



Dates to Remember

3rd Gr Recorder Concert

Tuesday, June 7th at 9:45 AM

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, June 7th at 7 PM
Green Turtle

Spring Concert

Thursday, June 9th at 7 PM

STEM Day

Friday, June 10th

Kindergarten Cookout

Tuesday, June 14th

5th Gr Farewell Party

Wednesday, June 15th

Last Day of School

Thursday, June 16th

Teacher Professional Day

Friday, June 17th

Report Cards Mailed

Thursday, June 23rd

Teacher Professional Days

Monday, Aug 22nd

Tuesday, Aug 23rd

Wednesday, Aug 24th

Thursday, Aug 25th

Friday, Aug 26th

2011-2012 School Starts

Monday, Aug 29th



Sequoyah Elementary School
17301 Bowie Mill Rd
Derwood MD 20855
301-840-5335

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/sequoyahes/

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Sequoyah Elementary

June 2011

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

Special Thoughts on Raising Kids - Dr. Bobbi Jasper, Principal

“I’m Bored” Routine

It’s almost three hours after the dawn of Christmas morning and calm has replaced flying paper and frantic squeals of delight. Toys, tots, and more toys litter the floor -- enough diversion to keep three daycare centers going for years. Then from the rubble, a sad little face emerges and a voice is heard, “Mommy. I’m bored.” Our inevitable response is, “What? Bored? You’ve got more toys than all the kids in the Third World put together, and you’re bored? No. It’s a psychological impossibility.”

Bored children put dread in the first day of summer vacation. Continual cries of “Daddy, what can I do?” make us long for the day when the big yellow buses resume their daily rounds. Despite what our children say, they probably aren’t bored. When children say they are bored, it usually means “I want you to spend more time with me.”

Playing with your children is one of the great joys of parenting. But when we agree to do so, we should make it plain to them that their boredom is their problem.

The parent in the following discussion handled the problem well:

- Child:** “I’m bored. There’s nothing going on around here.”
Parent: “Are you really bored? That’s too bad. What are your plans?”
Child: “Well, what can I do?”
Parent: “That’s a really good question. What kind of things are in your room?”
Child: “Aw, there’s nothing in there that I like. I’m tired of it all.”
Parent: “Well, are there things that you like anywhere else in the house?”
Child: “I don’t think so.”
Parent: “A lot of people get involved with things that they like so they won’t be bored. You’re saying, when you’re bored, there’s nothing you really like?”
Child: “I guess I could play with my video game.”
Parent: “Would you like me to play one game with you?”
Child: “Yeah!”
Parent: “I guess I could play one game. But if I do that, do you think you’ll say, ‘Oh thank you,’ or will you whine and say, ‘Oh, please, play one more?’ How will you handle it if I play one game with you?”
Child: “I promise not to ask for another game.”

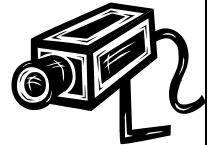
We want our children to develop the ability to motivate interest and entertain themselves. Allow them to poke their way out of their self-imposed shell of boredom, rather than providing them with an entertainment service.

“I’m bored” usually means “I want to spend more time with you.”



It's finally here! Our new access control system (ACS) has been installed and will be "up and running" on Wednesday, June 1st at Sequoyah Elementary School.

ACS consists of a surveillance camera installed at the school's main entrance with a second camera at the entrance at the bus circle. The doors will remain open during arrival and dismissal. AFTER morning arrival times and BEFORE afternoon dismissal times, the doors will be locked. To enter our school, parent and visitors will press the red alert button as posted at the main entrance. Office staff will then be able to talk with the parent/visitor to provide entry into the school. All parents/visitors will be instructed to report to the main office to sign-in. Parents and visitors who come to the entrance at the bus circle will be instructed to go to the main entrance. In order to ensure the successful implementation of ACS, all other entrances to the school building will remain locked at all times.



This security measure has long been a wish of parents in the Sequoyah Community. Although this may be a little confusing at first, please remember this system is provided to ensure the safety of your children.

Look for your *Summer Reading and Math Packets* in your Wednesday Folder!

Bring back your summer packets during the first week of school!

Student Government Corner

I would like to extend my appreciation to the members of our Student Council.

This school year, we planned, and conducted many activities. We were busy collecting can food for our annual food drive, assisting with the International Night, conducting Valentine's sales, Organizing St. Patrick's activities, assisting with the Japan relief fund, and we just finished a very successful St. Jude Mathathon fund raiser (\$2700.00).

STUDENT COUNCIL



Special thanks to our SGA Officers:

Stephanie Ramirez- President
 Eduardo Reyes- Vice-President
 Elise Choi- Secretary
 Aileen Ramos- Treasurer
 Stephanie Grande- Historian

Advisors to SGA- Zachary Fergis, Lakin Mathis, Ibrahim Pinzon , Sophia Wooden, and Veronica Carbajal.

Mr. Plaisance-Counselor/SGA Sponsor

Classroom Notes



Kindergarten News

This school year has gone by so quickly! We are pleased with the hard work your children have done and the progress they have made. We are wrapping up our spring reading assessments and will begin the fourth quarter summative mathematics assessments soon.

Our annual Kindergarten Cookout will be held on Tuesday, June 14th. Please return the form (sent home in your child's folder) as soon as possible if you will be able to donate time, money, or supplies. This will help us ensure that the event will be a success.

Please contact our parent coordinator Meredith Zanni (zanymerf@comcast.net) with any questions.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful summer!



First Grade News

Our first graders are ready! In just a few weeks, they are officially second graders. This year, we will be part of an all-school "Fly-Up Day". We will be "escorted" by graduating fifth graders to a second grade class. This will be a special way to see what second grade classes look like and to do a bit of second grade work.

This year, we focused on critical and creative thinking skills, as well as academic success skills. You can continue to support this over the summer by making sure to ask questions that are open-ended and helping your child to work through problems without giving up.

We want to thank all the parents, grandparents, and other family and friends that supported us this year. We appreciate all you have done to make this a wonderful year for our first graders. We want to wish you a happy and healthy summer break. Remember to have your children read and write and practice their math everyday. See you again soon!

Fourth Grade News



Fourth graders have been busy working on science experiments to present for STEM DAY on June 10th.

Also, in small groups they are working on short plays to present to each other on June 13th. These will be "Fractured Fairy Tales" which should be fun for all.

On June 14th we are planning a Flag Day celebration and end of the year party. Students have brought home flyers in Wednesday folders describing this event. If anyone is able to make a donation to defray the cost we would appreciate it.

On June 15th we will be guests at the 5th grade Farewell celebration in the morning. In the afternoon we will participate in a school wide Step Up Day where students will get to visit their upcoming grade.

Over the summer PLEASE encourage your child to practice their math facts and READ! READ! READ!



READING CORNER

Our students have worked very hard this year to strengthen their reading strengths. Research shows that one way to keep those gains is to keep reading. Often in September when the children come back to class we find they have slipped a few reading levels because they closed their books in June and didn't open them again until they come back to school.



All children in K-4 have received a Summer Reading Packet. These packets have been created by the teachers in the next grade. These packets are meant to be an introduction to the types of genres your child will be working with during the upcoming school year. The teachers will ask for the packets during the first weeks of school and may be assigning a work study grade based on completion of the packets.

As I said, all students will be getting a packet from their teachers, but if by chance, the packet is lost, there are extras in the office. I will also post the packets on Sequoyah's website.

Have a safe restful READING summer!

Beth Deigan -Reading Specialist

2011-2012 Supply Lists

2011-2012 Sequoyah Elementary School Student Supply Lists

Parent Donations of items that enhance the classroom experience are lovingly welcomed. Donations may be from individual parents, organized by groups of parents, class parents, or organized/donated by the PTA. Donations may be for your own child's classroom, or general donations to be used throughout the school. We thank you for your generosity.

<p>Kindergarten Backpack (large, non-rolling) Glue Sticks – (jumbo sized) Markers (fine-line, preferably Crayola)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Kindergarten the following donations are welcomed:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*\$15 for classroom projects, special occasions, and misc. curriculum-based enhancements (cash or check payable to SES Kindergarten)*Hand Soap *Hand Sanitizer *Tissues *Paper Towels * Ziploc plastic bags (sandwich & gallon size)</i></p>	<p>3rd Grade Pencil pouches (2) Pencils with erasers (12) Erasers or cap erasers (2 large) Composition or marble notebooks (3) Crayons (48 or less) Pencil sharpener (Hand held) Notebook paper (1 pkg) Pocket folders (4)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For 3rd grade the following donations are welcomed:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Liquid Soap *Hand Sanitizer * Tissues * Ziploc plastic bags (large and small) *Glue Sticks *Colored pencils *EXPO dry erase board cleaning spray *Paper Towels *Additional pencils and erasers.</i></p>
<p>1st Grade Backpack Pencils (12) Crayons (48 or less) Scissors (blunt) Glue sticks (16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For 1st grade the following donations are welcomed:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Hand sanitizer * Pump soap * Tissues *Ziploc plastic bags (gallon size).</i></p>	<p>4th Grade Pencils (24) Pink eraser Crayons (24) Colored Pencils (24) Glue sticks (3) Pencil box or zip pouch to keep supplies in Notebook Paper wide-ruled (2 pkgs) Spiral notebooks-single subject (5)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For 4th grade the following donations are welcomed:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>* Tissues *Liquid Soap *Hand sanitizer</i></p>
<p>2nd Grade Backpack Pencils with erasers (12-24) Crayons (48 or less) Scissors (student sized) Glue sticks (6-12) School box</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For 2nd grade the following donations are welcomed:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Hand sanitizer *Liquid soap *Tissues *Ziploc plastic bags (gallon or quart size)</i></p>	<p>5th Grade Binder 2" with dividers labeled: <input type="checkbox"/> morning work <input type="checkbox"/> spelling <input type="checkbox"/> grammar, <input type="checkbox"/> writing <input type="checkbox"/> MSA prep <input type="checkbox"/> social studies <input type="checkbox"/> math Binder 1" with dividers labeled: <input type="checkbox"/> reading comprehension <input type="checkbox"/> skills <input type="checkbox"/> vocabulary Crayons or colored pencils (24) Pencils (24) Erasers Pencil pouch for 3 ring binder Scissors Glue Sticks</p>

News from the Art Room



Thank you very much for all the support this school year. The students are working very hard to wrap up their final artworks so that they could take it home before the summer. Students will take this month to complete their final lesson and go back to their old artworks to elaborate a little more if necessary. This year was a wonderful year and we are looking forward for another exciting year in the art class!

Although school will be out for the summer, this is a great time for the students to explore art in a new way. We are very blessed to have a great number of art museums in our area, and the best part about it is that it's all FREE! Below is a list of art museums in the Maryland and D.C. area. I also added a list of great art websites that provides you with very easy to follow art lessons that you could do at home with your children.

Art Museums

- * The Walters Art Museum (www.thewalters.org<<http://www.thewalters.org/>>)
- * The Baltimore Museum of Arts (www.artbma.org)
- * The National Gallery of Art (www.nga.gov<<http://www.nga.gov/>>)
- * The Smithsonian American Art Museum (www.americanart.si.edu<<http://www.americanart.si.edu/>>)

Art Websites

- * www.princetonol.com/groups/iad<<http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/>>
- * www.firstpalette.com<<http://www.firstpalette.com/>>
- * www.kidsoup.com<<http://www.kidsoup.com/>>
- * www.getty.edu/museum/<<http://www.getty.edu/museum/>>
- * www.kinderart.com<<http://www.kinderart.com/>>
- * www.crayola.com<<http://www.crayola.com/>>
- * www.our-kids.com<<http://www.our-kids.com/>>



Ms. Kang
Art Teacher



Music News

Here we are at the end of another wonderful year of music making and learning at Sequoyah! Many of our students have been hard at work composing! We are finishing up our compositions and will be performing them in class along with many of our favorite songs and games we learned throughout the year.

A big thank you to all who helped make our Spring Musical, Cinderella a huge success! The cast and crew had a fabulous time and loved performing for such large crowds! Mark your calendars for our last two concerts of the year! The 3rd grade Recorder Concert is Tuesday, June 7th at 9:45 AM in the APR. The 3rd grade students have been busy playing for all of their recorder belts, so come out and hear their wonderful playing! Finally this year, our Spring Concert is Thursday, June 9 at 7 PM in the gym featuring the 4th and 5th grade chorus as well as beginning and advanced instrumental music students.

Have a music-filled summer break!

Mrs. Wardell
General Music





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Center for Cultural Diversity

Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Rd.,
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Learn how to pass the citizenship exam

Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., June 9 for 8 weeks

...includes assistance with application (N-400) & legal consultations.

Intermediate English required.

To sign up and for more information, call:

Patty Larson, Program Coordinator, 240-777-6950.

Box Tops - Save them over the Summer

Please remember to clip **pink** Box Tops off of many popular grocery items.

25 Box Tops can be taped to a collection sheets or placed in a baggie and given to your child's homeroom teacher. Bonus coupons can be stapled to the collection sheet and then subtracted from the total amount of the sheet. Please remember to include the first and last name of your child. Every month, the students will be called on the morning announcements to go to Mrs. Cameron's room to select an awesome prize!

Contact Information:

Andrea Cameron, camerona@comcast.net

www.boxtops4education.com





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Grades K-12

Summer Youth Programs

2011

June 20th—August 12th

Sample of camps include:

- Be a Poet
- Get Ready, Get Set, Get a Job
- My Money Matterz
- Simple Science Experiments
- Financial Fitne\$\$ for Teens
- Joy of Art
- Poetry
- Summer Science for Girls
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- Playing with Shakespeare
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Sequoyah Elementary School

Parent Teacher Association 2011-2012 Committee List

If you are interested in Chairing a PTA Committee please contact Sue Martin cksquirrels@aol.com or Linda Kwiatkowski toLindaK@gmail.com

We appreciate all of the support you provide the Sequoyah students and PTA.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Fever: OPEN, Chair • Bingo Night: Andrea Dumas, Chair; OPEN, Co-chair • Birthday Bulletin Board: OPEN, Chair • Book Fair – Fall: Elizabeth Hoff • Box Tops for Education: Andrea Cameron, Chair • Directory: Noelle Stevens-Donati, Chair • Directory Advertising: OPEN • Cabin Fever: OPEN, Chair • Carnival – Spring Fundraiser: OPEN, Chair, OPEN, Co-chair • Cultural Arts: OPEN, Chair, OPEN, Co-Chair • Escrips: OPEN, Chair • Fall Dance: Dawn Greene, co-chair , Emily Matusek, co-chair • International Night: Aury Burriss, Chair, OPEN, Co-chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Corbi’s Fall Fundraiser: Brenda Young, Chair, OPEN, Co-chair • PTA Bulletin Board: OPEN • Read at Home Bulletin Board: Noelle Stevens-Donati, Chair • Reflections: OPEN, Chair • Restaurant Nights: Michelle Clarke, Chair • Signal Newsletter: John Moriarty • Silent Auction: OPEN, Chair, OPEN, Co-chair • Spiritwear: Noelle Stevens-Donati, Chair • Spring Dance: OPEN, Chair, OPEN, Co-chair • Store Rewards (Giant, Safeway, Target): OPEN, Chair, OPEN, Co-chair • Yearbook: Andrea Cameron, Chair • Website: John Moriarty |
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Stock Up for Summer!



The last Market Day orders of the school year are due by 11:00 pm on Thursday, June 9, 2011. Market Day pick-up will be June 15, 2011 in the All Purpose Room between 7:00-8:00 pm.

Market Day Contact: Scott Trickey scott.trickey3@gmail.com

Place an order online at MarketDay.com, or submit a paper order form prior to the due dates.

Sequoyah Elementary School PTA Membership Application Information Request Form



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt No.: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address(es): _____

For Family Membership:

Spouse/Partner: Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Phone Number(s): Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address(es): _____

Yes, I would like to join the PTA. I am interested in an
 Individual Membership \$15 Family Membership \$20
Please make checks payable to Sequoyah PTA

Yes, I would like to join the PTA Yahoo Group to receive email updates on school and PTA events

I am interested in learning more about the following PTA Sponsored Programs and Committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 501 (C) Grants | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant Nights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5th Grade Farewell | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted and Talented Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Safeway & Giant Bonus Credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Fever | <input type="checkbox"/> GL Scrip Gift Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholastic Book Fair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Author's Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Safety Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> School Directory Ads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bingo Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Liaison | <input type="checkbox"/> School Directory Compilation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box Tops for Education | <input type="checkbox"/> International Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Sequoyah Signal Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Boards | <input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten Orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cabin Fever (Indoor Winter Event) | <input type="checkbox"/> Market Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Wear/Clothing Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campbell's Labels for Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catalog Fundraisers | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Nights | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chess Club | <input type="checkbox"/> NAACP Liaison | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Volunteering | <input type="checkbox"/> New Parent Breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology/Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Carnival | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Volunteer Liaison | <input type="checkbox"/> Translation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Sponsorship | <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Partners/Special Needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Whole Foods Community 5% Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dave & Busters Spirit Night | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling - Community Drive | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discount Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections Art Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Yes, I am interested in learning more about chairing a committee

Yes, I am interested in learning more about becoming a PTA Board Member



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We've discovered a terrific way to raise funds for Sequoyah. It's super-easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card. We will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation to Sequoyah from Target through the Take Charge of Education® program. Target donates 1% of all Target Visa Credit Card and Target Credit Card purchases made at a Target store or at Target.com and 1% of all Target Check Card purchases made at a Target Store. Target donates 1/2% of all Target Visa Credit Card purchases made outside of Target.

It's easy. Just visit target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate Sequoyah as your school. So if you're going to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® Card and selecting Sequoyah as the beneficiary. Grandparents, neighbors and friends can take part, too.

Any questions, please contact Scott Trickey at scott.trickey3@gmail.com

Thanks for your support!

Would you like to be able to donate money to Sequoyah without having to do anything?



Well, you can!

All we need is your Giant Bonus Card number (should be 12 digits), your Safeway Club Card number (11 digits) and your name and address. We'll add you if you're new or renew your participation and make sure a percentage of your purchases from Giant and Escrip merchants (i.e. Safeway) supports your student's education. Simply email the information to Ellen Rahr at rahr@comcast.net, or complete this form and return it to school.

Know anyone else that would like to support Sequoyah in this way (grandparents, aunts, uncles)? Give us their card numbers, names, and addresses and we'll do the rest!

This is a great way to help the many programs and services provided by the Sequoyah PTA – and it doesn't cost you any extra! Simply shop at Safeway or Giant as you normally would. Just be sure to use your Club Card or Bonus Card and designate Sequoyah Elementary as your school.

Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Trickey at scott.trickey3@gmail.com

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My Name: _____

My Address: _____