

# Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



## Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal May 05, 2022

Dear Sycamore Community,

### REMINDERS

**May 9th/10th/12th/13th = Assessment Days:**  
**8:00am-1:50pm = All 1st-3rd Graders**  
**May 19th = Open House, 6:00-7:00 pm**

### California Healthy Kids Survey

This survey is an opportunity to communicate your perceptions about your child's school. Your participation is voluntary. It is also very important. The information you provide will help guide district and school efforts to promote safety, enhance learning supports, and improve student achievement. If you have more than one child at this school, you will only need to complete one survey for this school. Please fill out just one survey about the school using your oldest child as a reference.

- This is an anonymous survey. It is designed so that no one can be identified from the data. You do not have to respond to any questions that you feel could be used to identify you. Simply skip any such questions.
- All questions apply to this school only.
- The results are for the use of your district. The California Department of Education and WestEd will preserve data confidentiality and refer any data requests to the district.

Our 5th grade students will also be taking the survey (with parental/guardian permission) during the month of May, and we ask that parents/guardians also complete the survey by May 22nd. It should take between 7-31 minutes to complete. Here is the link to the survey: [Parent Link for CHKS](#)

### REMINDER: Assessment Week

For grades 1-3, the week of May 9th will include assessment days. On Monday,

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of that week, students will come to school from 8:00-1:50. Teachers will use the time after 1:50 to schedule 1:1 and small group assessments with students.

### Street Smarts

A few reminders as we head into the last few weeks of school:

- Crosswalk Safety
- Making eye contact with the driver
- Looking both ways before leaving the curb
- Being aware in crosswalks

### Bike Safety

- Wearing a helmet – importance and instruction
- Using hand signals
- Walking your bike in crosswalks

To learn more about safety please go to [street-smarts.com](http://street-smarts.com).

### Spring Concert

The 5th grade strings class performed at San Ramon Valley High School Wednesday evening alongside other elementary school students. They did a terrific job.

Warmly,  
Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

## IMPORTANT DATES



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- 05/09 - 05/10 - Assessment Days: 8:00am - 1:50pm = All 1st-3rd Graders**
  - 05/12 - 05/13 - Assessment Days: 8:00am - 1:50pm All 1st-3rd Graders**
  - 05/14 - Site Council Bios are due - see information below**
  - 05/16 - Science Fair - MPR 2:30pm**
  - 05/18 - Shark Fund Meeting - 6:30pm**
  - 05/19 - Open House 6:00-7:00pm**
  - 05/24 - Spring Concert - TK & K - MPR [Flyer](#)**
  - 05/25 - PTA Volunteers thank you breakfast- 8:00 -picnic tables by the turf field**
  - 05/25 - Spring Concert - 1st Grade - MPR [Flyer](#)**
  - 05/26 - Spring Concert - 2nd Grade - MPR [Flyer](#)**
  - 05/30 - No School - Memorial Day**

**Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar**

**Calendar**

**Your donations toward an LED sign on campus will result in an ongoing revenue stream for Shark Fund!**

The sign will not only convey critical parent messages, it will also allow our local business sponsors to advertise their goods and services, while putting dollars directly into Shark Fund for educational supports. Please consider making a donation of any amount to this future source of revenue for our school [here](#) - **every single dollar counts!**



**Dippin' Dots**

**April - May Dippin Dot Calendar**  
 (weather permitting)  
 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/01

Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our Dippin Dot Wednesday Fundraisers!!!! Dippin Dots has generated over \$5,000 in sales and since January.

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<sup>rd</sup> 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<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)

# Attendance Line

925-855-2898



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**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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## Platinum Sponsors

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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

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



## Site Council:

If you are interested in becoming part of our Site Council, We are looking for parent representatives for the upcoming Site Council Committee. Open positions include: Parent Representative and Alternate Parent Representative. 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. Parent representatives must be elected by the parent community. We will hold an election once we have received the parent bios. More information about Site Council is available at <http://www.sycamoreelementary.org/sitecouncil> If you are interested in participating, please write a bio that tells a bit about yourself and why you want to be a part of our site council and send the bio to Barbara Jones at [Bjones1@srvusd.net](mailto:Bjones1@srvusd.net) . Please submit your bio no later than May 14, 2022.



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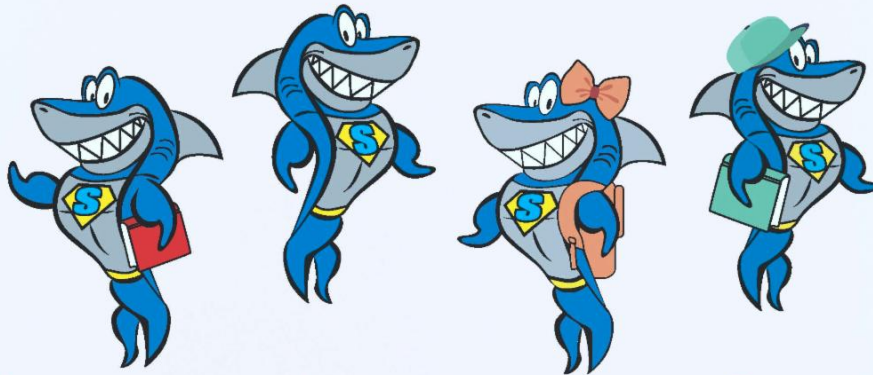
A Volunteers thank you breakfast  
May 25th - 8:00am - picnic tables by the turf field

**FLYER** and **RSVP**



# *Sycamore Volunteers Appreciation Breakfast*

Wednesday, May 25th  
8:00am (right after drop off)  
Located at the picnic tables  
by the turf field / snack shack



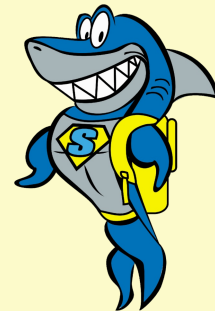
*Anyone who has volunteered for Sycamore  
in any capacity is welcome to attend!*

**Please RSVP at:**

<http://evite.me/U31Qq6tXpr>



**Sycamore PTA  
Needs YOU!!**



## **Sycamore PTA Needs You!!!**

Sycamore Valley PTA has several open  
roles for the 2022-2023 school year.

- **Parliamentarian (PTA Exec Board)**

- Morning Mile
- Corporate Sponsorship
- SLAM Committee Members
- Yearbook Committee (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents)

For job descriptions please follow this [link](#).

We also have several other 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](mailto:joelle.baldwin@gmail.com)



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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](mailto:sycamoreslam@gmail.com) and see our website at <https://sycamoreslam2122.shutterfly.com/>

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## Sign up for Science

**Congratulations to the participants of the Science Builder's Challenge: Addie Baldwin, Jax Lee, Lorelai Pan, Calvin Sjoberg, and Maddie Sjoberg!** This year's challenge was Goldberg's Garage, in which the students built a Rube Goldberg machine to raise a flag in 35 seconds. It was great to see everyone's creativity and hard work pay off with amazing results. What a fun and exciting afternoon for all!

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



**SuperScience:** Blank SuperScience Skills Sheets and Answer Keys can be downloaded from the [SLAM](#) website. Completed worksheets for the final May/June issue must be turned in to the SLAM bin located in the office by **Friday, May 13th**. Student work will be recorded and then returned.

**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 **Monday, May 16th**, after school in the MPR. 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 **May/June** 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.

Completed **May/June** worksheets/magazines must be turned into the SLAM bin in the office by **Friday, May 13th**. This is the last issue for the year!

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### **RESEARCH**

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

Our last project is Asian/ Pacific American Heritage Month due on **Friday, May 6th**. This is our last project for the year!

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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

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Hi Sharks!

THANK YOU for your support during last week's book fair - our first since 2019! It was a crazy week, and I appreciate your support of our library.

I overheard a couple of students say, "this is like my dream come true" and "I can't believe this is here in our library". That excitement - over BOOKS - made it all worth it!

Still have money in your e-wallet? Want to stock up on summer reading? Any online purchases through May 8 still benefit our book fair.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sycamorevalleyelementary>

Thank you for your time and support!

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!

## Sharky Shout Out:

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Thank you to the Staff Appreciation Committee:  
Laura Savage, Avi Bandaranaike, Carrie Butz and Robin Bonaso for planning a great week for our teachers and staff at Sycamore !

Also, the Variety Show was a huge success thanks to Laurie Campbell and Marisa Montierth!



# Kids Are Talking

What would life be like if there were no mobile phones?



**Franco**  
It would be hard for people because back then it was easier to live without phones because no one knew what phones did and what electronics do, and now, people would probably go crazy and some people would probably just play with their friends outside.

**Cole**  
Nothing drastic. It would probably be a little harder to communicate but otherwise, it would be probably the same.

**Sophie**  
It would be not very social just because there are no messages or phone calls.

**Holly**  
It would be hard because we couldn't connect with each other when we needed help or if we were hurt.

**Olivia**  
It would be kind of hard but be kind of fun because I like to send letters to people.



**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!

**Our Lost and Found is 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.

**Items that are not claimed by June 3rd**

**will be donated to a locate charity.**



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](mailto:orders@ciphoto.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><b>Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Program</b></p>	 <p><b>ATHLETICS</b></p>	 <p><b>SCHOOL FUNDING</b></p>
<p><b>P-EBT CARD</b> RECEIVE \$ TO PURCHASE FOOD</p>	<p>DISCOUNTED FEES FOR PAY TO PLAY</p>	<p>INCREASED FUNDING TO SUPPORT STUDENTS' ACCESS TO TOP-NOTCH EDUCATION</p>
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<p>DISCOUNTS FOR FEES ASSOCIATED WITH COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS</p>	<p>DISCOUNTED FEES FOR SAT, ACT &amp; AP TESTS</p>	<p>ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR INTERNET ACCESS &amp; WIRELESS SERVICE</p>

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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## **Shark Fund - Corporate Match**

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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](mailto: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](mailto:katerinitsa@aol.com) or Kristina Buskirk [Kristinabuskirk@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sycamorevalleyauction.edfund@srvef.org)

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