







September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ◇First Day of School ◇PTA Assoc. mtg 9:15 ◇Early out 1st-6th grd @ 2:07	2	3
4	5	6 PTA Board Mig 6pm	7	8 ◇Early out 1st-6th grd @ 2:07	9	10
11	12 Box Top Contest #1 begins 	13	14	15 ◇Early out 1st-6th grd @ 2:07	16	17
18	19	20	21 Back to School Night 6-7:15 	22 ◇Early out 1st-6th grd @ 2:07	23 Jogathon 	24
25	26 School Site Council SSC 4pm	27 Picture Day 	28	29 ◇Early out 1st-6th grd @ 2:07	30	

The Star Gazer

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BE SAFE, BE KIND, BE RESPONSIBLE

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WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR! I am so excited to welcome all of you to another school year. Sequoia is an exciting place for kids to learn and socialize. We have the best staff who are caring and knowledgeable, and all of us want the very best for all of our students. You will love Sequoia as much as we do! Thank you for bringing your children to our school.

PARKING LOT RULES. To ensure our students are safe please adhere to the following rules.

- Pull to the right side to drop off students.
- Do not park or block the bus zone.
- When exiting during drop off and pick up times, all cars MUST turn right.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURE. We want to provide the most organized environment possible for our students; the staff at Sequoia wants to remind our community of the dismissal routine. All teachers will be walking their classes to the gates and dismissing their students on Rosemont Drive. Families, babysitters, and siblings can pick up their students from the fence. Please be respectful of this policy and support our staff by parking on the street and meeting your child at the fence.

SAFETY REMINDER. Students may not stay on campus after school dismisses to play on the blacktop (basketball etc.), except for approved team programs, extended day opportunities, or 4th R activities. After going home, students may, with parental permission, return to school to use the playground in the company of a supervising adult after 4:00.

AUTOMATED CALLS. In order for us to reach you with important school information, we need to have your current phone number on file in the office. If you've moved recently and/or changed phone numbers, be sure to contact us at 228-5850 to update your emergency card information.

EARLY DISMISSALS. Please make sure to bring a form of identification (with a picture) if you are going to pick up your child from the office. We want to keep your students safe and will not release them to anyone that we cannot identify as the appropriate person.

FACEBOOK. If you are on Facebook, please "like" Sequoia Elementary, Sacramento and Sequoia Elementary PTA, Sacramento to keep up with events.

SCHOOL MEALS. Breakfast and Lunch are served daily in the cafeteria. Breakfast is provided to all students for free. Lunch applications are collected at the beginning of each school year and can be filled out online at www.scusd.edu/applyformeals.com. A new form must be filled out each school year; one application per household. This determines the cost of meals for your child. If your child is required to pay for meals, you may send cash daily or pay in advance with cash, check, or online at ezschoolpay.com. Please make sure you place payments in an envelope with your child's name and how much you are sending on the outside of the envelope. Your child may give the envelope directly to the Cafeteria Manager (preferably during breakfast as the lines are much shorter).

LABELING BELONGINGS. Please label student clothes and lunch boxes. Last year we sent over 6 extra-large garbage bags full of unmarked, unclaimed belongings to our clothes closet. If all student belongings were marked, we could have returned them to your children.

VOLUNTEERS. If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, at a school sponsored event, or classroom field trip, please submit a volunteer form at the beginning of the school year so you may be cleared with our Safety and Security department for volunteering. Adults who would like to volunteer who will be unsupervised at any time need to be fingerprinted. Adults who will be in the company of classroom teachers need to fill out the Sex Offender Clearance form before volunteering. All volunteers must provide a recent TB test or chest x-ray form/card indicating a negative result. If you have already been through the volunteer process at Sequoia you will need to complete a returning volunteer packet. Please see the front office for this paperwork. Look for a flyer to come home with information on opportunity to do the fingerprinting at Sequoia.

EASY FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES. Sequoia has two easy fundraisers that require just a bit of time- you do not have to buy anything extra! For those who shop on Amazon, Amazon Smile will donate a portion of sales to the PTA if you sign up to support "Sequoia PTA." And, if you have a smart phone and would like to download the Shoparoo app, the school earns a percentage of receipts that you submit by taking a quick pic. It is very easy to do and earns us raffle entries and cash! Thank you for your support.