Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal November 18, 2021

Dear Sycamore Community,

REMINDERS No School on the following Dates:

Monday, Nov. 22nd - Friday, Nov. 26th = Thanksgiving Break

MTSS Coordinator Update

It is with mixed emotion that I share with you that our MTSS Liaison, Margrette Wui, has been offered and accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Venture School. While we will miss her, we are excited for her in her new role. I will share with you more information about the transition process as soon as I know more.

Rainbow Program Update

We are excited to announce that we have a new Rainbow Room paraeducator at Sycamore! Please join me in welcoming Stacy Hughes to our school! Stacy comes with a background as a teacher and most recently held a long term substitute position in a second grade classroom at Live Oak. Stacy is currently going through the extensive training process to prepare for her new role. She will be starting to work with our students in January once her training is complete and she has had time to sort through referrals and build her groups and schedule.

Rainbow Program SRVUSD 2021-2022

"Celebrating 35 years of Success for Students"

The **Rainbow Program** is a research based early intervention program aimed at the following objectives:

- Helping students get a good start in school
- Developing and enhancing social skills
- Fostering healthy self-concept
- Improving school adjustment
- Developing leadership skills
- Assisting with life transitions

Here at Sycamore, your donations to Shark Fund supplement the district funded 15 hours a week with an additional 3.5 hours a week of social emotional and behavioral support for our students.

For more information on Rainbow Room: https://www.srvusd.net/rainbow

Thanksgiving is in the Air

This week, our leadership students put up a "Thankful Tree" for everyone to add to and enjoy. The tree's leaves were filled with gratitude notes from all of our Sharks.



As we wrap up this final week before Thanksgiving, I wanted to thank all of you for your help and support this year as we have returned to in person learning for our whole campus. Thank you for all you do at home to support our Sharks and all that you do here on campus to make Sycamore the best it can be. We are truly so lucky to have such a fantastic Shark community. I wish all of you a restful and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



11/15 - 11/19 - Sister School Canned Food Drive

11/15 - 12/17 - TK/K Enrollment for 2022 School Year!

11/18 - Virtual Site Council Meeting - 3:00

11/22 - 11/26 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

11/26 - 12/05 - Sloat Garden Center Giveback

11/29 - 12/03 - Sister School Canned Food Drive

11/29 - 12/10 - Sister School Book Drive

12/01 - Sharky Cinema -1:00-3:00 - SOLD OUT

12/02 - Holiday Shopping @ Rakestraw Books - 5:00pm-7:30pm

12/06 -12/10 - Grades 1-3 Assessment Day Schedule

12/08 - Dippin' Dot Sales 11:30 Kinder Playground & 12:50pm Blacktop

12/15 - Sister School Book Wrapping party - MPR 1:00pm

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

TK and Kindergarten Enrollment Open

Monday, November 15th - December 17th 2021





Shark Fund / PTA Google Calendar

Calendar

Shop the Holidays with a SMILE

Did you know you can help support Sycamore Shark Fund while you shop with Amazon this holiday season and beyond? Follow these simple <u>steps</u> and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Shark Fund educational programs.

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CINEMA

Sharky Cinema – December 1st – SOLD OUT

Thank you to all who purchased tickets to the last Sharky Cinema of 2021! The event has sold out and we are unable to sell additional tickets. If you have already purchased a ticket for your student, please be sure you have filled out both a **Shark Fund Events Waiver** and a **PG Permission Slip** for each student participating. The waivers only need to be completed once per school year.

Our next Sharky Cinema will be February 2, 2022.

Please contact Meghan Gates at meghanmollygates@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

Sycamore Auction 2022: Parent Donations Needed

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.



Dippin' Dot Sales

Get Free Dippin' Dots with Prepaid Dippin' Dot Punch Card!

Punch cards can be purchased at all Dippin' Dot Wednesday events or from Dana Claffey with cash or checks made payable to "Sycamore Shark Fund."

- buy 5, get 1 free
- Save time in line with fast and easy purchase— no need to bring money to school
- Each punch card is \$25 (families can share one card)
- All proceeds benefit Sycamore Shark Fund

Dippin' Dot Calendar: 12/08

weather permitting

Kindergarten Sales @ 11:30 am near the Kinder playground 1st-5th Grade Sales @ 12:50 on the 1st - 5th grade playground

Shark Fund would like to say Thank You for all your support with the Dippin Dot Wednesday Fundraisers!!!!

Since August, Dippin Dots has generated over \$6,500 in sales! 100% of Dippin Dot proceeds benefit Shark Fund which help fund the following programs:

- Rainbow Room to provide social development support for TK-3
- Reading Intervention
- Trained Paraeducators in every classroom
- Librarian's salary
- Supplemental Office Hours

Please have your student write their name on their punch card. If your student has lost their Dippin Dot punch card, please feel free to reach out to Dippin Dot Dana: dana.claffey@gmail.com or 925-407-7178.



Nov. 15-19 and Nov. 29-Dec. 3

Sycamore 2nd and 3rd Grade Girl Scout Troops are collecting canned food for our Sister School--King Elementary.

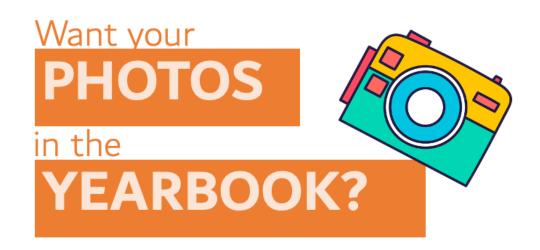
Next time you're at the grocery store, grab an extra can or two for those in need. Families would love pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, meat, veggies, fruit, and peanut butter.

Look for Girl Scouts at the front of the school and back path before and after school next week, **Nov. 15-19 and Nov. 29-Dec. 3**, who will happily take your donations. Thank you for your support!

Sister School - Holiday Book Drive

This holiday, let's give our Sister School, King Elementary in Richmond, the gift of reading! Their teachers sent us a list of books they need for their classrooms. Please sign up to donate a book or two using the SignUp Genius. Several are less than \$5! Book donations will be collected from Nov. 29 through Dec. 10. Be sure to personalize your gift with a homemade bookmark. Blank bookmarks will be available in the office beginning Nov. 19th. Read SignUpGenius for more details.

Sister School Holiday Book Drive



So do we! Students, parents and teachers can all contribute content to the yearbook staff by uploading photos directly to our website for potential use in the book.

Please start sharing your photos! Send in those **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** and **FESTIVAL AROUND THE WORLD** photos! Provide as much detail as possible (including teacher and grades of students pictured)

The more you share the better our yearbook can be!

Start sharing today! Go to **www.hjeshare.com** and enter school code **sycamoresharks** to upload.

(Or download the App to your mobile device!)

While we cannot guarantee that all shared photos will be published, if you don't share your great pictures can't even be considered!

Did you take great pictures at the fun run?
Planning on taking pictures at the Halloween Parade and class parties?
We want your pictures! Please submit to the yearbook!



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. In fact, the rack is currently overflowing...

Unclaimed items will be donated December 22, 2021

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.



Kids Are Talking





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 sycamoreslam2122@shutterfly.com

For MathMadness contact

Anurag Dodeja at: anurag@dodejas.com

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044DA8AE22A4F94-sycamore

Sign up for Science

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

Sign-ups for SuperScience are now closed. The Sept and Oct/Nov issues have been sent home through your child's classroom. Download Blank Answer Worksheets from the SLAM Website: https://sycamoreslam2122.shutterfly.com/s OR complete your answers on blank paper.

Completed worksheets must be turned in to the SLAM bin located in the office by the DUE DATE below. Student work will be recorded and returned.

DUE DATES:

September Issue: Due Fri, Nov 19 Oct/ Nov Issue: Due Fri, Dec 17

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 and Research

Sign-ups for Dynamath are now closed. The Sept and Oct/Nov issues have been sent home through your child's classroom. Download Blank Answer Worksheets from the SLAM Website:

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RESEARCH

Sign-up for Research Projects

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

Our next Research Project is College and Career Aspirations due Fri, Dec 3rd.

Website: https://sycamoreslam2122.shutterfly.com/

GO SLAM



We need one parent for the 2021-2022 Site Council Committee.

Positions Open:

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.

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

As a reminder, parent representatives must be elected by the parent community.

Here is the link to the Site Council Ballot:

Site Council Alternate Ballot

More information about Site Council is available at http://www.sycamoreelementary.org/sitecouncil

BIO:

Pejman Noroozi: I would be honored to be the other Alternate Parent Member of Site Council. I am a proud parent of a first grader at Sycamore. I would like to help to ensure our little ones have all the resources and academic programs within reach. Assist in reaching goals set forth for the year. Review and if needed revise School Safety Plan. Thank you.



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

Holiday Shopping Event - December 2 at Rakestraw Books 5:00-7:30

Come support our Sycamore Library, and a wonderful local business!

On Tuesday, December 2nd Rakestraw Books in downtown Danville will open its doors after hours from 5:00-7:30 for our Sycamore families only! Do your holiday shopping locally, with unique gifts for anyone on your list. Each purchase will be a giveback in credit to the Sycamore Library, allowing me to purchase new books for the new year!

You can also shop online on our library wish list if you are not able to make the event.

https://www.rakestrawbooks.com/wishlist/155

Happy reading!

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville / Library Media Coordinator
https://syc-srvusd-ca.schoolloop.com/sylibrary

SHARKS READ Read / Exchange / Donate

Sharks READ book exchange cart!

On supply pick-up days, 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!



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Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to Cara Gamble for organizing a great Red Ribbon week filled with activities!



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@ciphotoca.com**

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

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 - 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



Growing UP Green Weeks 2021-2022

A Fundraiser benefiting your school!

2021 DATES	2022 DATES
Sept. 3 - 12	Jan. 7 - 16
Oct. 22 - 31	Feb. 4 - 13
Nov. 26 – Dec. 5	Mar. 18 - 27

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 purchasesback. *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



Child Nutrition

Lunch Provided @ Sycamore

Lunch will be provided at no cost to all students that request a lunch at school.

We are excited to announce this school year, SRVUSD will be transitioning from a school meal program based on family income to a program which allows any student wanting a meal to have one provided to them at no cost.

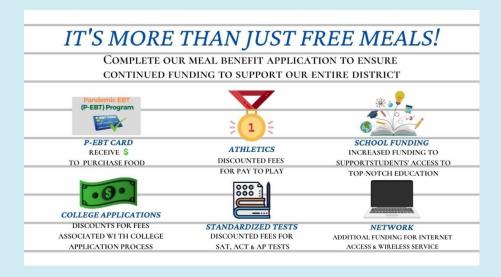
Elementary School Menus

Meal Application Form: For the benefit of the entire district, please complete the annual Meal Application Form by 10/25/21.

Why is this form needed now that meals are free for all?

More LCFF funds for SRUVSD - for every qualifying family who submits a form -

SRVUSD's LCFF is increased. Further, families receive benefits beyond school meals, such as discounts on SAT testing, internet services, & many other benefits.



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?deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagedeltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagedeltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagedeltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagedeltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagedeltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagedeltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_pagedeltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page<a href="mailto:deltastation.net/pf4/cms2/view_page<a href="mail

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