

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal March 31, 2022

Dear Sycamore Community,

REMINDERS

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

Auction

What an incredible night! The Sycamore Auction was a huge accomplishment (nearly three years in the making!), raising crucial funds for much needed programs for our Sharks. Thank you to everyone who came out and contributed to making this night so fun and so successful! A huge thank you to our auction team who put in countless hours to make sure that every detail was perfect: Katerina McCormack, Jenna Mesic, Lauren Ghio, Christine Hoffman, and Alison Stracke. You are AMAZING!!! Our Sharks are **so lucky** to have you as part of our community. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Morning Recess Returns

Starting on Monday, April 11th, we will return to having the 1st-5th grade playground open for recess in the morning (from 7:45-8:00). What does this mean for our Sharks?

- Parents are now encouraged to drop off their children at the gate so that children can engage with their peers, playing on the playground in the morning.
- We are increasing our adult supervision on the playground in the morning- there will be additional teachers on the yard to supervise students.
- Students will be able to play on the play structure or blacktop.
- At 8:00 am, the bell will ring, and all students will line up at their line up spots. Teachers will pick up students at 8:00 am at their line up spot.

After school, we will continue with our current procedures. At 2:30, students will be released to line up on the blacktop and should wait in their line up spot until they are picked up by their parents. No students or siblings of students should be playing on our playground between 2:30-2:40. Any students not picked up by 2:40 will be brought to the office and their parents will be called.

Summer School

Here is the [Google form](#) for elementary parents that would like their student(s) to attend summer school. Deadline to submit the form is Friday, April 15th. If you have questions about whether or not summer school would be a good idea for your child, please reach out to your child's teacher

directly. Confirmation of summer school enrollment and site location will be communicated to families by Friday, May 6th, as space is limited.

Morning Mile

With our great weather this spring is a good time to start joining in on the Morning Mile? 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 for the children to go to class by 8:00.

Spring Break

Next week we are not in school- it is our Spring Break! We will resume school on Monday, April 11th. I wish you and your family a WONDERFUL break!

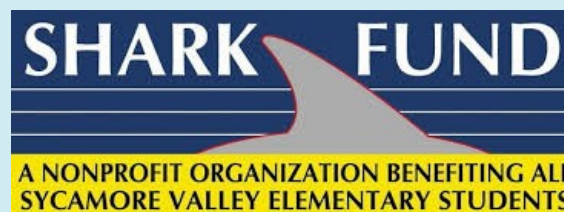
Warmly,
Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



04/01 - Wear Shark wear or Blue Clothing
04/04 - 04/08 - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
04/13 - Dippin Dot Sales
04/14 - Shark Fund Meeting 6:30 Virtual
04/15 - Wear Shark wear or Blue Clothing
04/15 - Family Game Night - MPR
04/19 - Recess with Danville PD
04/22 - Wear Shark wear or Blue Clothing
04/25 - 04/29 - Spring Book Fair
04/27 - Dippin Dot Sales
04/27 - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal
04/28 - Variety Show - 6:00pm
04/29 - Wear Shark wear or Blue Clothing
05/16 - Science Fair - MPR



Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar



Sycamore Valley's Auction 2022

Auction Update: thank you WONDERFUL Sycamore Valley community! Due to the generosity of our auction donors, participants and dedicated volunteers, Sycamore's 2022 auction was a huge success! Your auction contributions will be used to support Shark Fund programs including para educators in every classroom, weekly library, student intervention, TK/K PE and more. We are processing our final receipts and will communicate how much the auction raised in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to ALL of our lucky winners! Live auction raffle drawing winners were Spa Day: Young, Date Night: Ghio, and Universal Studios: Ng. Mrs. Kay's class had the highest Sharky Surprise Lot contribution percentage and won Dippin' Dots for their entire class! **A complete list of Staff Raffle winners can be found in the [attached document](#).** Thank you for participating in our 2022 auction events and enjoy your prizes!!

If you were unable to pick up your physical auction item at yesterday's scheduled pick-up, please contact Jenna Mesic to make alternate arrangements: jlmestic@gmail.com.



Dippin' Dots

March – April Dippin Dot Calendar
(weather permitting)

**4/13, 4/27,
5/04, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/01**

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

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TK & Kindergarten Sales @ 11:30am near the Kinder Playground Entrance .  
1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sales @ 12:50pm on the blacktop near the rear entrance of the MPR

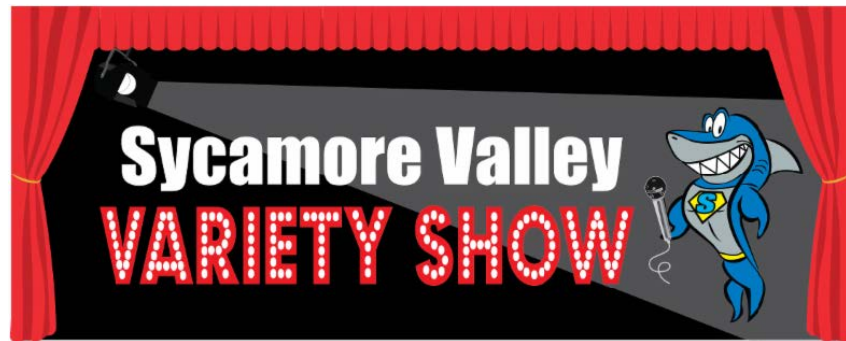
Lost Dippin Dot Punch Cards or any other Dippin Dot questions  
Dippin Dot Dana Claffey  
925-407-7178  
[Dana.claffey@gmail.com](mailto:Dana.claffey@gmail.com)

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**Shark Fund Elections Meeting 4/14:** join our next virtual member meeting Thursday, April 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm for Shark Fund board member elections. Log-in details can be found below. If you are interested in volunteering with Shark Fund next school year, please contact Shark Fund President Alison Stracke [sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org](mailto:sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org) to discuss current openings.

Join with Google Meet: [meet.google.com/qpe-bety-rgj](https://meet.google.com/qpe-bety-rgj)  
Join by phone (US) +1 607-288-2365 (PIN: 899170245)

**Sharky Cinema:** Returns for a final showing of the school year on Wednesday, May 4th. Ticket sales will open in FutureFund after we return from Spring Break.



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

IMPORTANT 2022 VARIETY SHOW Dates

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.

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.

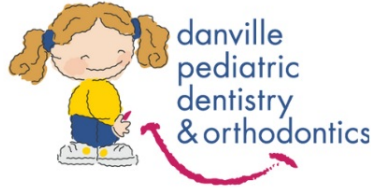
If you choose not to leave illness details, you will receive a call from the attendance office asking for more information. It is our responsibility to maintain the health and safety of our school community and we ask for your cooperation. Your student's private health information will not be shared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

Platinum Sponsors

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

Please write your Child's Name and Grade/Teacher
on the item that your are dropping off.



Sycamore Valley PTA

proudly presents

Disney 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



**Sister School
Program**

San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs

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](#)



BE A SUPPORTIVE SHARK
HELP KING ELEMENTARY
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
IN RICHMOND

NONPERISHABLE FOOD & SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE



Please use the [SignUpGenius](#) to
donate needed items:

Canned soup, tomato sauce, pasta, tuna

scissors

whiteboards

black dry-erase markers

colored art markers

Drop off in box at front entrance
now through Apr. 11
or porch drop/deliver by Apr. 11
to 626 Ambience Way



Questions? Contact: Kim Eves at
kimberlyeves@yahoo.com
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BA5AF2AABFC1-nonperishable3>



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.

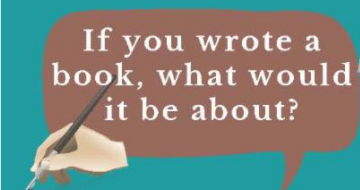

This form is not required, however if you believe your child has specific needs and/or excels in a particular type of classroom environment that the staff should consider when placing him/her, describe them below. Please do not request specific teachers. Letters that state a specific teacher's name or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


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




Kids Are Talking

If you wrote a book, what would it be about?








Colton
Minecraft. It would be about Steve traveling, he finds the End Portal and goes in and defeats the Ender Dragon. He would defeat the Ender Dragon and go back to the Overworld.




Vishnu
Dinosaurs. People would time travel into the dinosaurs age and they'll try to make the dinosaurs their pets and bring the dinosaurs to their world, so the dinosaurs and humans can live in peace.




Michael
My book would be a biography about me, training, and basketball. I would train every day for the Golden State Warriors and Los Angeles Lakers and all that stuff.



Honour
I would write about me practicing baseball for days, so I could be good enough to be on the Giants.



Abigail
It would be about farm animals. It would be a fiction book. There would be a cow dancing in a barn and a horse standing on his head.



Layla
I would write a book about a detective looking for a special golden seashell that someone lost. It was really special, so she went on the case and she found some friends to help, and they helped her solve (the case), and then they found a big garden full of seashells, they look everywhere and then they found it.



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

Sign up for Science

Congratulations to the 5th graders who participated in this year's Science Alliance program! The students presented their hard work put in all year during last weekend's science exploration event! Awesome job!!

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

SuperScience: 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: ***UPDATE - The Science Fair is now Monday, May 16th, at 2:30pm** (instead of Wednesday, May 18th)* 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 **Monday, May 16th**, 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.

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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

<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**.

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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..**

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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!

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 Meghan Gates and her team for planning and leading a fun spirit week for our Sharks!

Thank you to the Auction committee and Shark Fund, Jenna Mesic, Kay McCormack, Alison Stracke and Lauren Ghio, for an amazing night at the auction!



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.



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[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**



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.

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
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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)

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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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