

“Our children come home happy, content and challenged. They bring home desirable grades and are eager to get to school in the morning. As parents, we’ve never had a single complaint... how could we when everything has been so great for our children at Sequoya?”  
- The Stern Family



## Enrollment

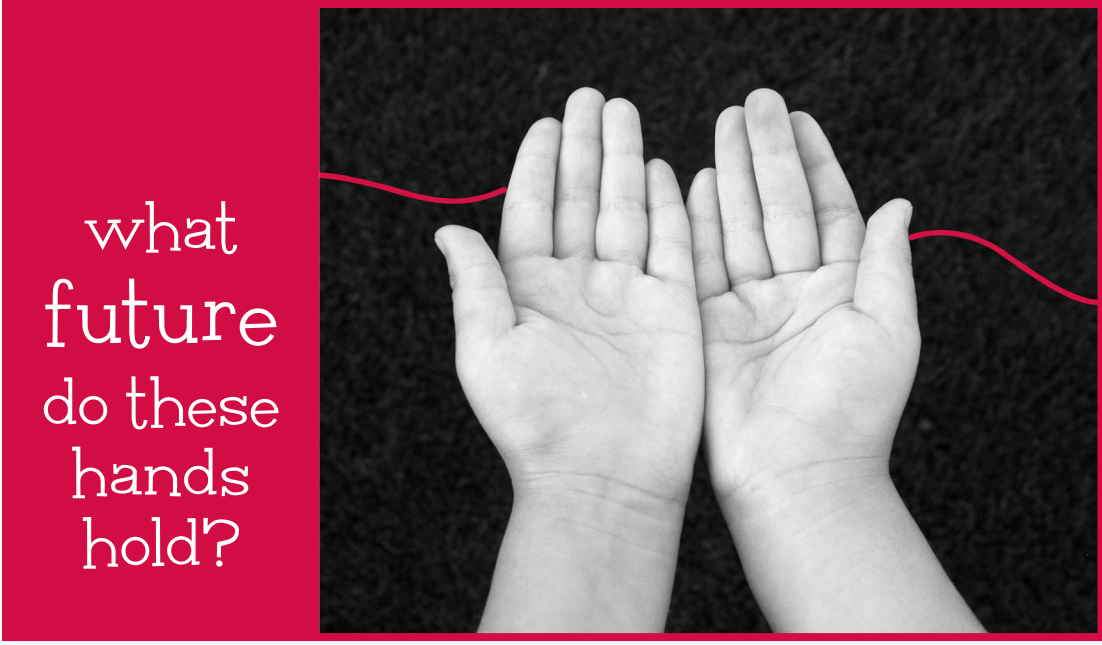
To enroll your child, complete an enrollment form online at <https://enrollment.susd.org>. Then print and bring your confirmation page to the Centralized Enrollment Office at the Education Center on 3811 N. 44<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix, AZ 85018 along with:

- ★ birth certificate or passport
- ★ immunization records
- ★ proof of residency (a recent utility bill or rental agreement)
- ★ guardianship/custody documentation (if applicable)

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# Sequoya Elementary

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Nestled in a quiet neighborhood on 64<sup>th</sup> Street between Cactus and Shea, teachers at Sequoya Elementary are busy educating children from pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. As an excelling A rated public school in the Scottsdale Unified School District, children spend their time expanding their minds, learning and growing. Our mission is enacted in our daily acts and in our beliefs.

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- Sequoya believes in -
- Character
  - High Expectations
  - Outstanding Academics
  - One United Community
  - Lifelong Learning

The Sequoya staff is committed to educating the whole child. Our educators are well versed in differentiating instruction and challenging young minds. We are looking forward to an exciting year with you. Together, we share a purpose; to advance the education and growth of the most important people in your lives – your children.

Sequoya offers a fine education where teachers open young minds to a world of knowledge and wonder. You will find that the Sequoya staff and community work together to provide a wide variety of opportunities that make an incredible difference in children’s lives. We take our responsibility seriously and work in partnership with you for this important undertaking.



## School's Honors and Awards

- ★ A+++ (AZ Educational Foundation)
- ★ National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence (US Department of Education)
- ★ Excelling/A Rated (AZ Department of Education)
- ★ NCEA Higher Performing School 2011, 2012, 2013
  
- ★ There are 14 languages spoken by our student body.
- ★ The majority of our full time teachers have been here for 10 years or more.

## The Principal - Veronica Leiper

Veronica Leiper is a veteran educator with eight years of teaching experience and four years as an administrator. She attended California State University, Fullerton and completed her MaEd at University of Phoenix. She has been a Scottsdale resident for 28 years and her own children are graduates of Scottsdale schools. She has been a very active volunteer in the Scottsdale community, including a parent organization president and a Scottsdale Parent Council President. She came to Sequoya in 2011 where she is committed to making a difference in the lives of children.

“ I always tell people that I love Sequoya most of all for the amazing community and committed staff. We open enroll and would never consider another school. ”

- Ruth P., parent

## Student Involvement

As students develop, they have opportunities to model and demonstrate leadership skills through a variety of clubs:

- ★ Student Council
- ★ Peer Mediators
- ★ CARE Committee
- ★ Sequoya TV
- ★ Computer Lab Club
- ★ Green Thumb Club
- ★ Tech Team
- ★ Buddy Classes (between grade levels)

“ From my perspective, the individual approach to students worked more than great. If there are students who require special attention, because of their cultural background, language, interests, etc. they will find it for sure. I also think that you create a very unique combination of high academic standards and very safe and friendly environment. That’s what parents of 5 y.o. kids want... ”

- Alex L., parent

## Before and After School Care (Project S.A.F.E)

A supervised before and after school care program is available on campus for students. Activities include art, science, cooking, gardening, dance, P.E./sports, games/ challenges, and homework/study time. S.A.F.E. is committed to coordinating efforts between school staff and the S.A.F.E. program to ensure your child’s success. For more information, please contact Phyllis Hutchinson at 480.484.3208 or phutchinson@susd.org.

## After-School Student Enrichment

A variety of enrichment programs are offered to our students through various companies, both on and off campus, throughout the school year - Spanish, Chinese, Young Rembrandts, Field Hockey, After Cool Sports, Softball, Field Hockey, Athletes In Training, Hip Hop, Track, Keyboard, Engineering Fundamentals with Lego, Chess, Etiquette, After Cool Fitness, WMA Soccer, Rock Climbing, Oxford Learning, Golf, Ice Skating, Karate... See [www.susd.org/communityschools](http://www.susd.org/communityschools) for more information.

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## The Association of Parents and Teachers (APT)

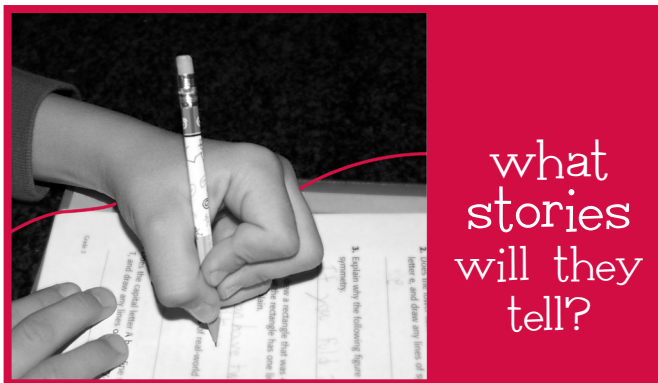
Sequoya's Association of Parent and Teachers (APT) is integral to the overall success of our school. Our purpose is to support a high educational standard for the school and to further a spirit of cooperation among teachers, parents, and residents of our community. Beyond fostering a strong sense of community, APT sponsored events and fundraisers provide much needed funding to maintain the school's high educational standards.

We are proud to be able to contribute an average of \$50,000 annually to school programs such as art, band, music and physical education, classroom supply purchases for every teacher, classroom technology upgrades, reading and math tutors, teaching assistants, and counseling services. This could not be achieved without the combined efforts of a diverse group of supporters - working parents, stay-at-home parents, moms, dads, grandparents. Being involved with the APT is a great way to utilize your skills and talents, make new friends, have fun, and support our school!

### Recently funded APT events and projects

- ★ Welcome Back To School Night
- ★ Western Round Up
- ★ Children Theatre
- ★ Book Fairs
- ★ Thanksgiving Luncheon
- ★ Health Screening
- ★ Yearbook
- ★ Family Nights
- ★ Silent Auction
- ★ Young Authors Day
- ★ Art Walk
- ★ Movie Night Madness
- ★ Classroom Assistants & Tutors
- ★ Counseling Services
- ★ Smart Board Response Clickers
- ★ Tablet Purchases

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“ Sequoya has an excellent reputation amongst not only neighboring public schools, but also amongst private and charter schools. It is a very close community of friendly and caring families. ”  
- Lisa H., parent

## Kindergarten

The full-day Kindergarten experience at Sequoya is an amazing year of beginnings.. It is the start to a formal education as students learn to read, write, add, and socialize with their peers. Our Kindergarten teachers are all highly qualified and experienced in the area of early childhood education. As a team, they have held over 500 parent/teacher conferences in the last 5 years, and have tied at least 2 billion shoes!

### Our Kindergarten Teachers

Allison Burns has been teaching in Scottsdale for almost 20 years. She attended NAU where she received a bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education as well as a master's degree in Elementary Ed. She has one son at NAU. Reading and traveling are some of her favorite activities when she is not at school.



Mrs. Hasenmiller Mrs. Holmes Mrs. Burns

Teresa Hasenmiller graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.A. in Elementary Education. She taught first grade for six years at Riverside School in Phoenix, then stayed home to raise her children. She has three daughters, which attended Scottsdale Schools, including Sequoya. Teresa returned to teaching in 2009. She enjoys outdoor activities, reading, and spending time with her family.

Katy Holmes has called Scottsdale her home since 1968 and attended Cocopah K-8, Chaparral, NAU and University of Phoenix. She has three children, two in college and one at Chaparral. Mrs. Holmes loves teaching, hiking, and football. Go Chaparral Firebirds, NAU Lumberjacks and Northern Colorado Bears!

“ What I loved the most about Kindergarten - EVERYTHING! ”  
- Leigh V., student

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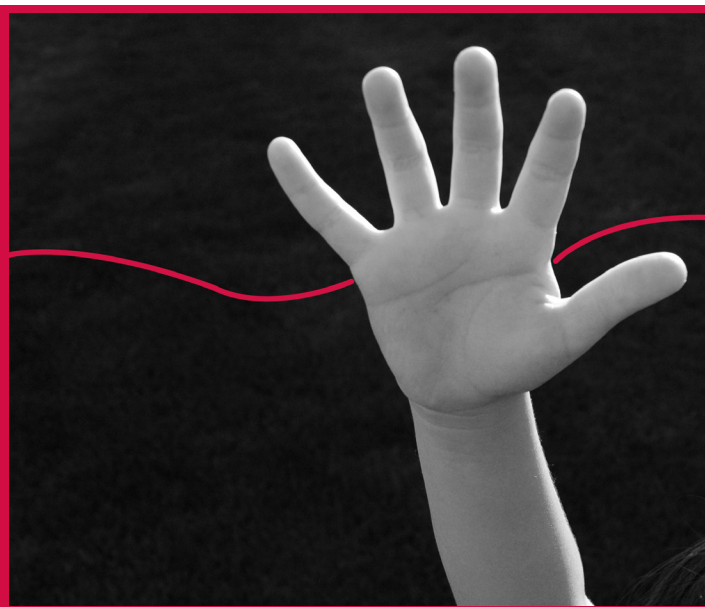
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## Educational Programs

- ★ Math Connects
- ★ Houghton-Mifflin Reading Series
- ★ Foss Science
- ★ Hands On Kits
- ★ Integrated Social Studies
- ★ Accelerate Reader (AR)
- ★ Response to Intervention (RtI)
- ★ PACT (Gifted)
- ★ Success Maker
- ★ Special Education Services
- ★ Discovery Ed Techbook
- ★ Catch Up Club

## Weekly Specials

- ★ Computer
- ★ Art
- ★ Physical Education
- ★ Music
- ★ Library
- ★ Band (grades 4 & 5)
- ★ Strings (grades 4 & 5)
- ★ Choir (grade 4 & 5)

## Technology in our Classrooms

Each of our technology rich classrooms is equipped with an Interactive SMART Board®, Audio Enhancement System, Computers, High Speed Internet Connection, Digital Books, AverMedia® Document Camera and Sequoia TV. In addition, there are 2 computer labs where students have weekly lessons.

## Recent Field Trips

- ★ Wildlife World Zoo
- ★ Desert Center
- ★ Pioneer Village
- ★ Theater Works
- ★ AZ State Capitol
- ★ Desert Botanical Gardens
- ★ Phoenix Mountain Preserve
- ★ Butterfly Wonderland
- ★ MIM (Music Instrument Museum)
- ★ Tolmachoff Farms

## Unique Activities In The Grades Ahead

In addition to a curriculum that insures solid foundational skills and extended concepts, each grade level offers their own unique flavor.

1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE: Patriotic Performance, Science Fair, Annual Play

2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE: Fall Festival, Keeping Your Health on Track, Pinnacle Peak Desert Center

3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE: Building a Lego Community, Colonial Day Games, Cursive Writing

4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Strong Technology Integration, Hands on Lab Experiments, AZ History, Government Focus

5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: Biz Town, Hot Air Balloon Extravaganza, Young Experts Day, Choir, Leadership Clubs

## Community Events Our Students Participate In

- ★ Science Fairs
- ★ Rubik Cube Challenge
- ★ AZ SciTech Festival
- ★ Holiday Angel Tree Program benefiting Bethune Elementary
- ★ Winter Chorus Performance at the AZ State Capitol
- ★ Concert Performances - Band, Strings, Chorus
- ★ Back to School Supplies and Winter Clothing Drive for Hohokom Elementary
- ★ Jump Rope for Heart
- ★ Thanksgiving Food Drive
- ★ Red Ribbon Week (Drug prevention program)
- ★ Spelling Bee
- ★ Biz Town

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