

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal December 22, 2021

Dear Sycamore Community,

REMINDERS

School Break: December 23rd-January 10th
School Resumes: Tuesday, January 11th, 2022

Assigned Parking Spots

A quick reminder that there are two reserved parking spots in front of our school. These spots are reserved for two families who contributed to our auction. Please leave these spots open for them to park their vehicles. Thank you!



Covid Communication

Please make sure that you keep the office informed of any positive cases of Sycamore students as well as any close contact exposures.

This ensures that we can follow the necessary procedures to keep everyone safe on campus. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Be A Mentor

If you have not registered to volunteer on campus, please do so at:

[Be A Mentor](#). Beginning January 11th, 2022, volunteers will login through the Be A Mentor computer to print their name badge. We will also have volunteers sign in and sign out on the clipboard. This is to ensure the safety of all on campus. If there were to be an emergency, we need to know who is actually on campus.

As we wrap up 2021, all of us at Sycamore wish you a wonderful break. We hope that all of you are able to relax and enjoy some special time with family and friends. Happy New Year! Here's to a joyful 2022!

Warmly,
Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



12/23 - 1/10 - No School - Winter Recess

01/07 - 01/16 - Sloat Garden Center Giveback

01/11 - School Resumes - This is a revised date

01/10 - 01/14 - Book Mark Contest

01/12 - VIRTUAL PTA Association meeting- 8:30 am ZOOM

01/19 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual 6:30pm

01/26 - Book Swap

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.

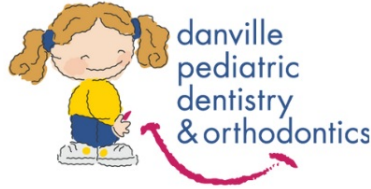
If you choose not to leave illness details, you will receive a call from the attendance office asking for more information. It is our responsibility to maintain the health and safety of our school community and we ask for your cooperation. Your student's private health information will not be shared 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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Thank you to Sycamore's 21-22 Platinum Corporate Sponsors



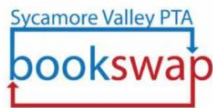
Reminder:

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

Book Swap - Bookmark Contest

Print off the flyer and make a bookmark for our Bookswap.
Bookmarks should be turned in to the school office by January 19th, 2022.

[FLYER](#)



Bookmark Contest Rules:

This year's theme is "Imagine All the People...Living in a World of Books." What's your favorite book? Use your imagination and creativity to design a bookmark that best represents that book. **Make sure to write/include the book title on your entry!** Open to all Sycamore Valley Elementary Students Grades TK -5.

- Bookmarks must be created using this template (on the left) with crayons, colored pencils, pens or markers. (Remember, winning bookmarks must be reproducible.)
- Original entries only. No tracing or copyrighted images like cartoons. No computer generated images.
- Only one (1) entry per student. Artwork should be done by hand and by the child whose name is on the form (exception: young children may receive help in writing letters and numbers).

Turn in your bookmark design entry to the OFFICE by January 19, 2021.

- Winners will be chosen from each grade level (TK, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th).
- Winners will be judged on creativity, spelling and neatness, theme, and print-ability.
- Winners will be announced January 26 and will receive a prize as well as bragging rights as "official" bookmark at this year's Book Swap.

Name _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian, please sign:

Sycamore Valley Elementary PTA has my permission to reproduce, exhibit, and distribute my child's bookmark and to list his or her first name, last initial, and school name on the bookmark.

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____



Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar

[Calendar](#)

Shop the Holidays with a SMILE

Did you know you can help support Sycamore Shark Fund while you shop with Amazon this holiday season and beyond? Follow these simple [steps](#) and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Shark Fund educational programs.

Happy Holidays from the Shark Fund team

AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app

You can now support SHARK FUND when you shop on Amazon using your iPhone & Android phones



HOW TO TURN ON AMAZONSMILE IN THE MOBILE APP

AmazonSmile is a way for Sycamore families to support their Sycamore SHARK FUND. Every time you shop, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our Sycamore SHARK FUND. You shop, Amazon gives!

1 Get the app

Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the **App Store** for iOS (<https://tinyurl.com/49f2eeym>) or **Google Play** for Android (<https://tinyurl.com/usrvwhnb>)

2 Join AmazonSmile

Simply **sign up** (<https://tinyurl.com/5fyne5cf>) by selecting your favorite charity **SRVEF- Sycamore Valley Elementary School Shark Fund**

3 Turn on AmazonSmile

Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

AMAZONSMILE WEBSITE

Here's how to sign up for AmazonSmile:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Click on AmazonSmile
4. Search for our school to select as your charity: **SRVEF- Sycamore Valley Elementary School Shark Fund**
5. Start shopping!
6. Add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile

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Sycamore Auction 2022: Parent Donations Needed

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.

Yearbook Photos:
We still need photos of all past events:
Fun Run, 1st Day of School, Festival Around the World, Monster Mash, Halloween, Red Ribbon Week

Thanksgiving feast, Winter Holiday Parties.

Want your

PHOTOS

in the

YEARBOOK?



Upload at www.hjeshare.com

School code: **sycamoresharks**



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. In fact, the rack is currently overflowing...

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.



Kids Are Talking

If you could travel anywhere for the holidays, where would you go and why?

Aashvi
I would go to India because my Dad's parents live over there and we haven't been able to meet them because of coronavirus and everything, so I want to go there so we can meet them and have some fun together.

Gavin
Disneyland because it's fun and I get to go on a bunch of rides. I don't think I have done it before because I can't remember. It could've been when I was little.

Jenna
I would go to Australia because I heard that in Australia they are really religious for Christmas and I've never celebrated Christmas before, so I would really like to do that. I'd love to see where all the deer would go during the holidays and maybe I'd see Rudolph.

Nya
I would want to go to Hawaii because I never went there and my Grandma lives there, so I would want to visit her because I don't get to visit her a lot.

William
I already am going somewhere... Hawaii. I remember the last time I went, there was one restaurant, we just went there for every meal, breakfast and dinner and it was so good.

Lucas
I would want to go probably to Snake Island, because I want to be the first person to ever survive there. There is no ground, the entire ground is covered in snakes, that's why I want to go there.



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 sycamoreslam2122@shutterfly.com

For MathMadness contact Anurag Dodeja at: anurag@dodejas.com

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044DA8AE22A4F94-sycamore>



Sign up for Science

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

Sign-ups for SuperScience are now closed. Completed September issues, along with the new Dec/Jan issue, will be sent home through your child's classroom this month. Blank SuperScience Skills Sheets, as well as Answer Keys, can be downloaded from the SLAM Website: [Shutterfly](#).

Completed worksheets must be turned in to the SLAM bin located in the office by the DUE DATE below. Student work will be recorded and then returned the following month.

DUE DATES:

Dec/Jan Issue: Due Fri, Jan 21

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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 and Research

Thanks to those who turned in the Sept issue! The answer key can be found on the SLAM

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

The Dec/Jan issue will be sent home through your child's classroom by next week. Download Blank Answer Worksheets from the SLAM Website OR complete your answers on blank paper.

Completed worksheets must be turned in to the SLAM bin in the office by the DUE DATE below.

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RESEARCH

Sign-up for Research Projects here:

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

Our next Research Project is Black History Month, due **Friday, Feb 25**.

GO SLAM



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

Take care of your library books over the break,
and take some time to read and relax!

Happy reading!

Jen Prindiville / Library Media Coordinator

<https://syc-srvusd-ca.schoolloop.com/sylibrary>

SHARKS READ Read / Exchange / Donate

Sharks READ book exchange cart!

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

Thank you for participating, and happy reading!

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you Jenna Mesic and Lisa Comeau and Kamey Brooks
for hosting the Staff Luncheon today!



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

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

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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



Growing UP Green Weeks 2021-2022

A Fundraiser benefiting your school!

2021 DATES

Sept. 3 - 12
Oct. 22 - 31
Nov. 26 - Dec. 5

2022 DATES

Jan. 7 - 16
Feb. 4 - 13
Mar. 18 - 27

Shop at any Sloat Garden Center location during your school's *Growing up Green* week, mention your school, and your school will receive 10% of purchases back in the form of a Sloat gift card, which can go towards your school's beautification projects, fundraisers or classroom activities. The school with the highest participation will receive 20% of purchasesback. *Please note: Purchase of gift cards do not apply.*

Just mention your school to the cashier!

Sloat Garden Center • 13 locations throughout the Bay Area • www.sloatgardens.com
Mill Valley Kentfield Novato San Francisco
Concord Martinez Pleasant Hill Danville-Camino Ramon Danville-Diablo Road



Child Nutrition

Lunch Provided @ Sycamore

Lunch is provided at no cost to all students that request a lunch at school. We are excited to announce this school year, SRVUSD will be [Elementary School Menus](#)

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)



**Street
Smarts**

See more information on the *Monthly Contest* tab at street-smarts.com.

Street Smarts has an ongoing Monthly Contest. Click on the link above more more details.

Dolores Pita is the SRV Street Smarts Coordinator and can be reached at dpita@sanramon.ca.gov or 925-973-2581.

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[HTTPS://WWW.SRVEF.ORG/DONATE/MATCHINGGIFTS.ASPX](https://www.srvef.org/donate/matchinggifts.aspx)

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

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