

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal March 10, 2022

Dear Sycamore Community,

REMINDERS

CORRECTION = Regular School Day = Friday, March 11th

Minimum Days = March 16th - 18th - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Minimum Day = March 22nd = Professional Development ½ Day

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

As you may be aware, March 16th, 17th, and 18th are Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students will be following the Minimum Day schedule:

TK / K = 8:00am - 10:30am

1st - 5th = 8:00am - 12:00pm

Reminder: Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences are not for all students. The Spring conferences are by teacher invitation or parent request only. These conferences can be in person or virtual. Teachers will have reached out directly to those families with whom they would like to meet.

Cell phones/Smart Watches:

I wanted to let you know about the increasing student use of cell phones and smart watches during the school day at Sycamore. At Sycamore Valley, students are not to have their phones/smart watches out at school during school hours. This means that from 7:45am when they step onto campus until 2:30pm when they are outside the school gates, phones should remain in backpacks and students should not be using their phones or smart watches. Students should not be texting, calling, using apps, videoing or taking photos during the school day. If a student needs to communicate with their family during the school day, students can go to the office and ask to call home. Similarly, if families need to reach their child during the day, they should call the

Pokémon Trading Cards:

We have begun to have some issues around students bringing Pokémon cards to school to trade and to play with. Unfortunately, we cannot regulate these games and students are often having large amounts of cards taken from them. As we cannot ensure that these games/trading activities are fair, **please do not allow your child to come to school with Pokémon cards.** While our staff has spoken with the children about this, we need your help to ensure that cards are lost, taken, or damaged. Thank you for your cooperation.

Day Lights Saving Time:

SPRING AHEAD! A reminder that this weekend (Sunday, March 13th) you will need to move your clocks forward by one hour!



Warmly,
Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



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- 03/11 - Spirit day - Wear your shark ware or Blue clothing**
 - 03/11 - Last day to order a Yearbook.**
 - 03/13 - Day Light Saving - Move your clocks forward 1 hour.**
 - 03/16 - Parent Education - Police Chief Shields 8:00am**
 - 03/18 - Spirit day - Wear your shark ware or Blue clothing**
 - 03/18 - 03/27 - Give Back - Sloat Garden Center**
 - 03/23 - Dippin Dot Sales**
 - 03/25 - Spirit day - Wear your shark ware or Blue clothing**
 - 03/25 - Live Auction [buy tickets](#)**
 - 03/28 - Variety Show Act Submission deadline**
 - 04/04 - 04/08 - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL**
 - 04/13 - Dippin Dot Sales**

04/27 - Dippin Dot Sales

04/27 - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal

04/28 - Variety Show - 6:00pm



LAST CALL To ORDER YEARBOOKS!

Yearbook:

Last chance to order yearbooks!

Order thru future fund. **Deadline: Friday, 3/11/22**

Unsure if you've already ordered? You can check your future fund account.

To Place Order: Click here: [Future Fund](#)



Sycamore Auction 2022

[Buy Live Auction Tickets Here](#)

LAST CHANCE: Live Auction ticket sales close tomorrow, 3/11!

LIVE Auction ticket sales end Friday, 3/11 at midnight! Don't miss the biggest Sycamore celebration of the year and your chance to bid on the fabulous items offered at the LIVE Auction:

- Live in luxury for a week in Nuevo Vallarta, spend a weekend in a cozy mountain cabin, enjoy a romantic overnight in Napa, or have some outrageous family fun at the surprise destination that will be announced March 25th at the LIVE event!
- Exclusive group and couples dining experiences in Danville and Napa
- Unique viewing experiences to the 49ers or Sharks
- Sycamore exclusives like VIP parking for a year or the chance for your student and their friends to celebrate a special occasion of your choosing with Sharky

[Purchase your LIVE Auction tickets](#) today!

Sharky Surprise: Small family donations will turn into thousands for Sycamore!

We are looking for our Sycamore community to fund a SURPRISE lot to be featured at the Live Auction on March 25th. Your donation will fund a highly desirable, parent-funded, family-friendly auction package which will be a surprise until the night of the Live Auction and auctioned off to the highest bidder. Be sure to enter your student's teacher name(s) when you make your donation because the class with the highest participation percentage will earn an exciting class prize! ***Mrs. Sayer's class continues to hold their lead, with Mrs. Smoller and Mrs. Kay's classes not far behind.*** Each donation will also earn you an entry in our raffle, plus donor names will be displayed during our Live and Online Auctions. [Donate to Sharky Surprise Here](#)



LIVE Auction tickets sales close THIS FRIDAY, March 11th!

Don't miss the biggest Sycamore celebration of the year and your chance to bid on these fabulous items + many others!



Luxury Stay at Vidanta Resort in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico



49ers tickets with Club Access for 4 and Team Memorabilia



French Laundry Experience



Bridges Dinner with Limo for 6



2nd Row San Jose Sharks Tickets for 4



Private Wine Tasting and Caviar in a Napa Cave for 10

Join us for an evening that includes an open bar cocktail reception, three-course dinner, interactive games, raffle drawings, LIVE auction event, and dancing into the night!

6:00-10:00 pm Friday, March 25th at Crow Canyon Country Club

Purchase your tickets today at www.sycamore-auction.com

Donations to Shark Fund are tax-deductible and proceeds fund critical educational programs such as classroom paraeducators, TK/K kindergarten PE, library visits, intervention services.

Purchase your tickets today at www.sycamore-auction.com

Sycamore Auction 2022

Visit [Auctria](#) to purchase your LIVE auction tickets, make a contribution to Sharky Surprise and to learn more about all the auction fun in store.



2022 AUCTION
YACHT PARTY

WE NEED ALL
HANDS ON DECK!

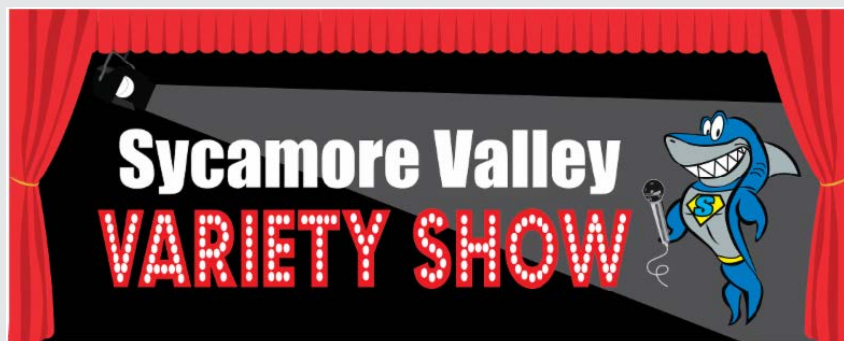
AUCTION TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



YACHT PARTY
MARCH 25, 2022
CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB
6:00-10:00 PM

TICKET

<https://tinyurl.com/yckny3xj>



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OUR VARIETY SHOW IS BACK AND WE ARE SO EXCITED!!!

Does your child love to perform on stage? Would they like to present an entertaining act of their choice in front of an audience? Solo or as a group, we would love to see your star showcased in the **Sycamore Valley Variety Show!**

IMPORTANT 2022 VARIETY SHOW DATES:

Deadline to submit Variety Show Act Participation Information and Music:

Monday, March 28th

Variety Show Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, April 27th at 1:00 PM in MPR

Variety Show: Thursday, April 28th at 6:00 PM in MPR

Please print and read the attached [Variety Show 2022 Handout](#) for all information pertaining to this year's show and how to get your act signed up in time!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Laurie Campbell Variety Show Director dancelm@mac.com

Marisa Montierth

Assistant Variety Show Director marisamontierth@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.

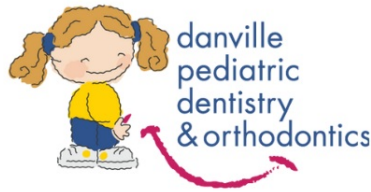
If you choose not to leave illness details, you will receive a call from the attendance office asking for more information. It is our responsibility to maintain the health and safety of our school community and we ask for your cooperation. Your student's private health information will not be shared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



PTA Job Descriptions:

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

[PTA Job Descriptions](#)



Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar

Calendar



Shark Fund would like to **Thank You** for your support with our Dippin Dot Wednesday Fundraisers!!!!

In 2021, Dippin Dots generated over **\$13,500** in sales and since January over **\$3,700**.

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

March – April Dippin Dot Calendar

(weather permitting)

3/23, 4/13, 4/27

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

Sharky Cinema:

Shark Fund be hosting Sharky Cinema in the near future, please stay tuned

Student Class Placement Form 22-23

The Sycamore staff will be assigning students to classes for the 2022- 2023 school year during the month of May. Parents and students will be notified of teacher and classroom placement on August 8th, 2022.

Careful consideration is given to the class placement of each student. The primary factors considered in class placement are:

1. Current year's teacher assessment of the student's needs;
2. Input from support staff - resource, speech, school psychologist, reading specialists;
3. Class balance: academic performance, test scores, behavior, and boy/girl ratio;
4. Physical, medical, emotional and social development of the child;
5. Parent information regarding student's specific needs.

This form is not required, however if you believe your child has specific needs and/or excels in a particular type of classroom environment that the staff should consider when placing him/her, describe them below. Please do not request specific teachers. Letters that state a specific teacher's name or that tries to describe a specific teacher will not be considered.

[Student Class Placement Form 22-23](#)



Kids Are Talking



Carleigh

The bravest thing I've ever had to do, once I front flipped off my scooter and we had to put this type of alcohol that stings and I still have the scar on my knee right now. It was like a steep hill and then I front flipped off my scooter and landed on my knee and my mom had to leave me alone because we were on a walk, and she had to come back with the car. She took me home and my neighbor is a nurse and then they had to put this thing in my owie and it really stung. I didn't cry when they put in the alcohol.



Lucas

Get stitches. I busted my forehead open. I was scared when I had that because I hate stitches. It hurt because I was screaming the whole time.



What's the bravest thing you have ever had to do?

I am brave



Alison

I think the bravest thing I've ever had to do was probably go to a sleep-away summer camp without anybody I know there, so I had to make new friends. I made a lot of new friends there and I didn't really know anybody there at the start.



Growing Up Green Weeks 2022

A fundraiser benefiting your school!

2022 DATES

Jan 7 - 16

Feb 4 - 13

Mar 18 - 27

2022 DATES

Sep 2 - 11

Oct 21 - 30

Nov 25 - Dec 4

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 purchases back. *Please note: Purchase of gift cards do not apply.*

Just mention your school to the cashier!

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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

Sign up for Science

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

SuperScience: Completed February SuperScience issues, as well as the new Mar/Apr issue, 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](#). Completed worksheets for the Mar/Apr issue must be turned in to the SLAM bin located in the office by **Friday, April 1st**. Student work will be recorded and then returned the following month.

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. 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 **Wednesday, May 18th**, after school. 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 March/April 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.

Complete March/April worksheets/magazines must be turned into the SLAM bin in the office by **Friday, April 1st**.

Sign up for Research Projects here:

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

Our next project is Women's History Month due on **Friday, March 25th..**

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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!

Please be sure to remind your student(s) to return their books each week, and keep an eye out for any weekly overdue reminders.

Fee requests for lost library books from 2021 will also be coming this week. Thank you for your help!

The Battle of the Books for all 3rd-5th graders opting to participate is coming on **April 20th** - still plenty of time to get reading! See above here in Shark Bites for more info.

Stay tuned for some fun library fundraising news soon as well!

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!

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 Joelle Baldwin, PTA's Parliamentarian, for planning and hosting last week's PTA/Shark Fund/Site Council Job Fair!



**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.ca.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 Bars are coming back week of March 14 We are very excited to report we will be reopening limited salad bars.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST FREE MEALS!

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

 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
 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS DISCOUNTS FOR FEES ASSOCIATED WITH COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS	 STANDARDIZED TESTS DISCOUNTED FEES FOR SAT, ACT & AP TESTS	 NETWORK 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)

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

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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 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 [attached letter](#) for more information.

Questions?

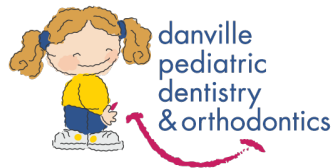
Contact Online Auction Chair Jenna Mesic at sycamorevalleyauction.edfund@srvef.org

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