

# Sequoia Elementary School Community Newsletter – Jan. 31, 2012

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## Two Week Calendar

- Tu Jan 31: **Lost & Found Items Cleared and Donated**
  - Tu Jan 31: **SSC Meeting**, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, *Library*
  - Th Feb 02: **Dads' Club Meeting**, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, *Red Boy Pizza (1500 Leimert Blvd)*
  - F Feb 03: **Movie Night**, 5:00 - 8:00 PM, *Auditorium*
  - F Feb 03: **Pick Up Farmer Joe's Scrip**, 3:00 - 3:15 PM, *School Yard near frozen fruit bar sales*
  - F Feb 03: **Art SPARK Project Submissions Due**
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- Tu Feb 07: **SSC Meeting**, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, *Library*
  - Tu Feb 07: **FOSS Meeting**, 7:00 - 8:45 PM, *Meeting in Cafeteria, Free Childcare in Auditorium*
  - F Feb 10: **100th Day of School**
  - Sat Feb 11: **NEW TIME! Art SPARK**, 3:30 - 6:00 PM, *Auditorium*
  - Sat Feb 11: **CANCELLED Spaghetti Feed**, 5:00 - 7:30 PM, *Cafeteria*

## Mark Your Calendars!

### artSPARK is Saturday, Feb 11, 3:30-6pm

Anyone who witnessed the workshops last week would confirm-- there is magic happening at Sequoia! We are very excited to open our doors on Saturday, February 11 from 3:30-6pm to share the amazing artwork that our students have produced. Please bring your family and friends for an incredible afternoon of art, food, and celebration. We will have finger foods and beverages (served by special guest stars), a silent auction of artwork from our talented parents, art teachers, and local artists. And if that weren't enough, we will also have a dedication of the beautiful mosaic mural that Debbie Koppman has worked so hard with our students and families to install at our school. A \$3-\$5 suggested donation at the door is appreciated.

**Students:** Don't forget to submit anything you have been working on at home on **Friday February 3rd, 8:00-8:15 am (before school) to the auditorium.** This will allow us time to generate our displays and labels so that all the work is rightfully acknowledged.

## 标记您的日历！

### artSPARK是, 02月11日(星期六), 3:30-6

任何曾目睹讲习班上周确认 - 有魔力发生在红杉！我们很高兴打开我们的大门, 上周六2月11日从3:30至下午6时分享, 我们的学生产生了惊人的艺术品。请您的家人和朋友带来一个令人难以置信的艺术, 食品和庆祝下午。我们将手指食品和饮料(特殊特邀明星服务), 我们优秀的父母, 美术教师, 和本地艺术家的作品从无声拍卖。如果这还不够, 我们也将有一个美丽的马赛克壁画的奉献精神, 黛比Koppman一直与我们的学生和家庭, 所以很难安装在我们学校。\$3 - \$5建议在门口的捐赠表示赞赏。

学生: 不要忘记提交任何你已经在上周五2月3日上午 8:00-8:15(上课前)在家的观众席。这将使我们有时间来生成我们的显示器和标签, 使所有的工作是理所当然地承认。

## علامة التقويمات الخاصة بك!

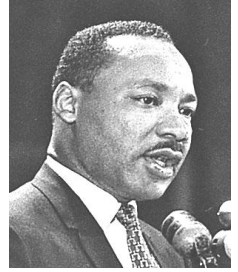
### هو يوم السبت 11 فبراير ، artSPARK 6-03:3

وأحد الذين شهدوا ورش العمل الاسبوع الماضي تأكيد -- لا يحدث في سيكويا السحرا! نحن متحمسون جدا لفتح أبوابنا في السبت 11 فبراير من 00:18 حتي 30:03 للمشاركة في الأعمال الفنية المدهشة التي أنتجت لطلابنا. يرجى إحضار عائلتك وأصدقائك لفترة ما بعد الظهر لا يصدق، والفن والطعام الاحتفال. سيكون لدينا الاصبغ الأطعمة والمشروبات (يخدمها نجوم ضيفا خاصا)، ويسكت مراد للأعمال الفنية من آبائنا الموهوبين والمعلمين والفنانين المحليين. وكان ذلك لم يكن كافيا، سيكون لدينا أيضا تفاني جدارية الفسيفساء الجميلة التي ديبى Koppman عملت بجد مع طلابنا وعائلاتهم لتثبيت في مدرستنا. ويقدر التبرع 5 \$ اقترح على الباب -- \$ 3 A.

الطلاب: لا تنس أن يقدم أي شيء كان لديك عمل في المنزل يوم الجمعة 3 فبراير، 00:8 حتي 15:08 قبل المدرسة (إلى القاعة). هذا سوف يسمح لنا الوقت لتوليد يعرض لنا والتسميات بحيث يتم الاعتراف بحق كل عمل.

## Sequoia Oratorical Fest 2011-2012

ALL the students who stepped in front of the microphone are winners! We applaud your courage and hard work. Martin Luther King Jr. himself would be proud to see how his legacy is being carried on by Sequoia students.



The following students placed in the Top 5:

Omari Kingsbury\*: "I am a Great Somebody" – Author unknown  
Alana Landrum\*: "Stand" by Michelle Landrum  
Maya Nichols\*: "Doubtless" by Steve Ericson  
D'Ashaney Levi-Smith\*: "Don't Let Anything Steal Your Spirit"  
Olivia Kai Tomizawa: "For Martin Luther King" by Ben Okri

The Runners Up:

Olivia Chan\*: "Standing Tall" by Jamie Mackenzie  
Lily Ferreira: "I am Freedom's Child" by Bill Martin, Jr.

Students with( \* )will be representing Sequoia at the Regional Competiton.

## Marque su calendario!

### artSpark es el sábado, 11 de febrero de 3:30-6

Cualquier persona que fue testigo de los talleres de la semana pasada confirmó - no está ocurriendo en el Sequoia magia! Estamos muy emocionados de abrir nuestras puertas el Sábado, 11 de febrero de 3:30-6 p.m. a compartir la obra de arte increíble que nuestros alumnos han producido. Favor de traer su familia y amigos para pasar una tarde increíble de arte, comida, y la celebración. Tendremos bocadillos y bebidas (servido por estrellas invitadas especiales), una subasta silenciosa de obras de arte de nuestros padres talentosos, profesores de arte, y artistas locales. Y si eso no fuera suficiente, también tendrá una dedicación del mural hermoso mosaico que Debbie Koppman ha trabajado muy duro con nuestros estudiantes y familias para instalar en nuestra escuela. A \$ 3 - \$ 5 de donación sugerida en la puerta es apreciada.

**Estudiantes:** No te olvides de presentar todo lo que han estado trabajando en casa **el viernes 03 de febrero, 08:00-quinze minutos después de las ocho horas (antes de la escuela) para el auditorio.** Esto nos dará tiempo para generar nuestras pantallas y etiquetas para que todo el trabajo es justamente reconocido.

## Đánh dấu Lịch!

### artSPARK là Thứ Bảy 11 tháng 2, 3:30-6pm

Bất cứ người đã chứng kiến các cuộc hội thảo tuần trước khẳng định - đó là kỳ diệu xảy ra ở Sequoia! Chúng tôi rất vui mừng để mở cửa của chúng tôi vào ngày thứ Bảy, Tháng Hai 11 từ 3:30-6:00 chia sẻ các tác phẩm nghệ thuật tuyệt vời mà các sinh viên của chúng tôi đã sản xuất. Xin vui lòng mang theo gia đình và bạn bè của bạn cho một buổi chiều đáng kinh ngạc của nghệ thuật, lễ kỷ niệm và thực phẩm,. Chúng tôi sẽ có các thực phẩm ngón tay và đồ uống (phục vụ của ngôi sao khách mời đặc biệt), một cuộc đấu giá thầm lặng của tác phẩm nghệ thuật từ cha mẹ tài năng của chúng tôi, giáo viên nghệ thuật, và các nghệ sĩ địa phương. Và nếu đó là không đủ, chúng tôi cũng sẽ có một sự cống hiến của các bức tranh tường khảm đẹp Debbie Koppman đã làm việc rất khó khăn với các sinh viên và gia đình của chúng tôi để cài đặt tại trường học của chúng tôi. A \$ 3 - đề nghị tặng \$ 5 tại cửa được đánh giá cao.

**Học sinh:** Đừng quên nộp bất cứ điều gì bạn có được làm việc ở nhà vào thứ Sáu ngày 03 Tháng Hai, 8:00-8:15 (trước khi đi học) đến giảng đường. Điều này sẽ cho phép chúng tôi thời gian để tạo ra màn hình và nhãn hiệu của chúng tôi để tất cả các công việc chính đáng thừa nhận.

## Thanks to Our Crossing Guard Mr. Carter

It is with great sadness that I announce that our crossing guard, Mr. Carter, is being laid off by the City of Oakland, effective Feb. 3.

It is unclear if the city will be able to reinstate Mr. Carter if the budget situation improves.

Please give Mr. Carter your thanks for a job well done and faithfully performed in all kinds of weather. It wouldn't hurt to write (polite) letters of support for the crossing guard program to the city of Oakland.

~Katia Hazen

## Sequoia Shout-Outs

Sequoia would not be the wonderful school it is without the efforts of our volunteers. Each week we express appreciation for their efforts. Is there someone at Sequoia who deserves a shout-out? Let us know at:

**ShoutOuts@SequoiaSchool.net.**



- A shout-out to Amy Blackshaw, Teri Dimalanta, Evan Nichols, and Joy Villafranca for coordinating the annual Sequoia multicultural program last Friday evening. And thanks to Michelle Landrum for being the Mistress of Ceremonies and to Kenny Tomizawa for helping with audio. An additional shout-out to Jay Ashford, Katia Hazen and Joy Villafranca for coordinating the potluck beforehand, and a thanks to all the parents who brought an impressive and worldly array of delicious treats to eat at the potluck!
- Once again the kindergarten classes give an emphatic shout out to these Motor Skills volunteers: Kreeme Kendrick, Margaret Byron, Jawara Garfagoli, Yolanda Rubio, Rosahn Jones, Chico Rodriguez, Suzanna Farver and 5th graders Ruby Marshall and Anhar Saif.
- Last week, we had over 100 students building, gluing, painting, creating and artSPARK'ing at our workshops! A huge, heartfelt thank-you to the parents who came and gave their time and energy to make the artSPARK workshops such a success: Sarah Blondeau, Alice Clifford, Erin Conner, Teresa Currivan, Teri Dimalanta, Suzanna Farver, Gretchen Ferreira, Suzy Furer, Vicctor Gascon, Marisela Gutierrez, Joe Hayes, Annelisa Hedgecock, Suzanne Howard, Susan Linares, Tontra Love, Peter Menez, Cristen Miller, Maxine Ressler, Kara Sellman, Brandy Spong, Nicole Toliver, and Kenny Tomizawa. Also, thank you to all the parents who donated supplies. We couldn't have done this without all of you!

## School Directory

If you can't find your green school directory booklet, or if you need an extra copy, you can get a new directory from the school office. A donation of \$2 per directory will help offset the cost of giving free copies to all families last fall. Remember, the directory is only for the personal use of Sequoia families.



## CA Healthy Kids Survey Coordinator

Sequoia is looking for a coordinator for this year's survey of students, parents and staff. The California Healthy Kids survey will replace "Use Your Voice." It will be given to all 5th grade students. Parents will have the option to take the survey online or via a paper form. Staff will take the survey online. Training will be offered to the coordinator. Contact Principal Katia Hazen at 510-531-6696 or [katia.sequoia@gmail.com](mailto:katia.sequoia@gmail.com).

## Update on Mosaic Wall

Opportunity Still Available to Help!

Come help grout our new mosaic wall: ADULTS ONLY PLEASE needed to help grout! I will be grouting the wall every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday, weather permitting, especially up until Feb. 11. We will be dedicating the mural on February 11, finished or not! (After that date, I will just keep on going until the wall is done. There will be also some opportunity to help finish tiling.) Please let me know if you can commit for several hours. Time: @8:30am - @2:30pm. Debbie Koppman 510/482-1818 [debkoppman@yahoo.com](mailto:debkoppman@yahoo.com)

## Start Your Day Dancing!

### Morning Zumba Classes for Parents

Looking for a fun way to get fit in 2012? Two different Sequoia parents are teaching Zumba classes that are open to the community. Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance party fitness class that's as fun as it is vigorous. Both parents offer classes at times that work for parents: early, before the kids wake up; right after dropping them off at school; and evening.

– **Tuesdays:** 5:30 a.m. with Soana Lauti and friends; 8:45 a.m. with Kristen Caven, both at the Fruitvale Presbyterian Church (FVPC), 2735 MacArthur at Coolidge.

– **Wednesdays:** 7 p.m. (Soana and friends) at FVPC.

– **Thursdays:** 5:30 a.m. (Soana) at the FVPC, 10:40 a.m. (Kristen) at Kids n' Dance Studio in the Laurel at 3840 MacArthur.

For more information, please contact **Kristen Caven** ([kristencaven.com/zumba](http://kristencaven.com/zumba)) and 510-534-1415 / [kbc@littlepig.com](mailto:kbc@littlepig.com), or **Soana Lauti** – 510-967-3558 / [smlauti@yahoo.com](mailto:smlauti@yahoo.com).

## Help Plant Trees in the Community

The SF Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club seeks community members to plant trees on an as-needed basis; so far the chapter has helped plant more than 400 trees throughout Oakland. We plant most Saturdays, unless heavy rain. We provide tools, trees, etc. Wear old clothes. coffee and morning treats are available. Details from Arthur Boone at 510/910-6451.

## Newsletter Submissions

The school newsletter is published Monday morning of each week. Submissions to the school newsletter are made electronically using the MS Word form found at the "**Newsletter Submission**" link on the homepage of the school's website ([www.sequoiaschool.net](http://www.sequoiaschool.net)). **Submission forms are due by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday** of the week before publication. The newsletter and school calendar are published by the FOSS Communications Committee, and the principal approves all content, updates and changes.

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