Shark Bites



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal May 12, 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

Open House- NEXT WEEK!

We are so excited to host Open House next week. This will be my first Open House at Sycamore and our first in person Open House since May of 2019. Our students and staff cannot wait to celebrate all the success of the 2021-22 school year. As a reminder, Open House is next Thursday, May 19th from 6:00-7:00 pm. Bring family and friends... All are welcome!

May Character Trait Read Aloud

The FINAL read aloud of the year focuses on the character trait of RESPONSIBILITY. Our read aloud will be the book, <u>Because</u> and our character statement says: I am **responsible** for my own actions and how they impact those around me. In the story, we see how one person's actions can both directly and indirectly impact others. That impact can be big or small, positive or negative. Each day, we need to think about how what we do affects those around us and make sure we recognize the responsibility we have to make sure our impact on others is positive.



Back Path

Today a parent reported seeing a huge rattlesnake on the back path. Many of our students run up and down the hill and in the brush when school is out. Just a heads up! Please remind your children to stay on the path and watch where they are walking.

Second Grade Hero Speeches

This week our second grade classes have presented their Hero speeches. The kids each selected a hero to learn about and write a speech about what they learned. Then the kids dressed up as their hero and presented their speech to their classmates and families.



Warmly, Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



- 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 - Spirit Day - Wear Stripes 05/18 - Dippin' Dots 05/18 - Shark Fund Meeting - 6:30pm - Virtual 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
- 05/25 Dippin' Dots
- 05/26 Spring Concert 2nd Grade MPR -Flyer
- 05/30 No School Memorial Day
- 06/01 Dippin' Dots
- 06/02 Spirit Day Theme Hawaiian
- 06/02 Last Day of School Minimum Day



Wednesday, May 18th <u>THEME</u>: WEAR STRIPES DAY





Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar

<u>Calendar</u>

Shark Fund Member Meeting next Wednesday, May 18th

Shark Fund's last virtual member meeting of the school year will be held on Wednesday, May 18 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Join us for a year-end review of Shark Fund's impact at Sycamore as well as some preliminary planning for the upcoming school year. Log-in details can be found below. If you are interested in volunteering with Shark Fund next school year, please contact President Alison Stracke sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org to discuss current openings.

- Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/otr-wcdd-meq
- Join by phone (US) +1 518-900-2219 (PIN: 971055311)

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 <u>here</u> - every single dollar counts!



Dippin' Dots

April - May Dippin Dot Calendar (weather permitting) 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 \$6,800 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 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

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



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 <u>http://www.sycamoreelementary.org/sitecouncil</u> 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 <u>Bjones1@srvusd.net</u>. Please submit your bio no later than **May 14, 2022.**



https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aea828aaff2-fundraiser

Our 5th grade leadership students are putting together Welcome Kits for UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. Each Welcome Kit will help put a smile on a child's face as they keep busy while in the hospital. Please view the sign up genius (**link**) to see what items they are collecting. Items can be dropped off during school hours in the box in front of the school gates from May 16th through May 23rd.

Students can also get paid to do chores at home and help other kids at the same time. The money (cash only) will be used to purchase items to make Welcome Kits. "Chores for a Cause" slips will go home in Shark folders. The money (cash only) and completed slip can be turned in before school at the table in front of the school from Monday, May16th, to Monday, May 23rd.

Questions, contact: Georgeann Kurfirst <u>gkurfirst@srvusd.net</u> or Kim Cory <u>kcory@srvusd.net</u>





A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BENEFITING ALL SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

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!!



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

• Morning Mile

- Corporate Sponsorship
- SLAM Committee Members
- Yearbook Committee (5th 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



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

Science

SuperScience: Blank SuperScience Skills Sheets and Answer Keys can be downloaded from the <u>SLAM</u> 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 <u>SLAM</u> 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 **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!

RESEARCH

https://sycamoreslam2122.shutterfly.com/rese

Our research projects are done for this school year.

- Congrats to Daivik Dodeja who completed all 5 research projects!
- Kudos also goes to Zoya Kaur and Calvin Sjoberg for completing
- 2 projects each.
 - We'd also like to recognize our other participants for their outstanding work: Amaya Fernando, Maddie Sjoberg, Sophia Sorley, Katerina Tsagarekis, and Bernice Zhou.

GO SLAM



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

This week is our last for checking out library books. We need to have all missing and late books returned before the end of May. If a book can't be found, all fees to replace the books will also need to be received before the end of the school year. Please help your students look for their missing books, reminders will be coming home in the next week.

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:

Thank you to the Kindergarten teachers, PTA, Shark Fund, and Site Council reps for hosting the incoming Kinder Meet & Greet for parents.



Kids Are Talking



It's pretty fun. We get to play a lot. get to watch TV, I have a lot of homework though, and I have a lot of rehearsals for dance but it's really fun.



Tyle

grandchildren when they ask about 2022. You'll remember you're in a pandemic.

Linnea

You have a lot of playtime. You don't exactly have to do very many chores. You might have one or two chores but not very many and you can please parents really easily and get what you want, and it's just really fun.



You'll remember this child in 2021 and it's really

In a pandemic. It's pretty easy. I think my dog enjoyed it most, getting pets every day. Being a child is fun but the forward

sometimes I look forward to being an adult.

fun but maybe someday there will be some changes, like maybe some new inventions. I don't know what

Lucia

It's good being in school Well there's lots of and having friends and family and I get to learn a lot of stuff. It's pretty which fun. There's so easy because you have people taking care of you, you don't really have to do anything.

What's it like being a child in 2022?

> Sophic much surprises in life. You don't know what's coming next for you.



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 <u>orders@ciphotoca.com</u>



Child Nutrition

Lunch Provided @ Sycamore

Lunch is provided at no cost to all students that request a lunch at school. <u>Elementary School Menus</u>

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
- <u>Chinese Meal (Income) Application</u>
- Hindi Meal (Income) Application

For more information about the meals, please visit the Child Nutrition Website. <u>https://www.srvusd.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?</u> <u>d=x&group_id=1531973258656&vdid=i20b2k99eacx</u>

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 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

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SKIP THE CARD, STAKE THE YARD







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