

Sequoia Newsletter



Mardi Gras in Elk Grove Festive Middle School Dance Serves Up Fun

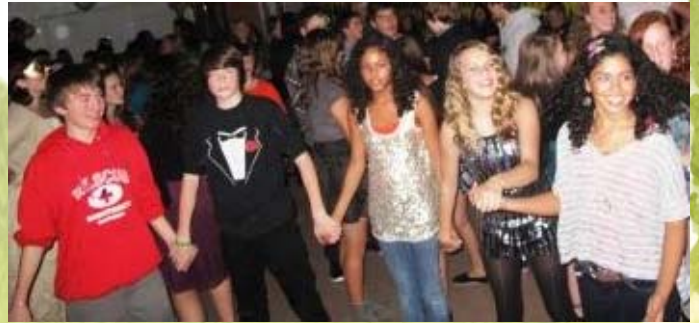
by Josh W.

The Sequoia classroom went to a dance in Elk Grove and everybody who went had a blast. The theme was Mardi Gras. There were different colors all over the gym and colorful strobe lights everywhere. The party was quiet until people from our school started to show up. Then it became amazing.

We danced to "Party Rock" at least three times. Then, like at our campus dance, everybody formed a circle and one at a time, people would go inside the circle and show off their stuff. While everybody was dancing in a circle, Rachel Y. and Savannah J. were trying to get Ms. Jeannie to dance in the circle too. She refused to dance for the longest time. Then finally Rachel and Savannah got her to dance. They did this little routine of dancing. It was really funny to watch.

When that ended, the circle disbanded and everybody went and danced with their friends or by themselves. Some of the guys were doing handstands, the Running Man, the Jerk and more. The DJ was amazing. He played really, really good music.

One guy at the dance was hilarious. He was rolling around and spinning on the floor and moving his feet fast and all around. Another kid went around asking everybody if their name was Bill. It was annoying but humorous. Everybody who went had a blast and I think everybody would go back for another dance.



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Can you spy the dancing teacher and parent, Ms. Rose and Julie? Clue: Julie appears twice!

Athletics

by Ms. T

Athletics Banquet

Athletics Banquet is tomorrow, Thursday, December 8th at 6:00 pm in the Sequoia classrooms. All Athletes in grades 6-8 who participated in Cross Country, Flag Football, Girls Volleyball, and Boys Basketball are invited to attend. The Banquet is potluck. Also, please bring your own plates and utensils. Go HAWKS!!!

Basketball

Girls Basketball

Practices start this week. Thanks to Ms. Natasha and Mr. Tom for coaching, and parents Scott Zufelt, John Salluce, Ben and Claudia Ling for volunteering to assist this season!

Boys Basketball

8th Graders: Our 8th grade team is finished for the season. Their game at Markham was intense at times. We had some excellent moments and some...difficult ones, as well.

6th/7th Graders: Thanks to Ms. N for a great season of coaching! Congratulations! Our 6/7 team made it to the playoffs and competes against Northside School on Thursday at 3:30pm (at a location yet TBD).

The winner of that game will play on Friday at 4:15pm at Union Mine High School. Please note that there is a \$2 per adult and \$1 per child (over age 8) fee for all tournament/playoff games.

Thanks a million to Dave Preszler for his countless parent hours of coaching our 6/7 boys team this season! We really appreciate you!

IMMERSION TRIPS

San Francisco City Life

Chaperone Meeting by Miss Natasha

If you are chaperoning the San Francisco Immersion trip, please attend the scheduled chaperone meeting Monday, December 12, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Note: Packing list now online!

Ashland Shakespeare Festival

Change of Travel Dates by Ms. Jeannie

Please note that the Ashland immersion trip travel dates have been bumped up by one week. We are now traveling to Ashland Wednesday, March 21 - Friday, March 23 (as opposed to Wednesday, 3/28 - Friday, 3/30.)

Be advised that the reason for the change of dates is a good one—L O V E. While we contacted the Shakespeare Festival on opening day to purchase play tickets, Romeo and Juliette was already sold out for the week we originally planned to go to Ashland. However, we were able to secure tickets to the popular literary play for Wednesday, March 21, hence the one week bump.

In turn, our parent conferences which were scheduled to occur Wednesday, March 21-Friday March 23 will now be moved to the following week, Wednesday, March 28-Friday March 30.

What cannot be transferred from one week to the next is CMP's minimum day schedule. As a result, we will be creative with our full day school schedule already in place for March 28-March 30 to allow for parent conferences to still occur those three afternoons.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Food Bank Community Service Project/Student Pick Up

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 16. All students (unless otherwise arranged) are to be picked up at 12:30 pm at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds in Placerville immediately after the food bank community service project ends.

Drivers are also needed to help transport students from CMP to the Food Bank Community Service Project, leaving CMP at 9:45 am. If you are able to assist in this important endeavor, please indicate so on your child's permission slip or email Ms. Cooney ccooney@cacmp.org.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Informational Meeting
Thursday, December 8 @ 5:00 pm
Sequoia Classroom

Students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are invited to come learn about the various Science Olympiad events and consider joining the Science Olympiad Team. Science Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events. To learn more, attend Thursday's meeting. A flyer with more details about Science Olympiad is included with this newsletter.

CASA Ornament Gifts & Delivery



We still have a couple of "ornaments" (gift requests) that need to be purchased to finish up our gift giving for the Community Service Tree (aka CASA gifts). It is not too late! Ornaments are hanging inside on classroom doors. Please bring your gift into class no later than Thursday morning, wrapped with the paper ornament attached on top.

Is there a parent volunteer or two able to help deliver the gifts to the County Office of Education on Green Valley Road this Thursday or Friday? If so, please contact me. Thanks!

~Mrs. T dthomas@cacmp.org

Volunteer at Kid's Night Out

This Friday, December 9, Sequoia is hosting Kid's Night out from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Student and parent volunteers are needed to help set up, host activities, mentor little ones, and clean up—all while having a merry good time. Earn community service hours while helping to raise money for the middle school. Come join in the holiday fun! If you are free, please contact:

Ms. Rose (rfabian@cacmp.org) or

Ms. N (nraffety@cacmp.org)

December Spirit Day

-Professional Dress-

by Jeannie Urbina

What do you want to be when you grow up? That was the million dollar question answered by many students and staff at CMP on Spirit Day, Friday, December 2.

Sequoia students weighed in strong on doctors, lawyers, and veterinarians. The gamut of other professions included a basketball player, photographer, nurse, gorilla preservationist, military personnel and a puppeteer.

No profession remained left unturned by this creative 7th and 8th grade lot. Clowns and rappers? Good humor was clearly displayed. What a fun-filled day enjoyed by all.

Have you seen Ms. Jeannie lately? You might have to do a double-take.



Ms. Jeannie or Ms Jeannie?

DECEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	REMINDERS
5	6	7	8 Science Olympiad Meeting @ 5 PM in Sequoia	9 Secret Pal Gift: homemade treat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Olympiad Meeting Thursday, Dec. 8 at 5 PM in Sequoia • Packing list for San Francisco Immersion Trip is online • Turn in CASA gift no later than Thursday, Dec. 8 • Kid's Night Out: Friday, Dec 9, 6:30-9:30. Student and parent volunteers needed • San Francisco Chaperone Meeting Dec. 12, 5:30-6:30 • Complete "Walk in Another's Shoes" activity by Dec. 12th • Turn in 1 baby, 1 toddler, and 1 pre-school photo prior to Winter Break • Permission slips past due for Sequoia Secret Pal Gift Exchange and El Dorado Food Bank
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