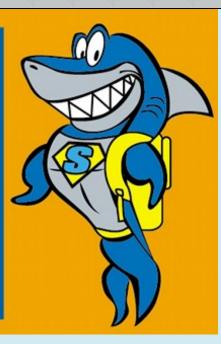
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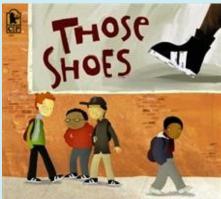
Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal April 21, 2022

Dear Sycamore Community,

REMINDERS

April Read Aloud

Our character trait for the month of April is GRATITUDE. Our character statement says: I **appreciate** the opportunities I have and show **gratitude** for the people in my life. Our book this month is <u>Those Shoes</u>. The book tells the story of a boy named Jeremy who wants a pair of "those shoes" like the ones everyone at school seems to be wearing.



MARIBETH BOELTS Illustrative by NOAH Z. JONES

Though Jeremy's grandma says they don't have room for "want," just "need," when his old shoes fall apart at school, he is more determined than ever to have those shoes, even a thrift-shop pair that's the wrong size. Jeremy soon learns that sore feet aren't much fun, and Jeremy learns that the things he has - warm boots, a loving grandma, and the chance to help a friend - are worth more than the things he wants.

Abilities Awareness

For this year's Exceptional Abilities Awareness week, our PTA hosted an interactive experience on Monday, April 18th in the MPR. There were 6 stations where students read about the physical or

learning difference, discovered a famous person who live(d) with that difference, and participated in an interactive activity to see what it would be like to live with that difference. Students learned about vision impairment/blindness, hearing impairment, physical limitation (wheelchair, loss of limb), and learning differences.



Recess with the Cops

Our Danville police officers came out this Tuesday to spend some quality time with our Sharks. They played games, talked with the kids, and built community. The kids had a great time with our local officers. Here are some photos of the fun!



Book Fair- RETURNS!

We will be having our first in person book fair since fall of 2019! We are so excited to bring this back to our Sharks after a long hiatus. Students will be able to visit the book fair during their regularly scheduled library time. Families will be able to visit the book fair after school on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Here are the times:

Wednesday4/27 - 1:00 - 2:30pmThursday4/28 - 2:30 - 4:00pmFriday4/29 - 2:30 - 4:00pm

Fifth Grade Overnight Field Trip

This morning, our fifth graders left for their overnight field trip to Westminster Woods. The kids will be studying nature, hiking, doing craft projects, and challenging themselves to climbing tasks. I am so excited that I will be able to join our fifth graders for the day tomorrow!



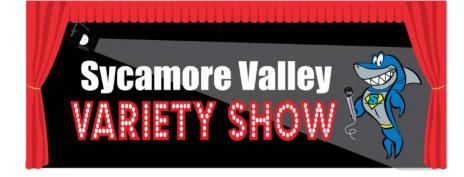
Warmly, Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



04/16 - 04/24 - Sports Basement Shark Fund giveback 04/18 - 04/22 - Abilities Awareness Week 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 - Spirit Day - Theme: Pink 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 05/02 - SLAM Science Builder's Challenge - MPR 2:30pm 05/03 - Vision & Hearing Grades K, 2nd & 5th -Volunteers needed: sign up here 05/04 - Shark Cinema 1:00 - 3:00 MPR : Buy Tickets Now: Future Fund 05/14 - Site Council Bios are due - see information below 05/16 - Science Fair - MPR 2:30pm 05/19 - Open House 05/30 - No School - Memorial Day



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE RETURN OF THE SYCAMORE VALLEY VARIETY SHOW!!!

Come support your fellow Sharks as they take the stage Thursday, April 28th at 6:00 PM in the MPR! The show will be an entertaining and fun evening for the entire family and is a PTA sponsored free event. Doors open at 5:45 PM!



Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar

<u>Calendar</u>

Sports Basement Shopping Event runs through 4/24 - don't miss this Sycamore Valley discount! Basementeers save 20%, with 10% of profits coming back to Shark Fund. New shoppers can join the Basementeer discount program and current Basementeers can assign their account to Shark Fund to raise additional funds for our school.

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 <u>FutureFund</u>. All students must have signed waivers and PG permission slips to attend (details on Future Fund). Please sign-up <u>here</u> if you are able to help supervise; volunteers' kid(s) attend for no charge.

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 <u>here</u>.

22-23 Shark Fund Recruitment continues. We are specifically looking to fill

the Secretary role and are in need of a number of Events committee members. Please contact Shark Fund President Alison Stracke at <u>sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org</u> if you are interested in learning more about these and other positions.



Dippin' Dots

April - May Dippin Dot Calendar (weather permitting) 4/27, 5/04, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/01

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-3 rd 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 . $1^{st}-5^{th}$ 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

Attendance Line 925-855-2898

Call us

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.

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

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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.

PTA Job Descriptions:

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

PTA Job Descriptions



Join the PTA Executive Board



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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, <u>ioelle.baldwin@gmail.com</u>



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 <u>https://www.srvcouncilpta.org/ad22-2</u>

FLYER



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

Monday, May 2 6:30 - 7:30 PM Dougherty Valley High Library Tuesday, April 26 6:30 - 7:30 PM Monte Vista High Workday Center San Ramon Valle Council of PTAs

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

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



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 atsycamoreslam@gmail.com and see

our website at https://sycamoreslam2122.shutterfly.com/

Sign up for Science

Congratulations to the Science Olympiad team for participating in Saturday's competition, competing against 38 other teams from various schools within our district! **Great job to Julian Awad (4th), Daivik Dodeja (5th), Amaya Fernando (4th), Zoya Kaur (4th), Saina Shetty (4th), and Stefan Tekic (4th)!**

The competition consisted of three build events - building a barge, a bridge, and a rubber band-powered can car. The students also competed in pairs in theory events, which included "A Broader World" for environmental sciences, "Don't Bug Me" for class insecta, and "World Problem Wizardry" for math problems. Julian and Saina were First Place Winners for "A Broader World"! Way to go, Sharks!

Also, a special shout out to the team's parent coach, Jyoti Rekhi, and the PTA for donating personalized team shirts!

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

SuperScience: Completed Mar/Apr SuperScience issues, as well as the new May/June issue (this is the last issue for the year), will be sent home through your child's classroom this month. Blank SuperScience Skills Sheets and Answer Keys can be downloaded from the SLAM Website: <u>Shutterfly</u>. Completed worksheets for the final May/June issue must be turned in to the SLAM bin located in the office by Friday, May 13th. Student work will be recorded and then returned.

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 in the MPR. Project requirements have been emailed to those that signed up. See the **SLAM** website for project details.

Science Fair: 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 in the MPR. 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 <u>SLAM</u> website for project details.

Sign up for Language (word masters)

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

Sign up for Language (Battle of the Books)

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

Sign up for DynaMath

https://sycamoreslam2122.shutterfly.com/m

The **May/June** 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.

Completed **May/June** worksheets/magazines must be turned into the SLAM bin in the office by **Friday**, **May 13th**. This is the last issue for the year!

RESEARCH

https://sycamoreslam2122.shutterfly.com/rese

Our last project is Asian/ Pacific American Heritage Month due on **Friday**, **May 6th**. This is our last project for the year!

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



Site Council:

If you are interested in becoming part of our Site Council, We are looking for parent representatives for the upcoming Site Council Committee. Open positions include: Parent Representative and Alternate Parent Representative. The Sycamore School Site Council (SY SSC) is governed by state guidelines and makes sure the school LCAP goals, School Safety Plan and School Plan for Achievement are completed, reviewed and updated annually. Parent representatives must be elected by the parent community. We will hold an election once we have received the parent bios. More information about Site Council is available at http://www.sycamoreelementary.org/sitecouncil If you are interested in participating, please write a bio that tells a bit about

yourself and why you want to be a part of our site council and send the bio to Barbara Jones at <u>Bjones1@srvusd.net</u>. Please submit your bio no later than May 14, 2022.



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming next week, 4/26-4/29. This is the main fundraiser to help our school purchase new books and supplies for the Sycamore Library. Students will get to shop during their regular Library time, and the book fair will also be open after school on the following dates: Wednesday 4/27, 1-2:30pm Thursday 4/28, 2:30-4pm Friday 4/29, 2:30-4pm

Please use this link to sign up to help run the book fair: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45ADAB29A3FD0-sycamore1

Ideally we would like to have 2 volunteers for each class time, and 3 volunteers during the after school times.

Book fair volunteers will each receive a \$5 book credit to shop at the book fair. The tasks include cashier, unboxing/stocking, and helping kids find books. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the shift, or stop by the Library any time between 10am-3pm on Monday 4/25, to receive a brief training from Mrs. Prindiville on how

to use the cash register and new e-wallet system.

Thank you for your time and support!

Phyllis Acon PTA Library Liaison

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:

Thank you to Dana Claffey for another fun family game night of Bingo and prizes!

Sports Basement Shark Fund Giveback:

up to 20% off purchases 4/16-4/24







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 <u>orders@ciphotoca.com</u>

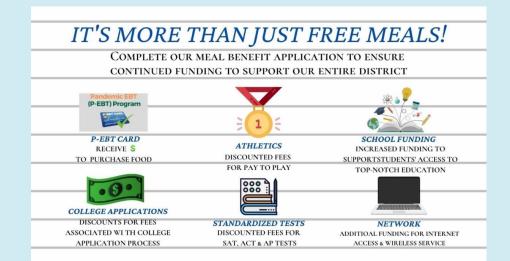


Child Nutrition

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.



The annual form is now available online and in four languages.

- English Meal (Income) Application
- Español Spanish (Income) Application
- <u>Chinese Meal (Income) Application</u>
- Hindi Meal (Income) Application

For more information about the meals, please visit the Child Nutrition Website. <u>https://www.srvusd.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?</u> <u>d=x&group_id=1531973258656&vdid=i20b2k99eacx</u>

Shark Fund - Corporate Match



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.

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 <u>katerinitsa@aol.com</u> or Kristina Buskirk <u>Kristinabuskirk@gmail.com</u>

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 card s 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 <u>attached letter</u> for more information.

Questions?

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

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