

# Our Sequoya Community

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## **Dear Sequoya Families,**

As we close out the year, we want to thank everyone who played a part in making this a successful year! Without our amazing families, the community events, fundraisers, teacher appreciation, services and classroom projects/events would not be possible. We did not have an APT President this year, so the executive board worked closely to accomplish a lot with the help of many! Thank you Angie Bales (Fundraising), Chanan Brizuela (Communications), Katie Welch (Treasurer), Laura Seligson (Secretary), Lisa Kanarish (Arts), Tanya Shultz (Passive Fundraising) and Veronica Leon (Services) for your collaboration and dedication to the school and the APT this year.

We are excited to announce that Laura Seligson will be stepping into the role of President for the 2018-19 school year. Laura is the mom of triplets entering 4th grade and has been on the executive board for 3 years as our Secretary. We look forward to a great year ahead with Laura leading us. We want to also say good bye to one of our executive board members, but luckily she is not going far! Tanya Shultz is trading in her Passive Fundraising hat for a teaching hat and is moving into the classroom to teach 2nd grade here at Sequoya. She will be missed on the board, but we are very excited for her and her future students!!

Thank you also to the many volunteers that worked in a leadership role this year. We absolutely could not do what we do without these incredible event chairs and room parents. You give your time and talent and for that we applaud you!

Alisa Pereira (Ultra Fun Run); Alyssa Foote (room parent); Amy & Frank Huette (event & lunch sponsors); Andy Peshek (room parent); Anne Elizabeth Ginch (art walk, room parent); Belinda Large (Edukit); Bethany Abbot (Sequoya Nights, room parent); Brenda Gorman (talent show); Brad Godess (Site Council); Bryn DeFusco (room parent, event sponsor); Christine Bailey (room parent); Diana Kouhi (sweatheart dance, room parent); Erin Fox (AZ Merit snacks, room parent); Jennifer Broatch (room parent coordinator, room parent); Jaclyn Wollheim (talent show, room parent); Jenn Manton (marquee); Jenn Nuara (health screening); Jennifer Cordelli (Angel Tree, grant writing); Jennifer Grossman (room parent); Jessica Kreuser (silent auction, event sponsor, room parent); Kate Carnahan (art masterpiece coordinator); Kate Morris (teacher birthdays); Kelly Miklavcic (sequoya nights); Keri Katz (teacher appreciation, room parent); Linda Lam (APT website); Luisa Chocron (room parent); Mandy Nierad (Scholastic book fair, room parent); Nancy Burggraf (teacher appreciation); Nicole Wherry (room parent); Nori Vial (classroom baskets, event sponsor); Pat Moraca (Ultra Fun Run); Sabra Barnett (young authors day, room parent); Sally Gnirk (AZ Merit snacks, room parent); Sally Klein (room parent); Salma Mchorney (email coordinator); Sarah Tolerico (young authors day, room parent); Shannon Myers (Scholastic book fair, room parent); Shelley Markov (Site Council); Stephanie Gujrathi (room parent); Tanya Rowell (Rosetta Stone support); Whitney Hubbard (spirit wear, room parent)

## **And to our graduating 5th graders....**

It is always hard to say good bye to our 5th grade students as they graduate Sequoya and move on to 6th grade. The parents and teachers of Sequoya would like to congratulate you all and we wish you the very best of luck as you move on to Middle School!!! Thank you also to the 5th grade families that have been involved on many levels. You have made a difference in each of their lives through your volunteer time, resources and dedication to Sequoya and the classroom.

It is especially hard to say good bye to those 5th grade families that no longer have younger children at and will be leaving Sequoya on Thursday. We want to applaud all of you for being a part of the Sequoya community. You have volunteered in many roles, financially contributed to our fundraising efforts, shared your talents and you are very much appreciated!!!

**We have 2 moms who deserve special recognition for their incredible dedication to the APT and the school. Their service in countless APT roles and hours upon hours of volunteering have contributed to what makes Sequoya so special. These moms go above & beyond and we owe you to a standing ovation!!!!**

**Tanya Kaiser, mother of Presley (5th) and Cameron (High School)**

Tanya has served on the Executive Board as VP of Services, originated Movie Night and organized it for several years, and chaired our Young Authors Day. She was also the mastermind behind Formsite, the back to school and ordering system we used for years and wins the award for the most creative door decorator ever! Tanya brings many talents to the table and the school has benefited greatly from the many hours you have dedicated to volunteering! We will miss you Tanya!

**Shannon Myers, mother of Hudson (5th), Chance (6th) & Hunter (High School)**

Shannon has been an amazing contributor to the school through her multiple volunteer roles for the APT. Most significant was her time spent on the executive board as the the Treasurer, but no doubt you have seen her co-chairing the Fall Scholastic Book Fair, setting up for the Western Round Up (or any one of our Sequoya events), and supporting the classroom as a room parent. The number of hours she has volunteered would be impossible to count!! Shannon, we thank you for the passion you have brought to the school over your time at Sequoya and we will miss you!!!

**On behalf of the APT...thank you for making this a fantastic year and we wish you a relaxing, enjoyable and safe summer!**

**See you in August!**

**Courtney Odden  
APT Advisor**

