



The Star Gazer

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TRAFFIC SAFETY IS A MUST! Traffic is the worst that I have seen it in my 3 years at Sequoia, especially at pick-up. In the first three weeks of school, I have seen jay-walking, texting while driving down the street, speeding, double-parking, U-turns in the middle of the street, and all around dangerous behavior by the drivers. It is mandatory that traffic safety is adhered to, as it would be devastating for a student or parent to be injured because of poor driving. We will be having the CHP and the Sheriff's Department coming out giving tickets this year. I cannot stress enough the need for people to be extra aware of their driving in front of any and all schools.

Rosemont High Homecoming Parade Mark your calendars for Friday, October 5th because Sequoia will participate in the Rosemont High Community Parade. Our students will be able to march in the parade to the high school. The parade will begin at 3:30. Please make sure your child has a way home, transportation back to Sequoia will not be provided.

Book Fair The Book Fair will be at the Fall Fair, 10/13, from 2-7 PM. Also, Monday 10/15 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Stock up on back to school reading. All proceeds help buy books for the Sequoia Library. Online ordering available: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sequoiastars>
Volunteers needed! Please let Mrs. Head know if you can volunteer.

PTA Fall Fair October 13th, from 2pm-7pm, Sequoia Elementary will be celebrating their annual Fall Fair.

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

Kids Can Food Drive Beginning October 15th Sequoia will be taking donations for the KCRA 3 Kids Can Food Drive. All food collected from Sequoia will be donated to the Cordova Community Food Locker. Please have your students bring canned and nonperishable food items to Sequoia between October 15th and November 16th.

Sequoia After School Garden Club Meetings will be once a week after school starting October 12. Please have your child turn in their application to their teacher or in the front office. We will need parent volunteers to help. Applications will be sent home, and are available in the front office. If you have questions, please email us at SequoiaSchoolGarden@gmail.com.
Other garden events: Oct 13 - Fall Fair: Build a Scarecrow and enter our contest! Oct 20 - Farmer's Market 9am Volunteer Training. Like us on Facebook! Sequoia Elementary Community Garden. Sign up for our e-blast! Email SequoiaSchoolGarden@gmail.com

Proposition 30 - Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012. What it is: Proposition 30 is an initiative that would raise new state revenue through temporary increases in the state sales tax and the personal income tax on those who earn \$250,000 or more per year. It is sponsored by Gov. Jerry Brown and is part of the 2012-13 budget approved by state lawmakers. Impact: SCUSD's Board of Education has endorsed Prop. 30, noting that if the initiative fails SCUSD will face \$15 million in mid-year trigger cuts. SCUSD already slashed \$28 million from its budget for 2012-13. If Prop. 30 fails, the 2012-13 SCUSD school year could be cut by up to two weeks.

Proposition 38 - Local School and Early Education Investment and Bond Debt Reduction Act. What it is: Proposition 38 is an initiative that would raise personal income taxes on most California taxpayers until 2024. Revenue raised would be spent on public schools; child care and preschool programs; and state debt payments. It is supported by attorney Molly Munger and state PTAs. Impact: SCUSD's Board of Education has endorsed both Prop. 38 and Prop. 30. Prop. 38 supporters say the district will receive \$46 million in new revenue in 2013-14 if the measure passes.

For more information: Go to Election information: California Secretary of State www.sos.ca.gov