

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal April 28, 2022

Dear Sycamore Community,

REMINDERS

- **May 9th/10th/12th/13th = Assessment Days: 8:00am-1:50pm = All 1st-3rd Graders**
- **May 19th = Open House, 6:00-7:00 pm**

Teacher Appreciation Week

What a special week... Our staff appreciates the support from you, our Sycamore Community. The lunches, flowers, coffees, and treats have been wonderful. The creativity of the classroom door decorations are amazing. THANK YOU!! We are the luckiest to get to teach your amazing kids and partner with all of you in your child's education!

Variety Show

Tonight, we had the amazing return of our Variety Show. A huge thank you to Laurie Campbell, Marisa Montierth, Joelle Baldwin, Jenny Moreno, and Jennifer Prindiville for making the show a success. It was so fun to see the different talents of our Sharks- from singing and dancing to gymnastics and piano playing- and of course, the fifth-grade finale, it was a night to remember! Way to go Sharks!

CAASPP Testing

This week our students in grades 3-5 began CAASPP testing. Students are testing in both language arts and math and our fifth graders will be testing in science as well. Results for this test will come to families over the summer. If you have any questions about the test, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Assessment Week

For grades 1-3, the week of May 9th will include assessment days. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday if that week, students will come to school from

8:00-1:50. Teachers will use the time after 1:50 to schedule 1:1 and small group assessments with students.

It's hard to believe there is only a little over a month left of school. Looking forward to so many fun "end of the year" events over the next few weeks! Be sure to mark your calendars for Open House on May 19th from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Warmly,
Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



04/25 - 04/29 - Staff Appreciation Week

04/25 - 04/29 - Spring Book Fair

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:[FutureFund](#)

05/09 - 05/10 - Assessment Days: 8:00am - 1:50pm = All 1st-3rd Graders

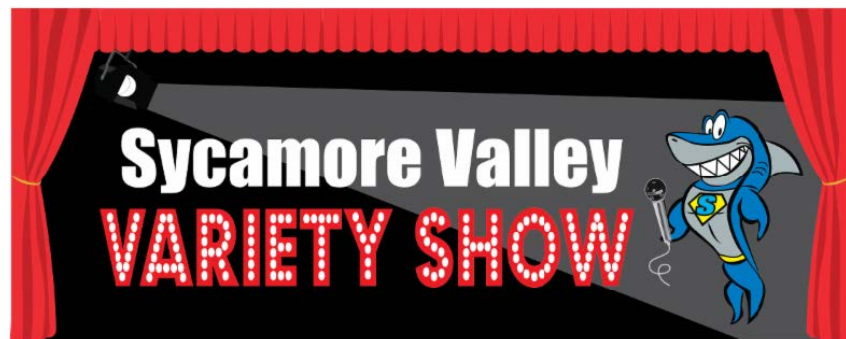
05/12 - 05/13 - Assessment Days: 8:00am - 1:50pm All 1st-3rd Graders

05/14 - Site Council Bios are due - see information below

05/16 - Science Fair - MPR 2:30pm

05/19 - Open House 6:00-7:00pm

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 5:50 PM!



Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar

[Calendar](#)

Your donations toward an LED sign on campus will result in an ongoing revenue stream for Shark Fund!

The sign will not only convey critical parent messages, it will also allow our local business sponsors to advertise their goods and services, while putting dollars directly into Shark Fund for educational supports. Please consider making a donation of any amount to this future source of revenue for our school [here](#) - **every single dollar counts!**

Sharky Cinema returns for a final showing of the school year next 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](#). There are only a handful of spots remaining and ticket sales close at noon on Monday, May 2nd!

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)
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-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

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.

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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.

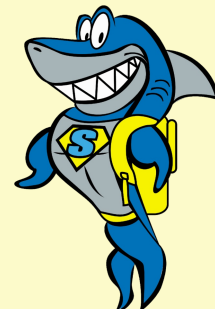


Site Council:

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 Bjones1@srvusd.net . Please submit your bio no later than May 14, 2022.



**Sycamore PTA
Needs YOU!!**



Sycamore Valley PTA has several open roles for the 2022-2023 school year.

- **Financial Secretary (PTA Exec Board)**
- **Parliamentarian (PTA Exec Board)**
- **Morning Mile**
- **Corporate Sponsorship**
- **SLAM Committee Members**
- **Yearbook Committee (5th Grade Parents)**

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

We also have several other 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



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 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 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!

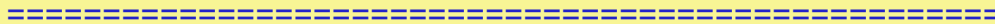
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a8af22abfe3-slam>

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: [Shutterfly](https://www.shutterfly.com/). 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 [SLAM](#) 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.

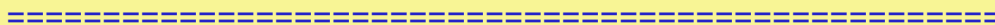
Completed **May/June** worksheets/magazines must be turned into the SLAM bin in the office by **Friday, May 13th**. This is the last issue for the year!



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



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 the Teacher Luncheon Committee for hosting a great luncheon for our staff this week:

Jenna Mesic, Lisa Comeau, and Lin Swenson.



Kids Are Talking

If you opened a store, what would you sell?



Preston
Probably food because some people might be starving for food.

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Tanishka
If I owned a store, I would sell the most food I can possibly sell. It would be called Tanishka's Snack Store, everything would be 50c because who doesn't like 50c stuff?



Sloka
If I owned a shop, I would probably sell pretty much everything you could buy but for pretty much a less price. So that's everything that's helpful but at a less cost, so say if toilet paper was \$20 I would sell that for \$10.



Olivia
I would probably sell clothes because I like designing clothes, so I think it would be fun to sell clothes. They would be cheaper because I feel like it's harder to get cheaper clothes nowadays that look good.



Madeline
I would sell sports stuff maybe or bracelets because I think sports is really popular and you would get a lot of customers coming in.



Holly
I would probably sell jewelry because I am really good at making bracelets and my mom makes jewelry so maybe she could work with me.



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

 <p>Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Program</p>	 <p>ATHLETICS</p>	 <p>SCHOOL FUNDING</p>
<p>P-EBT CARD RECEIVE \$ TO PURCHASE FOOD</p>	<p>DISCOUNTED FEES FOR PAY TO PLAY</p>	<p>INCREASED FUNDING TO SUPPORT STUDENTS' ACCESS TO TOP-NOTCH EDUCATION</p>
 <p>COLLEGE APPLICATIONS</p>	 <p>STANDARDIZED TESTS</p>	 <p>NETWORK</p>
<p>DISCOUNTS FOR FEES ASSOCIATED WITH COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS</p>	<p>DISCOUNTED FEES FOR SAT, ACT & AP TESTS</p>	<p>ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR INTERNET ACCESS & WIRELESS SERVICE</p>

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

Sycamore Valley Shark Fund is an affiliate of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation
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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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