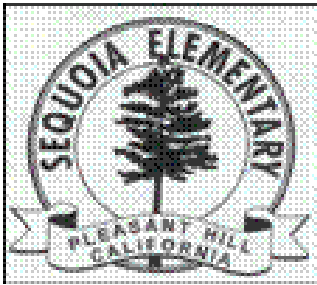


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A Message From The Principal ...



Sequoia Parents,

We have come to the end of a great year. I want to thank all our amazing teachers and instructional assistants at Sequoia Elementary School for their hard work this year. Another thank you goes out to our wonderful parent volunteers. Without you, Sequoia would not be the same.

As we look back on this year, we have made some great changes to our school. We are in the process of a major instructional

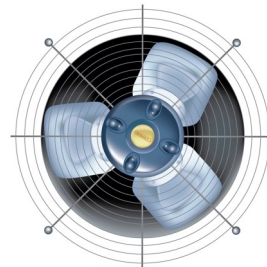
technology upgrade. We hired an intervention teacher to work with our struggling students, added a lunch time athletics program, sent our fifth graders to Outdoor Ed, and introduced monthly spirit days. Instructionally, we utilized a new student data system to help us target specific learning goals for students and have introduced the power of SMART board technology.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer break spent with friends and family. We wish our 5th graders the best as they transition to middle school. I am looking forward to seeing all our returning students on Wednesday, August, 29, 2012.

Dr. Franklin
Principal

Air Conditioning

Construction has already begun for our new A/C units. Sequoia Elementary School will be completely closed for the summer so that the construction project stays on time. When completed, each classroom will have it's own separate controls keeping our classroom environments fit for learning.



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**Last Day of
School**

June 14

Dismissal Times

Kindergarten:

11:15am

Grades 1-5:

12:00pm



5TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY



Thursday

June 14, 2012

9am

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Congratulations

5th Graders!

Lost and Found

The contents of our lost and found rack will be emptied on June 15th. Please stop by to see if any items

belong to your child. Any items left after the final dismissal bell on Thursday, June 14th will be donated.



Summer Reading List from the National Educators Association

Books for Children Ages 4-8

The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Love You Forever by Robert N. Munsch
Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
Oh, The Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss
Strega Nona by Tomie De Paola
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by John Archambault
The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg
Math Curse by Jon Scieszka
Are You My Mother? by Philip D. Eastman
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss
Basil of Baker Street by Eve Titus
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
Curious George by Hans Augusto Rey
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
Arthur series by Marc Tolon Brown
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish
The Art Lesson by Tomie De Paola
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
Clifford, the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell
The Paper Bag Princess by Robert N. Munsch

Books for Children Ages 9-12

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
Hatchet by [Gary Paulsen](#)
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis
Bridge to Terabithia by [Katherine Paterson](#)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Little House on the Prairie by [Laura Ingalls Wilder](#)
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
The BFG by Roald Dahl
The Giver by [Lois Lowry](#)
James and the Giant Peach: A Children's Story by Roald Dahl
Little House in the Big Woods by [Laura Ingalls Wilder](#)
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner
Number the Stars by [Lois Lowry](#)
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson
Matilda by Roald Dahl
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White
The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery
The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson
Little House books by [Laura Ingalls Wilder](#)
Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
Stuart Little by E. B. White

Monthly Attendance Report



During the 2010-2011 school year, Sequoia Elementary students had an average daily attendance rate of 97.22%. For this year, our goal was 98.5%. A 1% increase in attendance district-wide represents one million dollars. We need to do our part. Every month, I have published attendance rates by grade level. This year, I am thrilled to report that we have improved our attendance rate to 97.75%!

Grade	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mrs.	April	May
Kinder	97.57%	98.27%	97.36%	96.06%	96.53%	96.5%	97.22%	98.30%	97.13%
First	98.26%	98.21%	97.94%	98.40%	98.01%	98.01%	98.15%	98.23%	97.49%
Second	99.16%	98.54%	98.75%	98.76%	97.90%	97.90%	97.72%	98.19%	97.81%
Third	98.61%	98.61%	98.48%	98.12%	97.95%	97.95%	98.03%	97.03%	99.13%
Fourth	99.24%	99.41%	98.40%	98.75%	96.62%	97.47%	98.32%	97.76%	96.81%
Fifth	99.18%	98.97%	98.46%	98.41%	97.00%	97.43%	97.83%	96.67%	97.50%

Our attendance rate for the year is 97.75%!

Fourth Grade Gold Country Trip

Thank you to Mrs. Kehr, Mrs. Silva and Mrs. Clack for an amazing trip to the Gold Country!



All In One Day Registration

August 23, 2012

Registration Day will be Thursday, August 23rd. To make this easier this year, the office will be mailing home in August your current emergency card information. Please update your information and bring it with you on the 23rd. At All In One Day you will be able to donate



to SPA, buy Sequoia Elementary apparel, purchase cafeteria credit, sign up to volunteer and to pick up your child's teacher assignment. Plenty of parent volunteers will be on hand to ensure that the line moves quickly and smoothly.

Email and phone call reminders will be sent out in August when our office staff returns. If you have any questions regarding All In One Day, please call the school at 925-935-5721.

The front office will be closed from June 21st to August 5th and will open on August 6th.

Have a Wonderful Summer!
