

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal April 14, 2022

Dear Sycamore Community,

Welcome Back!

It's so great to see all the kids after Spring Break and hear about their adventures. It's hard to believe that there are only 34 days left of school!

Reminder: Playground Open in the Morning

This week we returned to having the 1st-5th grade playground open for recess in the morning (from 7:45-8:00).

- Parents are now encouraged to drop off their children at the gate so that children can engage with their peers, playing on the playground in the morning.
- We are increasing our adult supervision on the playground in the morning - there will be additional teachers on the yard to supervise students.
- Students will be able to play on the play structure or blacktop.
- No equipment will be out for students to use as the playtime is short and we don't want to lose instructional time.
- At 8:00am, the bell will ring and all students will line up at their line up spots. Teachers will pick up students at 8:00am at their line up spot.

After school, we will continue with our current procedures. At 2:30pm, students will be released to line up on the blacktop and should wait in their line up spot until they are picked up by their parents. No students or siblings of students should be playing on our playground between 2:30-2:40. Any students not picked up by 2:40pm will be brought to the office and their parents will be called.

Abilities Awareness Week

Next week our Sharks will have the opportunity to increase their understanding of those who move through the world differently. Classroom teachers will share information, including reading books and having classroom discussions with students throughout the week. Students will visit the MPR, on Tuesday, with their class and

learn more about ADHD, Dyslexia, and Autism.

Summer School

Summer School registration ends **TOMORROW, APRIL 15th**, at 4:00pm. Summer School runs from Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 - to Wednesday, July 13th, 2022.

School is from 8:15am - 12:45pm.

Summer School will take place at Bollinger Canyon Elementary, Live Oak Elementary, and Creekside Elementary. All current 5th graders will attend school at Diablo Vista Middle School.

All classes will focus on essential skills in your student's current grade level to help them close learning gaps and be confident and successful next school year.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwCqpf2M0ops7t7_El01nMgjkCZMZ9sz1io0t3R9zR2aXg4g/viewform

If you register after April 15th, your student will automatically be added to the waitlist.

Warmly,
Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



04/14 - Shark Fund Meeting 6:30 Virtual

Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/qpe-bety-rgj

04/15 - Wear Shark wear or Blue Clothing

04/15 - Family Game Night - MPR

04/18 - 04/22 - Abilities Awareness Week

04/19 - Recess with Danville PD

04/19 - Abilities Awareness Interactive Experience

04/20 - PTA Meeting (elections)

04/22 - Wear Shark wear or Blue Clothing

04/25 - 04/29 - Staff Appreciation Week

04/25 - 04/29 - Spring Book Fair

04/27 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EA9AD28A7FB6-staff1>

04/27 - Dippin Dot Sales

04/27 - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal - 1:00pm

04/28 - Variety Show - 6:00pm

04/29 - Wear Shark wear or Blue Clothing

05/04 - Shark Cinema 1:00 - 3:00 MPR : Buy Tickets Now:[FutureFund](#)

05/16 - Science Fair - MPR
05/19 - Open House
05/30 - No School - Memorial Day



Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar

Calendar

Shark Fund Elections Meeting 4/14: join our next virtual member meeting Thursday, April 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm for Shark Fund board member elections. Log-in details can be found below. If you are interested in volunteering with Shark Fund next school year, please contact Shark Fund President Alison Stracke sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org to discuss current openings.

Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/qpe-bety-rgj
Join by phone (US) +1 607-288-2365 (PIN: 899170245)

Auction Update: Thank you WONDERFUL Sycamore Valley community! Due to the generosity of our auction donors, participants and dedicated volunteers, Sycamore's 2022 auction was a huge success and made **over \$80,000** in profit for our school! Your auction contributions will be used to support Shark Fund programs, including para educators in every classroom, weekly library, student intervention, TK/K PE and more.

Fund-A-Need contributions raised through the auction fell short of our \$25,000 goal but it isn't too late for your family to help fund an LED sign on campus! Please consider making a donation to this future source of revenue for our school [here](#).

Congratulations to ALL of our lucky Staff Raffle winners! **A complete list of Staff Raffle winners can be found in the [attached document](#).**

Sharky Cinema returns for a final showing of the school year on Wednesday, May 4th. Join us in the MPR for a showing of Shark Tale and a snack from 1:00-3:00, just after Wacky Wednesday dismissal. Purchase your student's ticket through [FutureFund](#). **All students must have signed waivers and PG permission slips to attend (details on Future Fund)**. Please sign-up [here](#) if you are able to help supervise; volunteers' kid(s) attend for no charge.

Dippin' Dots

April - May Dippin Dot Calendar
(weather permitting)
4/27,

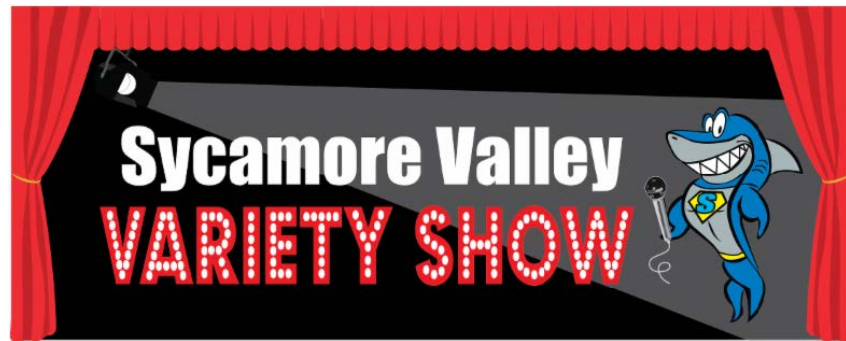


Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our Dippin Dot Wednesday Fundraisers!!!! Dippin Dots has generated over \$5,000 in sales and since January. 100% of Dippin Dot proceeds benefit Shark Fund which benefits your children and Sycamore through the following programs:

- **Paraeducators** in every classroom
- **Reading Intervention**
- **Rainbow Room** – provides social development support for students TK-3rd grade
- **Librarian's** salary
- **Physical Education** for TK & Kindergarten students
- Supplemental **office hours** to support the Sycamore Community

TK & Kindergarten Sales @ 11:30am near the Kinder Playground Entrance .
1st – 5th grade Sales @ 12:50pm on the blacktop near the rear entrance of the MPR

Lost Dippin Dot Punch Cards or any other Dippin Dot questions
Dippin Dot Dana Claffey
925-407-7178
Dana.claffey@gmail.com



OUR VARIETY SHOW IS BACK AND WE ARE SO EXCITED!!!

IMPORTANT 2022 VARIETY SHOW Dates

Variety Show Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, April 27th at 1:00 PM in MPR

Attendance Line

925-855-2898



**Please call the attendance line
to report an absence:
925-855-2898**

Reminder: If your child will be absent from school, please call the attendance line (925) 855-2898. State your name and relationship, your child's name, grade and teacher name along with the reason for absence. If your child is ill, please let us know what symptoms your child is experiencing. If any of the symptoms described are known symptoms of COVID-19, you will receive an email regarding the next steps and information about returning to school.

If you choose not to leave illness details, you will receive a call from the attendance office asking for more information. It is our responsibility to maintain the health and safety of our school community and we ask for your cooperation. Your student's private health information will not be shared beyond administrative or nursing staff.

Note: Even if you have notified your child's teacher, please call the attendance line to record the absence!

Thank you.

Platinum Sponsors

Thank you to Sycamore's 21-22 Platinum Corporate Sponsors



Reminder:

If you need to drop-off items for your
child or their teacher,
please call the school office
when you arrive at the main gate.
(925) 855-2800

Please write your Child's Name and Grade/Teacher
on the item that your are dropping off.



Sycamore Valley PTA

proudly presents

Disney Family Game Night



Disney Family Game Night

Friday, April 15th

- 6:00 PM check-in & dinner
- 6:30 PM games begin
- **Cost is \$9 per person** (includes pizza, caesar salad, water & cookie)



This is NOT a drop-off event. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

REGISTER TODAY!

<https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store>

Please note: this is a limited 125 person capacity event - Please limit your party to immediate household members only. NO tickets will be sold at the door

Register on future fund and sign PTA waiver before Thursday April 14th.



Staff Appreciation Week is Coming Up!! April 25-29

We all know that our grade level teachers get showered with messages of appreciation during this week, but we want to make sure ALL the Sycamore staff members feel the love from our sharks!! Please print and have your students use this "Thank You" template to share their messages of gratitude for all the Sycamore Staff that does so much every day (or make your own cards)!! Cards can be dropped off in the front office beginning now, through Friday April 29th – students are welcome to make as many cards as they would like.

Thanks so much for helping us show our appreciation!

Warmly,
The Staff Appreciation Committee
Laura Savage, Avi Bandaranaike, Robin Bonaso & Carrie Butz

Here is a quick snapshot of all your favorite Staff Members: [Flyer](#)

Staff Luncheon:

Sycamore families! The PTA will be hosting a Staff Appreciation luncheon on April 27th. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up to donate something. Some of the items have suggested links. Please drop off items to the school office by Tuesday, April 26th. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EA9AD28A7FB6-staff1>

For questions please contact Jenna Mesic at JLMesic@gmail.com



PTA Job Descriptions:

Click on this link to view the description of our PTA jobs.

[PTA Job Descriptions](#)

Join the PTA Executive Board

The large, bold, black "PTA" logo with a registered trademark symbol.

everychild.one voice.

Sycamore Valley PTA Executive Board has two open roles for the 2022-2023 school year.

**Financial Secretary
Parliamentarian**

For job descriptions please follow this [link](#).

We also have several open PTA committee positions with varying time commitments. It takes a lot of volunteers to run the PTA amazing programs at Sycamore.

Come join us! We need YOU!!!

To discuss these opportunities, please contact Joëlle Baldwin (310) 562-2281, joelle.baldwin@gmail.com

PTA Advocacy Day is coming up!

If you would like to learn about state funding for our district, hear from legislators and our superintendent, consider attending Advocacy Day.



Anyone is welcome to attend! For more information and to register, please see <https://www.srvcouncilpta.org/ad22-2>

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**RAISE THE BASE
PTA ADVOCACY DAY 2022**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

San Ramon Community Center
12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon
Register: www.srvcouncilpta.org/ad22-2

Cost: \$40.00 (Continental Breakfast and Boxed Lunch included)



AFTER ATTENDING ADVOCACY DAY

JOIN US AT ONE OF THE PRESENTATION DATES BELOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT STATE FUNDING FOR SRVUSD SCHOOLS

Monday, April 25
6:30 - 7:30 PM
San Ramon Valley High
Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, April 26
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Monte Vista High
Workday Center

Monday, May 2
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Dougherty Valley High
Library

Thursday, May 5
6:30 - 7:30 PM
California High
Performing Arts Center



For questions or more information, please email communications@srvusd.net



Kids Are Talking

Will be back Next Week



SCIENCE LANGUAGE ART MATH

A fun extra curriculum activity lead by expert parent volunteers to promote curiosity and learning.

3rd through 5th grade.

For more info please contact Rita Birk at sycamoreslam@gmail.com and see our website at <https://sycamoreslam2122.shutterfly.com/>

Sign up for Science

Congratulations to the 5th graders who participated in this year's Science Alliance program! The students presented their hard work put in all year during last weekend's science exploration event! Awesome job!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a8af22abfe3-slam>

SuperScience: Blank SuperScience Skills Sheets and Answer Keys can be downloaded from the SLAM Website: [Shutterfly](#). Completed worksheets for the Mar/Apr issue must be turned in to the SLAM bin located in the office by **Friday, April 1st**. Student work will be recorded and then returned the following month.

Science Builder's Challenge: This year's Science Builders' Challenge is Goldberg's Garage. Students will find creative ways to complete several action transfers (kinetic energy) by using a variety of simple machines, thus combining to form a complex machine! This project applies the concept of a Rube Goldberg machine, which uses a complicated series of actions to simply move an object from one place to another, usually in a unique, fun, and indirect way. The project submission and showcase will be held on **Monday, May 2nd**, after school. Project requirements have been emailed to those that signed up. See the [SLAM](#) website for project details.

Science Fair: *UPDATE - **The Science Fair is now Monday, May 16th, at 2:30pm** (instead of Wednesday, May 18th)* Students will answer your most pressing scientific questions using The Scientific Method and present their experiment and findings in a tri-fold poster board presentation. This year's Science Fair will be held on **Monday, May 16th**, after school. Judging will be held that afternoon and prizes will be awarded for Creativity, Presentation, and Most Unexpected Results. The projects and awards will be on display in the library during the school's Open House on Thursday, May 19th. Project requirements have been emailed to those that signed up. See the [SLAM](#) website for project details.

Sign up for Language (word masters)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4caea92fa31-word>

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Sign up for Language (Battle of the Books)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4caea92fa31-battle>

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Sign up for DynaMath

<https://sycamoreslam2122.shutterfly.com/m>

The March/April Issue will be sent home through your child's classroom shortly. Download Blank Answer Worksheets from the SLAM website or put your answers in the magazine.

Complete March/April worksheets/magazines must be turned into the SLAM bin in the office by **Friday, April 1st.**

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RESEARCH

Sign up for Research Projects here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548ada92ba3f85-slam>

Our next project is Women's History Month due on **Friday, March 25th..**

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SAN RAMON VALLEY PASSPORT

All 3rd-5th grade students (who have not previously done the passport) are invited to take part in this independent, interactive field trip exploration into the history of the San Ramon Valley!

Please follow this link to print out your own passport!!

<https://museumsrv.org/passport-2/>

Students must visit the assigned places and answer questions. Completed Passports can be dropped in the SLAM Office bin. The passport earns 2 SLAM points!

Passports are due **Friday, May 6th.**

GO SLAM



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

Mark your calendars!

Our first in-person book fair in almost 3 years is happening April 25-29!

This is our library's biggest fundraiser and your support greatly appreciated! Please look for more information coming home next week via email and Shark folders!

The Battle of the Books is only ONE month away! If your student plans to participate, they need to read at least 8 / 10 of the books. See the PTA SLAM sign up above for more info!

Stay tuned for some fun library fundraising news soon as well!

Jen Prindiville
Library Media Coordinator
Sycamore Valley Elementary
<https://syc-srvusd-ca.schoolloop.com/sylibrary>

"A book is a friend. You can never have too many." -Gary Paulsen

Happy reading!

Sharky Shout Out:

Shout Out to Karen Ta, Office Assistant.

Karen has joined our team in the school office. Karen is our book keeper and works with Staff members as well as parent groups.

Karen also helps with our students when they come to our office for assistance.

Please join me in making Karen feel welcome and part of our Sycamore Community.



The Lost & Found rack is located at the front of our school near the MPR.

Please check for your misplaced items - you might even find an item that you didn't know was lost!

This time of year, our Lost and Found tends to grow rather quickly.

Please make sure that your child's name is marked in their clothing.

Smaller Lost & Found items are in the Office.
Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes are on the shelf in the MPR.



Morning mile is back! Join us on WEDNESDAY mornings at 7:30am on the turf field directly across from the main entrance to Sycamore Elementary to run, jog, walk or skip your way around the field. All grades are welcome to come run, younger siblings too!

Parents must stay with your child to participate. Please fill out and bring the waiver prior to your first time attending.

[WAIVER](#)

We will be done to get to class by 8:00.



You are welcome to order individual photos and the class group photo.
Proofs of the student's photo can be viewed:

[Order School Photos](#)

When placing an order, the code requested is your child's student ID#

Please contact Creative Imaging with any school picture questions:
925-485-6025 or orders@ciphoto.com

Child Nutrition



Lunch Provided @ Sycamore







Lunch is provided at no cost to all students that request a lunch at school.

Elementary School Menus

Limited Salad Bar is back week We are very excited to report that the salad bar has reopened.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST FREE MEALS!

COMPLETE OUR MEAL BENEFIT APPLICATION TO ENSURE CONTINUED FUNDING TO SUPPORT OUR ENTIRE DISTRICT

 Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Program		
P-EBT CARD RECEIVE \$ TO PURCHASE FOOD	ATHLETICS DISCOUNTED FEES FOR PAY TO PLAY	SCHOOL FUNDING INCREASED FUNDING TO SUPPORT STUDENTS' ACCESS TO TOP-NOTCH EDUCATION
		
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The annual form is now available online and in four languages.

- **English Meal (Income) Application**
- **Español Spanish (Income) Application**
- **Chinese Meal (Income) Application**
- **Hindi Meal (Income) Application**

For more information about the meals, please visit the Child Nutrition Website.

[https://www.srvusd.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?
d=x&group_id=1531973258656&vdid=i20b2k99eacx](https://www.srvusd.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?d=x&group_id=1531973258656&vdid=i20b2k99eacx)

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT TODD STRACKE AT
 TODD.STRACKE@CLOROX.COM OR (510) 219-8589

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Sycamore Parents:
 A few minutes of your time can help our school in a BIG way!

This year the Sycamore Corporate Sponsorship team has found new & creative ways to get your business out to our community that will bring you even more visibility!
 We have added sponsor visibility at more events, in the yearbook, and made our weekly Shark Bites a main attraction.

Want to be a Sycamore Sponsor?



The Sycamore PTA partners with businesses each year to help support under-funded or cancelled state educational programs.

Find new clients while supporting our school! Email Kay McCormack for details (katerinitsa@aol.com)

- Support Sycamore
- Increase your sales & visibility
- Get a tax deduction

Sycamore is invested in making this year a successful one for us all, and hope you will come partner with us. Platinum level is \$1,500 and is our highest level of visibility. For more information, please view our [sponsorship details](#) or contact us at Katerina McCormack katerinitsa@aol.com or Kristina Buskirk Kristinabuskirk@gmail.com

Sycamore's Auction is back and scheduled for March 2022!

We want to make it a huge success and are asking our Sycamore families:

What do YOU have to donate?

- Perhaps you have a getaway experience, sporting event tickets, restaurant gift cards or even a vacation rental home?
- Some of us have country club contacts for golf or tennis.
- Wine club members, will your winery donate a tasting, food pairing or bottles?
- Possibly you own a local company and want to donate your services or showcase your company's name by donating gift cards?
- Don't forget about asking grandparents or other family members who may want to donate as well!

People love a tax-deductible donation & raising money for all of our children. Please view the [attached letter](#) for more information.

Questions?

Contact Online Auction Chair Jenna Mesic at sycamorevalleyauction.edfund@srvef.org

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