

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal December 09, 2021

Dear Sycamore Community,

REMINDERS

Assessment Days:

Dec. 10th - Last Day

Grades 1st - 3rd = 8:00am - 1:50pm

Grades 4th - 5th = 8:00am - 2:30pm

Assessment Week

Assessment week has gone well! Teachers are really appreciating the extra time to work 1:1 and in small groups with their students to get the most accurate data possible for report cards and to inform their teaching.

Site Council

Please welcome Pejman Noroozi to our site council! He will be our 2nd alternate parent member. Our site council meets again on Thursday, December 16th. We will be finalizing our SARC (School Accountability Report Card) as well as reviewing Covid notification protocols. Information on the meeting link will be sent out next Monday if you are interested in attending!

TK and K Enrollment

Calling all incoming TK and K families! Please check out this reminder about the 22-23 school year: [TK/K Enrollment Information 22-23](#). Please keep in mind that the enrollment window is open until December 17th. If you have any questions, please reach out to our office manager, Barbara Jones in the front office.

Warmly,
Sylvie Bullard
Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



11/15 - 12/17 - TK/K Enrollment for 2022-2023 School Year !

11/29 - 12/10 – Sister School Book Drive

12/06 - 12/10 - Grades 1-3 Assessment Day Schedule

12/06 - 12/12 - Dine and Donate - Give Back - Burger IM

12/10 - Spirit Friday - Wear Shark Wear or Blue

12/15 - Spirit Day - Theme - Winter Wear

12/15 - Sister School Book Wrapping party - MPR 1:00pm

12/17 - Spirit Friday - Wear Shark Wear or Blue

12/22 - Staff Luncheon hosted by PTA 11:00am

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

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

TK and Kindergarten Enrollment Open

Monday, November 15th - December 17th 2021

[Enroll Your Child](#)

SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



TK & Kindergarten Enrollment

We look forward to enrolling your child in our Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten program for the 2022-23 school year.

= Registration Dates =

Enrollment Window Opens
Mon., November 15, 2021

Enrollment Window Closes*
Fri., December 17, 2021

* Completed online enrollment applications must be submitted by December 17 to be included in the first round of confirmation of space at the resident school site. Online enrollment applications submitted after December 17 are received on a first come-first served basis for space.

= Age Guidelines =

To be eligible for TK for 2022-23
Your child must turn 5 years of age
on or between
September 2, 2022 to February 2, 2023

To be eligible for KINDERGARTEN for 2022-23
Your child must turn 5 years of age
on or before
September 1, 2022

First day of instruction: August 9, 2022

2022-23 information

TK and Kindergarten Information Videos
Will be posted
Wednesday, Nov. 10
on the TK/Kinder Webpage

[Transitional Kindergarten FAQ](#)

[TK/Kinder Webpage](#)

[Kindergarten Readiness Information](#)

[TK/Kinder Enrollment Process Quick Reference](#)

699 OLD ORCHARD DR, DANVILLE
WWW.SRVUSD.NET | CALL 925 552 5500

SPIRIT DAY

Wednesday, December 15th

Theme: WINTER WEAR



Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar

[Calendar](#)

See's Candies Fundraiser Results

Thank you to those who sold See's Candies and helped Shark Fund raise \$4,700 to directly support our students! If you missed last week's pick-up, please plan to visit the Sycamore office this week to collect your order.

Dine and Donate at Burger IM: Dec 6-12

Dine at **Burger IM** this week and a percentage of your order will support Shark Fund educational programs at Sycamore!

This giveback runs through Sunday, December 12th.

For all orders, please mention or enter the code: "BurgerIM for SHARKS".

[Flyer](#)

BURGER & MILK SHAKES **FUND RAISER**



EVENT DATE - DEC 6TH - DEC 12TH

COME ONE, COME ALL - HELP YOUR SCHOOL

PART OF THE SALES, WILL BE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL
SHARK FUND

FOR PHONE & WALK ORDERS - PLEASE MENTION THE CODE -
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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.



Sister School
Program

San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs

We need a few more books for our Sister School.

Please bring books to our school office by
9:00am on Wednesday, Dec. 15th.

This holiday, let's give our Sister School, King Elementary in Richmond, the gift of reading! Their teachers sent us a list of books they need for their classrooms. Please sign up to donate a book or two using the SignUp Genius. Several are less than \$5! Book donations will be collected from **Nov. 29 through Dec. 10**. Be sure to personalize your gift with a homemade bookmark. Blank bookmarks will be available in the office beginning Nov. 19th. Read SignUpGenius for more details.

Click here to order the books:

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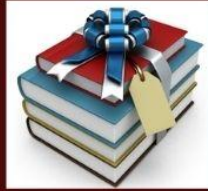
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SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY
SISTER SCHOOL
HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE



**Share the gift of reading
this Holiday Season.**



In a matter of minutes, you can help teachers and students get the grade level reading books they desperately need!

- 1-Pick a book on the [SignUpGenius](#)
- 2-Order a book or two
- 3-Bring the book(s) to the office
- 4-Personalize your gift with a custom bookmark

Questions? Contact kimberlyeves@yahoo.com



Hello Sycamore Families,

The PTA is hosting a Teacher Luncheon for the staff on Wednesday, 12/22/21. We are in need of some additional items beyond what is being provided. Please visit the below Sign Up Genius link and sign up to help! Thank you!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090a4ea9ad28a7fb6-staff>

Yearbook Photos:

**Deadline is 12/10 for photos of all past events:
Fun Run, 1st Day of School, Festival Around the
World, Monster Mash, Halloween, Red Ribbon Week**

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...

Unclaimed items will be donated December 22, 2021

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



Riley
If I made the rules at home I would probably watch tv whenever I want.



Addison
Maybe sweets for dinner and maybe no bedtime.



If you made the rules at home, what would they be?



Eric
To not have to do the dishes and I would get all the rooms.



Cole
I wouldn't have to do any of the chores.



Mia
It would probably be, if you didn't leave the house by 7:45am, you would get left behind... because my sister is always really late to go to school.



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>

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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:

Oct/ Nov Issue: Due Fri, Dec 17

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.

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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



Sycamore School Site Council

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.

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



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

Holiday Shopping Event - December 2 at Rakestraw Books 5:00-7:30

Come support our Sycamore Library, and a wonderful local business! On Thursday, December 2nd Rakestraw Books in downtown Danville will open its doors after hours from 5:00-7:30 for our Sycamore families only! Do your holiday shopping locally, with unique gifts for anyone on your list. Each purchase will be a giveback in credit to the Sycamore Library, allowing me to purchase new books for the new year!

You can also shop online on our library wish list if you are not able to make the event.

<https://www.rakestrawbooks.com/wishlist/155>

Happy reading!

Take Care,
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 to Alison Stracke and her daughter, Kate, for organizing the successful See's Candy fundraiser!

Thank you Cami Severson for running the PTA reflections art contest!



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@ciphotoca.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

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



Growing UP Green Weeks 2021-2022

A Fundraiser benefiting your school!

| 2021 DATES | 2022 DATES |
|------------------|--------------|
| Sept. 3 - 12 | Jan. 7 - 16 |
| Oct. 22 - 31 | Feb. 4 - 13 |
| Nov. 26 - Dec. 5 | 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

Winter Meal Boxes

Winter Meal Boxes: Food boxes containing 10 days of breakfasts and lunches are available to our students over winter break. We want to ensure all of our families have access to meals during this time away from school. Families will need to pre-order boxes. The deadline has been extended to December 3, 2021 (12:00noon), to receive a box this year. Families can access the order form [here](#).

Lunch 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

Meal Application Form: For the benefit of the entire district, please complete the annual Meal Application Form by 10/25/21.

Why is this form needed now that meals are free for all?

More LCFF funds for SRVUSD - for every qualifying family who submits a form - SRVUSD's LCFF is increased. Further, families receive benefits beyond school meals, such as discounts on SAT testing, internet services, & many other benefits.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST FREE MEALS!

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

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

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**

Street Smarts: **Street Smarts Monthly Contest**

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

Shark Fund - Corporate Match

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- 3 DOUBLE THE IMPACT

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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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