Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal March 24, 2022

Dear Sycamore Community,

REMINDERS

Spring Break - No School = April 4th -8th

Spirit Week

What a fun week it has been! The kids have done a great job dressing up with all the themes from favorite vacation spot to class colors, the participation and school spirit has been amazing to see! The fun activities after school have been so fun. Thank you to Meghan Gates and her team for making sure our Spirit Week was a success.



Bid to Support our Kids

As you know, this week is our Online Auction, filled with hundreds of amazing items on which to bid. The online portion of our auction goes from 3/21-3/27. Our in-person auction will take place this Friday, March 25th. It should be an incredible evening! We are so thankful to everyone who helped make our auction a success, especially Katerina McCormack, Jenna Mesic, Christine Hoffman, Lauren Ghio and Alison

Stracke. You are all amazing!



Professional Development Day

This Tuesday while our students headed out of school early, our teachers were hard at work, diving deep into their PLC work. Our teachers worked on areas such as Deep Learning, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, and Social Thinking. We are doing our continuous cycles of improvement, as we examine what we have done so far and decide whether to adopt, abandon, or adapt what we have tried so far.

Warmly, Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



03/18 - 03/27 - Give Back - Sloat Garden Center

03/21 - 03/25 - Spirt Week Events

03/25 - Spirit day - Wear your shark ware or Blue clothing

03/25 - Live Auction 6:00pm Crow Canyon Country Club

03/28 - Variety Show Act Submission deadline

04/04 - 04/08 - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

04/13 - Dippin Dot Sales

04/15 - Family Game Night - MPR

04/25 - 04/29 - Spring Book Fair

04/27 - Dippin Dot Sales

04/27 - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal

04/28 - Variety Show - 6:00pm



Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar

Calendar



Sycamore Valley's Auction 2022 is finally here!

Remember, all proceeds benefit Shark Fund educational programs like classroom paraeducators, weekly library, student intervention, TK/K PE and more. Read below for all the important details.

Online Auction is OPEN now through 3/27! Check out all the amazing items donated to our school and BID FOR OUR KIDS!! With over 200 items including getaways, sports memorabilia, once-in-a-lifetime experiences, summer camps and SO much more, there is surely something for everyone. Every single dollar raised supports Shark Fund programs, so get bidding Sycamore and walk away with some great items! sycamore-auction.com

Staff Raffles: our Sycamore staff has generously donated some FUN experiences for kids to participate in. Flyers went home last week and can also be found in the school office or **online**. Don't miss your chance to enter your child for a chance to win an experience with their favorite teacher or staff member. Experiences are 100% donated by our wonderful teachers and staff and raise several thousand dollars for our school each year! Be sure to turn your order form and check made out to Shark Fund into the office by the 3:00 pm deadline on 3/25.

Spirit Week is well underway, and the students are having so much fun each day with Mrs. Gates and our other parent volunteers. Don't forget to turn in your participation tickets. The prize drawings will be held on Friday, 3/25 but your student does not need to be present to win.

Sharky Surprise: congratulations to Mrs. Kay's class for having the highest participation percentage! Nearly 70% of your class donated to fund a surprise auction lot that will be revealed and auctioned off at tomorrow's "Yacht Party" event. The auction team will be in touch with Mrs. Kay next week to arrange delivery of a special thank you for her class's fundraising efforts.

Fund-A-Need: we're ready to stand out at Sycamore Valley! Our goal this year is to raise funds for a new electronic LED sign positioned in front of campus. Help us share exciting news and messages with our community by raising your paddle at Friday's live auction or **donating online** today. Fund-A-Need

donations are 100% tax deductible and qualify for Corporate Match.

LIVE Auction: we look forward to seeing all the Sycamore supporters who will be joining us at tomorrow's "Yacht Party" Live Auction @ Crow Canyon Country Club. Ticket sales are now closed but guests are encouraged to preview some of the <u>incredible packages</u> up for bid. It's going to be an evening to remember!

Thank you for partnering with Shark Fund on this important school fundraiser – your participation in any or all of the activities above is vital to the success of the auction!



Dippin' Dots

March – April Dippin Dot Calendar (weather permitting) 4/13, 4/27

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-3 rd grade
- Librarian's salary
- Physical Education for TK & Kindergarten students
- Supplemental office hours to support the Sycamore Community

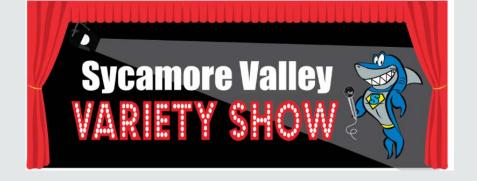
TK & Kindergarten Sales @ 11:30am near the Kinder Playground Entrance . $1^{\rm st}-5^{\rm th}$ grade Sales @ 12:50pm on the blacktop near the rear entrance of the MPR

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 for information about our upcoming Spring sessions.



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 <u>Variety Show 2022 Handout</u> 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 <u>marisamontierth@gmail.com</u>

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.

Platinum Sponsors

Thank you to Sycamore's 21-22 🛸 Platinum Corporate Sponsors















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Jennifer Curry, Agent







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.



Sycamore Valley PTA proudly presents

Disnev Family Game Night



Disney Family Game Night Friday, April 15th

- •6:00 PM check-in & dinner
- •6:30 PM games begin
- Cost is \$9 per person (includes pizza, caesar salad, water & cookie)

This is NOT a drop-off event. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

REGISTER TODAY!

https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store

Please note: this is a limited 125 person capacity event -Please limit your party to immediate household members only. NO tickets will be sold at the door



Register on future fund and sign PTA waiver before Thursday April 14th.

Family Game Night = REGISTER TODAY!

https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store

PTA Job Descriptions:



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

PTA Job Descriptions

Join the PTA Executive Board



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Sycamore Valley PTA Executive Board has two open roles for the 2022-2023 school year.

Financial Secretary **Parliamentarian**

For job descriptions please follow this link.

We also have several 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



Nonperishable Food & School Supplies Drive for King Elementary

Students at our Sister School, King Elementary in Richmond, are in need of food! Additionally, teachers would like to get school supplies early so they can be prepared for the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Please indicate how many of each item you intend to donate. Links are provided as suggestions for school supplies, but other brands, styles, etc. are welcome.

Please drop donated items in the large box at the front entrance of Sycamore

Valley Elementary or you may porch drop donations or have items delivered via Amazon, etc. to 626 Ambience Way, Danville CA 94506 up until Apr. 11. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to make a difference in the lives of others.

Sign Up Genius Flyer



Student Class Placement Form 22-23

kimberlyeveseyahoo.com //www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BA5AF2/ ABFC1-nonperishable3

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

This week our Shark community is raising money through the auction Fund a Need to purchase a digital LED screen for the front of the school!

Visit www.sycamore-auction.com > Fund a Need to contribute, or raise your paddle at Friday's LIVE auction!



would say 'Believe', because I think it's really important when we're down on ourselves and when we need help from others.



Kate I'd like to put birthday dates, like 'Happy Birthday Kate Today, because I think we should be able to celebrate birthdays so



would say that the teachers here at Sycamore Valley nentary are the best!



If you could put a sign at the front of the school, what would you want it to say?



want it to say 'All are welcome.' I think that would make people happy and excited to come to school every morning



want it to say 'Go Sharks!' Sharks are on the top of the food chain because that means that we're not afraid of anyone and that everybody's afraid of us 'cause we're the best at everything



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 atsycamoreslam@gmail.com and see our website at https://sycamoreslam2122.shutterfly.com/

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.

RESEARCH

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...

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!

Mark your calendars for our first book fair in over two years!

Our Spring Book Fair will be April 25-29th. More information to come soon!

The Battle of the Books is only ONE month away! If your student plans to participate, they need to read at least 8 / 10 of the books. See the PTA SLAM sign up above 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 PTA's Staff Appreciation Team: Laura Savage, Carrie Butz, and Avi Banaranaike, who provided snacks for our teachers and staff this week during conferences!



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.





Growing Up Green Weeks 2022

A fundraiser benefiting your school!

2022 DATES	2022 DATES
Jan 7 - 16	Sep 2 - 11
Feb 4 - 13	Oct 21 - 30
Mar 18 - 27	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!

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



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



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.



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?deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?https://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?https://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?https://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?https://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?https://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?https://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagehttps://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagehttps://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagehttps://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagehttps://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagehttps://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagehttps://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagehttps://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagehttps://deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page<a href="mailto:deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page<a href="mailto:deltastatio

Shark Fund - Corporate Match



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.



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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