer Schmitz, Kristin Dwelley, Nate Landry, Marie Jones, Raylene Samson, Pam Barret, Jordan Barret, Lina Andersen and many others.
- **Teacher Meet & Treat:** Thank you to Lisa Sutton, Lucy Roller, Norah Goldberg, Beza Dwelley, Liam Kelsey, Cy Palino, Eowyn Weinzirl and many others who helped with frozen fruit bars.
- **TK/K Spring/Summer Playdates:** Thank you to Adeline Lambert and everyone who helped make incoming TK/K families feel welcome!

