

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal August 12, 2021

Dear Sycamore Community:

It was wonderful to see so many of you last night at Back To School Night. Thank you for coming out and being a part of it. I know a lot of information was shared last night so we will try to keep this week's Shark Bites short. However, there are a few things you need to know.

First Day Of School

It was so exciting to see all of our classrooms filled with students this week! Here are a few photos of the week:



Back to School Night

For any of you who may have missed it, here is my presentation from BTSN: [BTSN 2021](#).

New Teacher in Fourth Grade

Last night when I did my presentation, I neglected to include our newest edition to our staff. I'd like to introduce Mr. Steve Hewett. He is our new fourth grade teacher who joined our staff just this past Monday! Mr. Hewett returns to our school as a full time teacher having done several long term sub positions. We are so thrilled to have him!

Dogs on Campus

Just a quick reminder that dogs (leashed or unleashed) are not allowed on campus, including

our drop off and pick up areas. We encourage families to also keep their pet leashed on the back path when students are present. This is to help keep everyone safe.

Reopening Guide

There have been a lot of changes that have taken place regarding procedures at school. Our Reopening Guide has NOT been fully updated. I will be working on this over the next few days and will announce when it is fully ready for viewing. Thank you for your patience. Here are a few of the updates that will be added to the guide.

Lunch Outside

One area that I wanted to make sure you were updated right away is the change in our eating procedure. In the guide it says that we will have one grade inside the MPR and one outside in the courtyard. However, the recommendation is that if we can have children eat outside that is the safest way to go. Therefore, we have moved all children to eating outside either at the tables or picnic style in the shaded area. Starting tomorrow, any child that is eating picnic style will sit on the gymnastics mats in the shade. This will allow for the students to be more comfortable, allow us to move the mats back inside for easy storage, and wipe them down between groups. Thank you for your patience as we work to smooth out the kinks due to this last minute change.

TK/K Drop Off

We would like to clarify the expectations for TK/Kindergarten drop off. We need to change our expectations so that everyone is safe. For continuity across the school and safety of all, we would like for our TK/K students to follow the same procedures as our older students. The playground structure will be closed. No students or siblings should be on the structure. When students enter the yard with their family, they should head straight over to their classes' shark stenciled spots and stand or sit while they wait for their teacher. Parents can continue to chat and visit with other families while the students chat with each other. Younger siblings should stay with their parents. Masks should be on students' faces at 8:00 am when the bell rings.

TK/K Procedure for Picking up Provided Lunch

All TK/K families who would like to get a provided lunch should head to the MPR doors closest to the street. There will be grab and go options available starting tomorrow.

Site Council

We are looking for 2 new members for our Site Council. See the article in this issue of Shark Bites. If you are interested, please submit a short bio to our Office Manager, Barbara Jones BJones1@srvusd.net .

Warmly,
Sylvie Bullard

GO SHARKS !

IMPORTANT DATES



Annual Update Open - online through your parent portal

08/02 - 08/27 - Sycamore Valley Elementary Online Registration

08/18 - Dippin' Dot Sales 1:50pm

08/18 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual 6:30 Zoom

09/01 - Dippin' Dot Sales 1:50pm

09/01 - Virtual PTA Association Meeting 8:30am - Zoom

09/01 - Shark Shop Orders Due @ midnight

09/06 - No School - Labor Day

09/13 - School Picture Day (revised date)

09/14 - Minimum Day - Staff Development

09/15 - Dippin' Dot Sales 1:50pm

09/15 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual 6:30 - Zoom

09/20 - International Culture Week / Festival Around the World

Attendance Line



**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.

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**

Shark Shop 2021!
Get your Sycamore spirit wear today!

Shark Shop is open to get all your Sycamore Spirit wear!
Shirts, sweatshirts and shorts, Sharky hair bows and masks available.

Blank sample sizes available for viewing Friday, Aug 13th before school
(7:50-8) and after school (1:50-2) near the front gates.

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**Orders will be processed, packaged, and distributed during the last week
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w/ blue glitter imprint & elastic hair tie
Blue Mask is Size Small (kid/small adult)
Grey Mask is Size Medium (large kid/adult)

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



Contact: Catherine Sjoberg at catmsjoberg@gmail.com

All orders final as of store close date - no returns or exchanges.

Sycamore Valley Online Registration is OPEN!

Please remember to register your student(s) during Sycamore's online registration period. Registration is open from 8/02-8/27. Your support is vital to our school! Go to <https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com> to register and learn more.



Dippin' Dot Sales

Get Free Dippin Dots with Prepaid Dippin Dot Punch Card

Punch cards can be purchased at all Dippin Dot Wednesday events or from Dana Claffey with cash or checks made payable to Sycamore Shark Fund.

- buy 5 get 1 free
- save time in line with fast and easy purchase - no need to bring money to school
- each punch card is \$25.00 (families can share one card)
- All proceeds benefit Sycamore Shark Fund

Dippin Dot Calendar

8/18, 9/1, 9/15, 9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17

weather permitting*

Kindergarten Sales @ 11:30am near the Kinder playground

1st - 5th Grade Sales @ 12:50pm
at the front of the carpool lane near the big playground gate.

Questions should be directed to Dippin Dot Dana at 925-407-7178 or dana.claffey@gmail.com

Enrollment for 2021-2022 School Year

2021-22 (next school year) New Student Enrollment:

Enrollment for TK - 5th grade is now open.

Enroll Your Child

- The first day of school for [the 2021-22 school year](#) is August 10, 2021.



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

We are so excited to welcome all of our Sharks back to the library this year! For now, classes will visit the library on alternating weeks, beginning next week. Parent volunteer lists will be collected after Back to School Night and I will keep you posted on opportunities to volunteer in the library in the near future!

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville / Library Media Coordinator
<https://syc-srvusd-ca.schoolloop.com/sylibrary>



SHARKS READ **Read / Exchange / Donate**

Sharks READ book exchange cart!

On supply pick-up days, the **Sharks READ** cart will be in front of the MPR with free books - *from and for* Sycamore students.



Sharks Read, Exchange, And Donate



Please **Take One & Leave One** (if you can):

- Give books. Donate gently used books to share with other Sycamore families.
- Take a book. When you are finished reading it, you may keep it or return it.
- Share and keep the cycle going!

Please be careful and considerate.

- Please wear a mask and maintain social distance at least 6-feet apart while you take turns browsing.
- Please do not leave wet or soiled books.
- Please keep the cart neat for everyone to browse.
- Please take only 1 book at time, or only as many books as you have donated.



Thank you for participating, and happy reading!

Please direct any questions to PTA Library Liaison: phyllis.acon@gmail.com
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Extracurricular Extension Programs 3rd - 5th Grade
Stay tuned for details regarding our SLAM program



Way to go, Sycamore SLAM!

For complete Sycamore SLAM program updates, please refer to the SLAM page - <https://sycamoreslam.shutterfly.com> / or email -meg9222@hotmail.com

GO SLAM



If you are interested in becoming part of our Site Council,
**We need two parents for the upcoming
Site Council Committee.**

Positions Open:
Parent Representative (1)
Alternate Parent Representative (1)

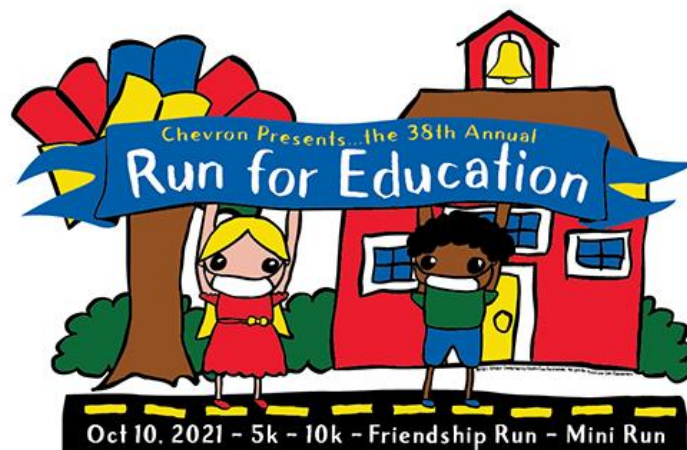
The Sycamore School Site Council (SY SSC) is governed by state guidelines and makes sure the school LCAP goals, School Safety Plan and School Plan for Achievement are completed, reviewed and updated annually.

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

As a reminder, parent representatives must be elected by the parent community.

We will hold a special election this fall once we have received the parent bios.

More information about Site Council is available at <http://www.sycamoreelementary.org/sitecouncil>



Run for Education:

The 2021 Run for Education is NOW OPEN!

The run will be virtual, but stay tuned for in-person activities in the Fall!

We hope you join us for the 38th Annual Run for Education! As a virtual run, you can run, jog, walk or roll for the distance of your choosing. Whether on the road, trail, treadmill or track, you decide when you do it - between September 10 and October 10 - and you pick the finish line! Complete a virtual 1K (Friendship or Mini Run), 5K, 10K, or create one of your own. Should you choose to time yourself, you can upload the results and even print a certificate of completion!

Why should I sign up for the Run for Education?

To earn money for OUR school! This event will be a fundraiser for the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation and OUR school with 30% of registration net proceeds going directly to Sycamore Valley Elementary. Additionally, the Run for Education is setting up pledge pages for every participant that will allow us to raise even more money with 70% of those donations coming directly to us. This will help give our school another revenue stream to supplement our existing efforts.

When should I sign up for the Run?

NOW! Registration is open at www.srvef.org. The low registration price of \$25 includes a new mask or cape! You can still order a shirt to keep your collection up to date when you register - orders need to be placed soon to guarantee delivery by September 1st!

We are excited about the possibilities this format offers our school! This is a healthy, fun activity we can all enjoy while raising funds to support our programs and people! Questions? Contact Karen Robman at karen@srvef.org.

Add a registration Button: www.srvef.org

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to the Beautification Committee:

Chris and Jenny Moreno, and their son Blake (5th grade) for planting new flowers around campus!



Kids Are Talking

Stay Tuned for the Next Issue !



Child Nutrition

Meals Provided @ Sycamore

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

We are excited to announce this school year, SRVUSD will be transitioning from a school meal program based on family income to a program which allows any student wanting a meal to have one provided to them at no cost.

[Elementary School Menus](#)

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
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