

Contact Information

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Volunteering

The PTA needs volunteers for the following important positions, as well as upcoming events.



Program	Help Needed
Hispanic Community Liaison	Chairperson
Copy Club	Chairperson
Donations (501C)	Chairperson
Family Resource Center	Chairperson
Grants	Chairperson
Parent School Volunteer Liaison Program	Chairperson
	Grade Captains – All Grades
Spring Talent Show (Grades K-2)	Chairperson
Fall Talent Show (Grades 3-5)	Chairperson
Sequoyah Yearbook	Chairperson

2007-2008 PTA Membership

To join the Sequoyah PTA for the 2007-2008 school year, just complete and return the membership questionnaire below to Sequoyah along with your dues. Your involvement in the Sequoyah community is an important part of your child's education and growth!

Check One: **Single Membership (\$15)** **Family Membership (\$20)**

1st Member Name _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

2nd Member Name _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

Home Address _____

Child Name _____ Grade _____
 Child Name _____ Grade _____
 Child Name _____ Grade _____

Giant Bonus Card # _____
 Safeway Card # _____

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Monthly Message

From our Principal and PTA President

Dear Sequoyah Parents and Guardians:

By now you have heard the most important word about how this school year has begun - the informal reports given to you by your own child. The faculty and staff at Sequoyah hope those reports have been positive, and that you feel the school year has begun well for your child. We at Sequoyah feel that classes began smoothly, and that these first few days have been a fine beginning of what should be a productive school year.

The students have been focused on learning and have shown tremendous kindness to each other. The kindergartners and other new students have adjusted to their new routines and schedules and are a delightful addition to our Sequoyah family. The fifth graders have made an excellent start in terms of their academic work and modeling positive overall behavior for the rest of the student body.

Soon 4th and 5th grade band and chorus will be organized and practicing for their winter and spring concerts. As you know, we also have a wonderful group of young people heading our Student Council, sponsored by Mr. Plaisance. Our children are carefully watched, coming and going to school, by our Safety Patrol supervised by Mr. Martin.

If you have concerns about any aspects of your child's education, please contact your

Dr. Bobbi Jasper, Principal
 Ms. Christine Woodcock, Asst Principal
 Mr. David Dennison, PTA President

child's teacher, our guidance counselor Mr. Plaisance, our assistant principal Ms. Woodcock, or me. We welcome your inquiries and look forward to working with you towards a productive school year.

Bobbi Jasper, PhD
 Sequoyah Principal

I want to welcome all of our new and returning parents and students to Sequoyah. We have established an active community setting with fundraisers and, more importantly, family events. These events instill values in our children that are not only beneficial in their school environment but as they navigate life.

This atmosphere requires your support whether it be through volunteering in a class, in the office, or in our PTA. Please take the time to fill out the PTA membership questionnaire on page 4. Member dues supplement the funding of our PTA programs. For details on how you can difference in your child's school, please contact the 1st VP of Programs, Sue Martin at (301) 926-6509 or at sequoyahvpofprograms@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing everyone at all of our upcoming events. Please feel free to contact me at any time to assist or answer any questions.

David Dennison
 PTA President

Parents' Checklist

- Join/Re-join the Sequoyah PTA. Single Membership \$15, Family Membership (2 Adults) \$20
- Sign up for the Giant Bonus Bucks Program (You must sign up every year)
- Sign up for the Safeway Receipts Program (You must sign up every year)
- Join the Sequoyah Parent Email List on Yahoo! groups.yahoo.com/group/Sequoyah/
- Sign up for the Upromise School Program www.upromise.com
- Sign up for Box Tops for Education www.boxtops4education.com/

Take Note: School Schedule

School Holidays – No school

- Monday 9/3 – Labor Day
- Thursday 9/13 – Rosh Hashana

Half Days – Students released after lunch

- Friday 9/28 K-12 (Teacher grading/planning)

Save the Date

Back-to-School Night: Meet your child’s teachers, discuss expectations for the 2007-2008 school year, and take the opportunity to ask questions.

Kindergarten:	Weds. 9/5	7:00 – 7:45pm
First Grade:	Weds. 9/5	8:00 – 8:45pm
Second Grade:	Tues. 9/4	7:00 – 7:45pm
Third Grade:	Thurs. 8/30	7:00 – 7:45pm
Fourth Grade:	Tues. 9/4	8:00 – 8:45pm
Fifth Grade:	Thurs. 8/30	8:00 – 8:45pm

Arrangements have been made for babysitting during Back-to-School Night so that you may attend.

Restaurant Night:

- Location: Cheeburger Cheeburger, Olney
- Date/Times: Tues. 9/25 4:00-9:00pm
- Info: Tina Webb (301) 924-9322

Family Movie Night: *Herbie Fully Loaded* starring Lindsay Lohan (Rated G)

- Free to all Sequoyah families
- Date/Time: Sun. 9/30 6:00pm
- Location: Sequoyah
- Info: David Dennison (240) 731-1438 or Sue Martin (301) 926-6509

Modell’s Team Weeks:

- Location: Any Modell’s Sporting Goods Store
- Dates: Sept 7 – Oct 4
- Save 10% on any purchase
- Mention Sequoyah PTA or present coupon
- Info: Danielle Rice (240) 683-0437

Look for more information on these and other upcoming events in the Wednesday weekly folder.

Don’t Forget!

Market Day: The simple way to keep your freezer and pantry stocked with yummy, easy-to-serve food and snacks! Become a frequent buyer for extra perks!

- Order forms due Wed. 9/5
- Internet orders due noon Thurs. 9/6
- Pickup Wed. 9/12 7:00 – 8:00pm
- All Purpose Room
- Info: Ivette Sherman (301) 330-5151

This Month’s Special: Cinnamon Crunch French Toast Bites (1 lb. free with any purchase)

Gift Wrap Orders: Avoid the last-minute gift wrap frenzy. Stock up on every-day gift wrap needs! While you’re at it, shop early and easily for holiday wrapping paper.

- Look for a catalog and order form in your child’s backpack this week
- Order forms due no later than Fri. 9/28
- Info: Michelle & Jacques Croom (301) 990-0626

Remember to ask family and friends to order their wrapping supplies too. Out-of-towners can order online and have their purchases shipped!

New This Year

The following new programs have been added to the list of PTA activities.

- Movie Night
- Bingo Night
- Cookie Dough Sales
- GL Scrip Gift Card Sales
- KidStuff Coupon Saving Book
- Modell’s Team Weeks



In and Around Sequoyah

These are the ongoing PTA programs that directly impact the school and/or students.

Art Fever: In-class art enrichment activities

Author’s Program: Coordination of visits from published authors

Building and Grounds: Maintenance of school building and grounds in conjunction with Sequoyah’s Building & Maintenance staff

Bulletin Boards: Coordination of school bulletin boards: At Home Reading Board, Birthday Board, PTA Board

Chess Club: Setup, publicity, and registration for the Sequoyah Chess Club

Cultural Arts Program: Coordination of approved cultural arts presentations and assemblies

Family Resource Center: Coordination, collection, and distribution of donated school supplies and clothing to students in need

Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES): Setup, publicity, and registration for extracurricular language classes

Health & Safety: Preparation for National Nutrition Month (March), coordination with Sequoyah’s Health Room, and updates to the Health Room bulletin board

Partners in Parenting/Special Needs: Program to assist parents with elementary-level issues, and to provide resources to families of students identified with special needs

Reflection Art Program: Coordination of the national cultural arts competition in literary, musical, photographic, and visual arts

Spirit Wear Clothing Sales: Promotion and sales of Sequoyah Stallion clothing and other merchandise

Staff Hospitality: Staff luncheons and teacher appreciation week activities

More Ongoing Programs

Community Liaisons: Coordination with the following community groups: NAACP, Hispanic community, Gifted and Talented programs

Copy Club: Reproduction of approved staff and PTA documents

Corporate Fundraising: Corporate Fundraising Programs such as Box Tops for Education, Giant and Safeway school bonuses, Great Lakes (GL) Scrip, and Upromise

Directory: Advertising sales, preparation, publication, and distribution of the annual Sequoyah Directory

Donations: Management of the Sequoyah 501C donation program

Grants: Management of the Sequoyah grant program

Membership: What is a PTA without its members?

Newsletter: Preparation and distribution of the Sequoyah Signal monthly newsletter

Recycling: Ink cartridge recycling fundraiser

Technology: Web site design and maintenance and technology support for the PTA

Translation: Translation of PTA- and staff-approved correspondence into Spanish

Accomplishments

Our dedicated PTA members have already held two successful back-to-school activities! Thank you to all of our chairpersons and volunteers.

Kindergarten Round Up – Jackie Koehn and Rita Starost, Co-Chairs

New Parent Breakfast – Rita Starost and Sue Martin, Co-Chairs

Coming Soon...

Fall Book Fair

Fall Dance

Fall Talent Show - Grades 3-5

Spring Book Fair

...And Later

Spring Dance

Spring Talent Show - Grades K-2

Spring Carnival/Fair

Yearbook

In the Spotlight - Stallion Bookstore

The new Stallion Bookstore is an exciting addition to our school where students may “purchase” books for their personal libraries using wooden tokens. At the end of each month students who have completed their nightly reading assignments will receive a token. Students can also earn tokens from their teachers by meeting reading and writing goals in the classroom. Each token can be redeemed for one book. Students may also trade in books for others they would like to read.

The bookstore is stocked with donated books. You can help by bringing gently-used elementary level children’s books to the Reading Specialist’s room. Book donations will be accepted through the school year in order to keep this program running.

Stop by the Stallion Bookstore next time you visit Sequoyah!