

Sequiota Tribunal

October, 2011

Sequiota Elementary
3414 S. Mentor
Springfield, Missouri 65804

From the Desk of Principal Johnson

Capital Campaign:

How much is it worth to you not to have to sell door-to-door or buy items you really don't need just to support your child's school? I know when my children were in school, I frequently wished I could just write a check, 100% of which would go to support the school. At Sequiota, that is exactly what PTA gives you the opportunity to do-- contribute without the headache of selling!

Our PTA uses the money to provide a wide variety of activities and equipment for use by our students and teachers, as well as contributing to the visual appeal of our school environment. Every student and teacher benefits from every dollar you donate. Please contribute what you can to capital campaign so that PTA can continue to do wonderful things for our school.

School Improvement Plan:

Each year we examine our academic, behavioral, and attendance performance from the previous year to determine our focus for school improvement. This year we have three goals: 1. To achieve 97% attendance for the year, 2. To increase the percentage of students who meet or exceed their expected academic gains for the year, and 3. To make annual yearly progress in reading and math on the Missouri Assessment Program. We will report our progress toward goals #1 and 2 at mid-year and end-of-year, and MAP progress will be reported as we receive those scores from the state in late summer.

Thank you, parents, for all you do to support your children in their learning and Sequiota in our continuing efforts to be the best school we can be!

Sincerely,

Kristi Johnson

**The Sequiota
community will
work together
to empower
self-regulated
lifelong
learners.**

Important Dates:

End of First Quarter	10/25
No School	10/26
Orange and Pumkin Spirit Day	10/31
School Picture Retakes	11/11
Holiday & Craft Open House 8-2	12/3
Reflections Deadline	12/6
Reflections Showcase at Battlefield	1/8
Fun Night	3/10

Letter from the PTA President

Dear Parents;

I hope everyone is having a great year thus far. I know PTA has been really busy and is off to a great start as well. I want to thank all of the committees and chairs for all of the work they do. I also want to thank all of you who give of your time and resources because without you, we wouldn't be able to do all of the wonderful things we do here at Sequiota. PTA appreciates everything thing our wonderful friends and families provide. We are so grateful.

We are so close to 100% membership this year. I hope by the time the newsletter has been published, we will have reached that goal. Attaining 100% is so important to our PTA and school.

We are also right in the middle of our capital campaign. Without this support we couldn't do all of the wonderful things our families, staff and most importantly our kids enjoy. Technology, playground equipment, field trips, just to name a few. Please remember to send in your donations soon. Whether large or small, it doesn't matter. It is all appreciated just as much.

We have placed a PTA box outside of the office for our families to use. We have suggestion cards that can be filled out and

placed in the box. If you have any suggestions you feel are beneficial for us to know, please feel free to fill one out. Please know that all suggestions will be read and our PTA will discuss them. Your opinion matters.

Please remember that your attendance at our PTA meetings is so important to us. October's meeting will feature a costume parade and trick or treating. We will also learn our results of the pumpkin contest. Our November meeting we are bringing back the beloved pie eating competition. Start thinking now of what parent in your class can consume a whole pie and quickly. It's not only exciting, but messy. We will then take a couple of months off for the holiday and then back to meeting again in February.

As always, if you have any questions, please call or email me. I'd be happy to answer anything or help in any way I can. I appreciate you all and let's have a great year.

Sally Payne

PTA President

**Next PTA Meeting
is October 20st
at 6:00 PM.**

Class Pumpkin Contest

Costume Parade

Classroom Trick or Treat

Health Screening

A HUGE THANK YOU to

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for making the Health Screening an enormous success!! We very much appreciate your invaluable help, we could not have done it without you!!!!

Fondly,
Renee' Steele and Nurse
Pamela Wilson

Sequoiota Capital Campaign 2011

Capital Campaign started on September 20th and will end on October 20th.

After two weeks of our campaign, we have 11% total participation school wide, receiving approximately \$3,000. This is 35% of our overall goal in purchasing 9 more laptops for our teachers.

There will be an incentive for the teacher who has the highest percentage of participation in her classroom!!! So please help our school and your child's teacher by beaming us up to our goal of \$8,500.

Thank you for your continuing support!!!

