

Sequoyah PTA
Committees and Chairs

Type	Committee Name	Committee Description	Chair	Chair Phone	Chair Email	Co-Chair	Co-Chair Phone	Co-Chair Email
Administrative	Donations (501 C)		Jenn Trickey	(240) 645-4264	SequoyahTreasurer@Gmail.com	Jacques Croom		SequoyahPresident@Gmail.com
Fundraiser	Bingo Night	Bingo Night is a fun family event held in the Sequoyah All Purpose Room (APR) once or twice during the school year. The event is open to Sequoyah families and their friends. Admission is free. Bingo card booklets and daubers (markers) can be purchased for a moderate price the night of the event. Each bingo card booklet contains cards for each of the Bingo games held throughout the night. Prizes, which are donated by local businesses and Sequoyah families, are awarded to winners. Refreshments are sold throughout the evening.	OPEN					
Fundraiser	Book Fair	Sequoyah's Scholastic Book Fair is held in the fall and then again in the spring. Students have an opportunity during the school day to select books they would like to read. Their selections are sent home as suggestions to their families for books to purchase at the fair. A special Family Night event is held in the school's courtyard one evening during the Book Fair. Teachers generously donate their personal time to read stories to the children, and simple refreshments are served. Teachers also prepare Wish Lists of books they would like for their classrooms, and parents are optionally given an opportunity to purchase and donate books to the classrooms.	Tam Miller	(301) 260-0804	BowieMill@Verizon.net			
Fundraiser	Cabin Fever	In the middle of the winter, kids need to "get their wiggles out". Sequoyah PTA's Cabin Fever event will provide the perfect opportunity for them to do so. Inflatable moon bounces and obstacle courses will be set up in the gym and light refreshments will be sold during this new fundraiser.	Danielle Rice	(240) 683-0437	Danielle.M.Rice@Comcast.net			
Fundraiser	Community Sponsorship	The Community Sponsorship committee was launched during the 2008-2009 school year as a way to coordinate all PTA requests for donations, grants, and sponsorship from the community. This committee supports the various PTA activities and events by soliciting local businesses as well as regional and national companies for much-needed items. Among other responsibilities, the Community Sponsorship committee is involved in selling advertisements for the annual Sequoyah Directory/Handbook, obtaining donations for the Silent Auction, and soliciting prizes for Bingo Night. This committee is also responsible for sending thank-yous to the businesses and preserving the PTA's relationship with its supporters.	OPEN					
Fundraiser	Dave & Buster's Spirit Night	Dave & Busters Spirit Night is a new family activity in which Sequoyah families and friends converge upon this local entertainment establishment for one day/night to play games and have fun! Sequoyah PTA receives a percentage for every D&B Power Card sold for the event.	Michelle Clarke	(301) 208-0805	MartinMichelleClarke@Comcast.net			
Fundraiser	Discount Card	The Discount Card features local businesses which offer discounts on products and services for all card holders. The card is valid for a year and can be used over and over at participating establishments.	OPEN					
Fundraiser	Fall Catalog Fundraiser: Gifts, Gift Wrap, Personalized products, Other merchandise	The Fall Catalog fundraiser asks Sequoyah families to sell items such as gift wrap, cookie dough, pizza kits, and gift items during a two to three week period. Students receive prizes for all sales made in their name. The child and/or class with the most sales wins a special prize. Sequoyah PTA receives a percentage of sales made, including out-of-town sales made on the company's website.	Sue Martin	(301) 926-6509	CKSquirrels@AOL.com			
Fundraiser	GL Scrips (Gift Cards)	Great Lakes (GL) Scrips is a company that provides the opportunity for Sequoyah PTA to sell gift cards at face value and receive a percentage of all sales. Customers purchase gift cards for nationally-recognized restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, and other retailers. There is no additional cost to customers; they pay the amount that the card is worth. The GL Scrips fundraiser is run on a monthly basis in concert with Market Day. Customers order gift cards online or submit an order form by the due date. Orders are picked up at the same time as Market Day orders for the convenience of frequent supporters. In addition to giving gift cards as gifts, Sequoyah families use gift cards for normal everyday purchases (e.g., at Giant or Safeway) as well as for special purchases, vacations, and much more.	Danielle Rice	(240) 683-0437	Danielle.M.Rice@Comcast.net			

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Fundraiser	Market Day	Market Day is a monthly food program offering a wide selection of over 180 high quality foods at competitive prices, many of which are not available in the grocery store. Products range from butcher shop meats and poultry to easy family meals, delicious appetizers and gourmet desserts. Sequoyah PTA offers this program not only as a way to raise funds, but also as a service to our families. Customers enjoy the quality and convenience of Market Day food and come to rely upon Market Day for many of their grocery purchases. Orders can be placed online or submitted on paper by the monthly due date. Products are delivered to Sequoyah and customer orders are assembled by volunteers. Customer pick-up is coordinated with the GL Scrips gift card pick-up.	Brenda Young	(301) 947-2688	brendayoung722@comcast.net			
Fundraiser	Membership	Our Membership committee has the important job of registering members, answering questions about the PTA and benefits of membership, providing membership cards to everyone who has joined, and tracking contact information about each member. Because the PTA is plays a critical role in the success of Sequoyah students, we encourage every parent, guardian, teacher, and administrative staff member to join our active, community-oriented PTA.	Danielle Rice	(240) 683-0437	Danielle.M.Rice@Comcast.net			
Fundraiser	Raffle	In conjunction with another fundraising event such as the Community Carnival or Silent Auction, Sequoyah PTA holds a raffle for either a prize or for 50% of the ticket sales.	OPEN					
Fundraiser	Recycling	We can earn cash rewards for every ink/toner cartridge, cell/smart phone, and Personal Data Assistant (PDA) donated to the school. Two cardboard recycle bins are placed in the hallway outside the Sequoyah front office. Periodically the Recycling committee empties the bins and takes the donated items to businesses that pay to recycle.	Noelle Donati	(301) 793-4990	NDonati@Comcast.net			
Fundraiser	Recycling - Community Drive	Businesses and families are encouraged to recycle rather than throw out their ink/toner cartridges, cell/smart phones, and Personal Data Assistants (PDAs). We can help by publicizing a community recycling day and providing drop-off bins at one or more locations throughout the community. We would then take the donated items to businesses that pay to recycle.	OPEN					
Fundraiser	Restaurant Nights	Four or five times during the school year Sequoyah families and their friends eat at or order from a specific local restaurant during Sequoyah PTA's Restaurant Night fundraiser. In return, the participating restaurant donates a percentage of sales to Sequoyah PTA. Often a raffle is held and the lucky winner receives a gift card for a future visit to that restaurant. This is a fun social activity and one that many families look forward to.	Michelle Clarke		MartinMichelleClarke@Comcast.net	Ellen Rahr	(301) 208-0805	Rahr@Comcast.net
Fundraiser	Rewards - Box Tops for Education	With help from their families and friends, Sequoyah students and staff clip and send in Box Tops from General Mills products such as Kellogs, Ziploc, Juicy Juice, Nestle, Huggies, Kleenex, Avery, and many more. Students tape the Box Tops to the provided collection sheets and submit them for prizes!	Andrea Cameron	(301) 208-6522	CameronA@Comcast.net			
Fundraiser	Rewards - Supermarkets: Giant A+ Bonus Safeway eScrip	Both Giant and Safeway sponsor rewards programs designed to raise funds for participating schools. By submitting their grocery card numbers to Sequoyah PTA, families and staff support PTA programs when they purchase participating items during the program period.	Ellen Rahr	(301) 208-0805	Rahr@Comcast.net	Carey Sims		
Fundraiser	Rewards - Target Take Charge of Education	Through its Take Charge of Education program, Target donates money to schools for every dollar purchased by participants using their Target credit or check cards.	Ellen Rahr	(301) 208-0805	Rahr@Comcast.net			
Fundraiser	Silent Auction	Sequoyah's Silent Auction is an exciting annual fundraiser held in the spring, usually in conjunction with the Spring Dance. The Silent Auction committee, with help from Community Sponsorship, contacts businesses for donations of products, services, and gift cards. Auction guests bid on the items, and profits are used to fund Sequoyah PTA's many valuable programs and events.	OPEN					
Fundraiser	Spirit Wear Clothing Sales	Clothing with the Sequoyah logo can be ordered for anyone wishing to purchase spirit wear. This committee coordinates with the vendor and fulfills orders placed for the Sequoyah community.	Noelle Donati	(301) 793-4990	NDonati@Comcast.net			
Fundraiser	Spring Dance	The Spring Dance features a DJ, refreshment sales, the Teacher's Raffle, and other activities such as the Silent Auction.	Ayxa Kalai	(301) 560-4260	Aixa@inbox.com	Jeanette Cocci	(301) 963-6389	jeannettecocci@comcast.net
Fundraiser	Teacher's Raffle	An annual Teacher's Raffle is held during the Spring Dance through the generosity of Sequoyah's wonderful teaching and administrative staff. Students buy raffle tickets to win exciting prizes such as "Principal for the Day" or "A Craft Party with the Teacher".	Sue Martin	(301) 926-6509	CKSquirrels@AOL.com			

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Fundraiser	Whole Foods Community 5% Day	New in 2009-2010, Sequoyah PTA would like to submit an application for participation in the Whole Foods Market 5% Day. This is a fundraiser held by Whole Foods Market stores in which five percent of the day's sales at a particular store are donated to a non-profit organization.	OPEN					
Fundraiser	Yearbook	Throughout the year memories are captured and frozen in time for students to treasure in future years. There are photos of students, staff, and major school events. Photos can be submitted to the Yearbook chair and will be considered for inclusion in the Yearbook. Yearbook order forms go out early in the year and the books are delivered near the end of the school year.	Jennifer Crocker	(301) 208-2653	JonCrocker@AOL.com	Andrea Cameron (Staff Liaison)	(301) 208-6522	CameronA@Comcast.net
Program	5th Grade Farewell	The 5th Grade Farewell committee plans, organizes, and holds the final send-off for graduating 5th graders.	Jackie Koehn	(301) 924-4990	jackiedaviskoehn@yahoo.com			
Program	Art Fever		Jeannette Cocci	(240) 683-6268	jeannettecocci@comcast.net			
Program	Author's Program		Janet Reber	(301) 840-5335	Janet_R_Reber@mcpsmd.org	Andrea Cameron	(301) 208-6522	CameronA@Comcast.net
Program	Back to School Picnic & Movie Night		Ellen & Jeff Rahr	(301) 208-0805	Rahr@Comcast.net	Noelle Donati	(301) 793-4990	NDonati@Comcast.net
Program	Building and Grounds		Karen Ehrlich	(301) 330-4145	karen.ehrlich@sodexhousa.com			
Program	Bulletin Boards - At Home Reading Board		Noelle Donati	(301) 793-4990	NDonati@Comcast.net	Beth Deigan		
Program	Bulletin Boards - Birthday Board		Jeannette Cocci	(240) 683-6268	jeannettecocci@comcast.net			
Program	Bulletin Boards - PTA Board		Tam Miller	(301) 260-0804	BowieMill@Verizon.net			
Program	Chess Club		Joseph Chamandy	(301) 926-0117	JGCI162@msn.com			
Program	Community Carnival	Sequoyah has recently begun an annual tradition of holding a Carnival during the spring, with inflatable slide and moon bounce, dunk tank, fortune teller, clown, carnival games, and many other activities for the Derwood community. Donations are solicited from local businesses and Sequoyah asks companies to sponsor one or more activities. Sponsor monetary contributions are used to defray costs and reduce admission and ticket prices wherever possible. Food and drinks are sold. Students from our cluster schools are encouraged to volunteer at the fair to receive hours.	Danielle Rice	(240) 683-0437	Danielle.M.Rice@Comcast.net	Amy Stevens	(301) 793-5991	SequoyahVPofFundraising@Gmail.com
Program	Cultural Arts	As part of the school program, Sequoyah students have many opportunities to enhance their appreciation for the cultural arts. With support from PTA funds, professional drama, dance, and music groups entertain Sequoyah's children at many in-school performances. Artist-in-residence programs help integrate the arts into the curriculum in individual grades. In addition, the school organizes field trips to support the instructional program.	Rita Starost	(301) 208-8843	Rita4Kyle@Yahoo.com			
Program	Directory/Handbook		OPEN			Noelle Donati	(301) 793-4990	NDonati@Comcast.net
Program	Fall Dance		Ayxa Kalai	(301) 560-4260	Aixa@inbox.com	Jeannette Cocci	(240) 683-6268	jeannettecocci@comcast.net
Program	Health & Safety		Emily Matusek	(301) 987-5412	SequoyahVPofPrograms@Gmail.com	Ellen Motley	(301) 987-0892	EokMott@Comcast.net
Program	International Night (2009-2010)	Our popular International Night is a night to share the cultural diversity that our families bring to Sequoyah. There are numerous exhibits displaying many cultural backgrounds, along with a wonderful variety of international foods and music to share.	OPEN			Amy Hernandez		Robin_M_Reed-Hernandez@mcpsmd.org
Program	Kindergarten Orientation	Kindergarten Orientation is an open house for prospective kindergarten students and is held in early spring. Parents may register their children for school and the children may visit kindergarten classrooms prior to the start of the school year.	Ann Brazinski	(301) 330-5044	bnanno@aol.com	Jennifer Crocker		joncrocker@AOL.com
Program	NAACP Liaison	The Parents' Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People seeks to empower parents and guardians of African-American and other minority children enrolled in MCPS who share the goal of equal education for all children. The Parents' Council is composed of representatives from each school and meets monthly throughout the year to share information that parents can use to enhance their child's chance of success.	Louis Baker		Baker.Louis@comcast.net	Olivia Thomas		
Program	New Parent Breakfast/Principal's Coffee		Rita Starost	(301) 208-8843	Rita4Kyle@Yahoo.com			
Program	Newsletter	Once a month parents receive a newsletter in their child's backpack. The Sequoyah Signal contains many items of interest, including important announcements about school, PTA, and community initiatives, events, and activities, and informative articles submitted by PTA committee chairs and parent volunteers. If you read the Signal each month, you will stay well informed about the issues and activities in the Sequoyah community. Email Address: SequoyahSignal@Gmail.com	OPEN			Amy Stevens	(301) 793-5991	SequoyahVPofFundraising@Gmail.com
Program	Parenting Partners/Special Needs		Jean Sommerville		Wilbursfriend@aol.com			
Program	Reflections		Allison Mathis	(240) 632-1041	MathisMA@Verizon.Net			
Program	Staff Hospitality		Alice Clark	(301) 670-1619	ClarkDerwood@Comcast.net	Jennifer Crocker	(301) 208-2653	JonCrocker@AOL.com

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Program	Volunteer Coordinator		OPEN					
Program	Young Savers		Dawn Greene	(301) 963-6389	Mom2Goose@comcast.net			