Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal October 21, 2021

Dear Sycamore Community,

REMINDERS

No School on the following Dates:

Monday, Nov. 1st - Vacation Day Tuesday, Nov. 2nd - Professional Development Day

Fun Run Tomorrow: Come cheer on your student at the turf field... in the AFTERNOON! Due to the rain forecast, our Fun Run will be held tomorrow afternoon, Friday, October 22, 2021. As a reminder, students will run with their recess groups. Here is our NEW REVISED SCHEDULE:

Revised Fun Run Times

12:15-12:50- 1st/2nd grade 1:00-1:35-5th grade 1:45-2:20 3rd/4th grade

Great Shake Out:

Today we had our Great Shake Out. Students practiced ducking and covering in our classrooms. We then headed out to the playground to practice our evacuation drill. The kids did a wonderful job and made it outside and back in their fastest time.

First "Rainy Day" Lunch:

Today we had our first test run of a "rainy day" lunch. Our students in grades 1 and 3 ate inside the cafeteria due to the wet soggy ground outside. Thankfully, the rest of the grades were able to eat outside as the skies had cleared! For our students who ate indoors, we were able to keep them spaced out 6 feet apart. Students sat on the ground in the MPR and were given a wax paper "placemat" to put their food on. We also let them head to the playground as soon as they were done eating so that they were not unmasked inside for any longer than they had to be. Our first and third graders did a wonderful job!



Classified Job Fair: The San Ramon Valley Unified School District is conducting a job fair to recruit applicants for full/part time/substitute/hourly Custodians, Bus Drivers, Crossing Guards, Child Nutrition Assistants, Noon Duty Supervisors on Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 3:15 pm – 6:00 pm at Iron Horse Middle School located at 12601 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon, CA 94583. We will have onsite interviews. Please share this information with friends, family or anyone else you know who is looking for a job. They can start with a job, end with a career!!! Please call Classified Human Resources if you have any questions.

Site Council: Alternate Parent Representatives:

Thank you Brittney for sending us your bio. Brittney is interested in being a member of our School Site Council. We are in need of 2 alternate parent representatives. If you are interested in this position, please send a short bio to Barbara at BJones1@srvusd.net. We would like to have all the members on board for our Site Council meetings that will begin soon.

BIO: Brittney Page -

This is my first year as a Sycamore parent, and I welcome the opportunity to volunteer for Site Council. In my professional background, I have overseen state and private accreditations for surgery centers. My knowledge of emergency preparedness and management, quality assurance, and compliance will equip me with the necessary skills to be a positive addition to Sycamore's Site Council.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

- Morning Drop off: Students should be coming onto the blacktop and going to their line. Students should not be running around the playground nor should they be on the play structure or swings in the morning.
- Afternoon Pick up: Families should not enter the blacktop area prior to 2:20pm. For safety reasons, siblings should not be playing on the play structure or swings. Parents and siblings should be meeting the students at the room number line. Please do not wait for students at the 3rd grade gate. Have your child meet you at the room number/coned line.
- Arriving to School Late: If your Kindergartner 5th grade child arrives at school after 8:00am, please come to the front of the school to sign in and get a slip to enter class late.

Warmly, Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



10/22 - Fun Run @ the turf field - REVISED TIME SCHEDULE

10/22 - Bios of parents are due for Site Council

10/25 - School Picture Make-up / Retake Day

10/25 - 10/29 - Red Ribbon Week

10/26 - Monster Mash - Family Evening Event - Tickets available

10/27 - Dippin' Dot Sales 11:30 Kinder Playground & 12:50pm Blacktop

10/29 - Halloween Parade - Turf Field

11/01 - NO SCHOOL - Vacation Day

11/02 - NO SCHOOL - Staff Development

11/03 - Sharky Cinema - 12:50-2:30 - MPR

11/05 - Family Game Night - MPR / Blacktop

11/10 - Dippin' Dot Sales 11:30 Kinder Playground & 12:50pm Blacktop

11/11 - NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day Holiday

11/12 - NO SCHOOL - Staff Development

11/15-11/19 - Sister School Book Drive

11/17 - Virtual Shark Fund Meeting - 6:30 ZOOM

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

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.

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JENNIFER LARSON

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



FUN RUN 2021!

Join us on the turf field this Friday, October 22nd for the fun run!

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Only parents who have signed up to volunteer with a specific job, and with clearance from the school district through the "Be A Mentor" website, and who have checked in at the office for a volunteer sticker will be allowed on the field during their specific volunteer time.

The fencing is low and a see-through mesh so everyone will be able to see and cheer on their student!

Your student is welcome to come over to the fence and stop to say hi!

There will be entrances onto the turf field for the students and the parents—
just follow the signs!

Looking forward to seeing you on the turf field**Friday**, **October 22nd!**Questions? Email Erin Meyer at erin@meyerca.com



Want a front row seat to cheer on your student at the Fun Run

on Friday, October 22?

Do you have grandparents or little kids that need a chair? This year, *all new* VIP seating is available for \$25.00/seat. 10 seats are reserved for each grade level time slot (approximately 45 minutes). Seats are sanitized after each seating.

Feel less stressed about finding a spot to watch the Fun Run and give back to Sycamore at the same time!! Seating is limited, so don't wait to purchase. BUY NOW: https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store



Photo Make-Up and Retakes will be taken on **Monday October 25th**.

Please email your teacher and let them know that you would like to have your child's photo taken on October 25th.

If these are retakes for your child, please return your photo package to our school.

School Picture packages are due to arrive close to October 20th. The photos are mailed to the home address on file. Families that purchased the digital image have already received them.

You are welcome to order individual photos and the class group photo. Proofs of the student's photo

Order School Photos

When placing an order after your child's photo has been taken, 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>



Monster Mash - Ticket Sales Close this Friday!

There are only a few days left to purchase tickets to Shark Fund's newest event: Monster Mash!

Sales close at midnight on Friday,

10/22: https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store.

Don't miss your chance to join your friends for Halloween - themed games, pizza and other refreshments, pumpkin decorating and carving (bring your own pumpkin), prize drawings, cake walk, glow-stick dance party and more!

Monster Mash will take place on the Sycamore blacktop from 4:30-6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 26th.

Parent volunteers are needed for short 45-minute shifts.

Please sign-up here if you can lend a hand.

Dine and Donate at Dos Coyotes – All This Week

Dine at <u>Dos Coyotes Border Café</u> this week and 25% of your order will support Shark Fund educational programs at Sycamore! This giveback lasts through Sunday, October 24th. Please show a physical or electronic copy of the attached <u>flyer</u> when placing your order.



Sharky Cinema – November 3

Join us in the MPR for a kid-friendly movie from 1:00pm-3:00pm, just after Wacky Wednesday dismissal.

Masks are required.

There are only a few tickets left to November's showing of <u>Free Birds</u>.

Get your student's ticket before they sell

out: https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store.

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



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: 10/27, 11/10 ***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.



Emoji Family Game Night



Emoji Mania Family Game Night Friday, November 5th

- •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 100 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 November 4th.

Register for Family Fun Night: Family Fun Night



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

Registration for 5th grade students is going on NOW for Science Alliance! Please register if your 5th grader is interested in participating in this program as space is limited and almost at capacity!

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 Art (PTA Reflections)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSeAhemhOuvf9Pz39vDth3mE FR0e2C7KvGs9j48SPPIDwHgXHw/viewform

Reflections Deadline is October 15th! Submit your entries by that date to be entered! Any questions, contact Cami Severson:

sycamorevalleyptareflections@gmail.com

Sign up for DynaMath and Research

https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080548ada92ba3f85-slam

Don't forget to sign up for DynaMath and/or SuperScience by Fri, Oct 8th so you can get your subscription(s)!

3rd and 4th GATE students will receive DynaMath automatically. 4th and 5th GATE students will receive SuperScience automatically.

All other students, please visit the SLAM website for detailed information on how to subscribe to the magazines. The Sign Up Genius will not automatically get you a subscription, but it will send you due date reminders!

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

GO SLAM



We need two parents for the 2021-2022 Site Council Committee.

Positions Open:

Alternate Parent Representative (2)

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.

We will hold a special election the first part of September. Please submit your bios no later than October 22, 2021.

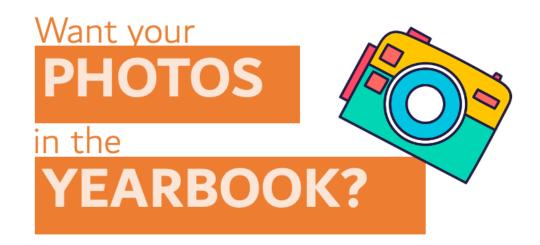
More information about Site Council is available at http://www.sycamoreelementary.org/sitecouncil

Candidate BIO:

Brittney Page -

This is my first year as a Sycamore parent, and I welcome the opportunity to volunteer for Site Council.

In my professional background, I have overseen state and private accreditations for surgery centers. My knowledge of emergency preparedness and management, quality assurance, and compliance will equip me with the necessary skills to be a positive addition to Sycamore's Site Council.



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!

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



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.



Kids Are Talking

What job would you like to do when you are older... and why?



Matthew I want to be an engineer because I like to build legos.



I want to be an ice skater because I like to walk on ice.



always be physical with my Dad. I always tackle him



Lucas
I want to be a football player because I love being physical and I because it shows that you are brave and



astronaut because I like space.



want to be a singer or an astronaut... or maybe a doctor, because I like singing for fun and I think being an astronaut would be fun the moon and just jump.



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

Thank you for instilling a love of reading and supporting our Book Fair !!!!

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.





Please direct any questions to PTA Library Liaison: phyllis.acon@gmail.com
Thank you for participating, and happy reading!



After School Enrichment Classes will begin in September

Chess:

Thursday Afternoon 2:35 - 3:35 Sycamore School MPR, Pick up at the front Gate 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30

10/7, 10/21, 10/28 = No Class on 10/14 due to Conferences

11/4, 11/04, 11/18

Register by Sept. 8th. Registration form is on the attached flyer.

FLYER

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to all the volunteers who have work hard to prepare for the Fun Run.

4th Annual Culture in the Community Celebration

The San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs is proud to co-sponsor the Annual Culture in the Community Celebration, Sunday, October 17, 2021, from 10am to 2pm at the San Ramon Community Center.

This event will be back in-person, all booths will be outdoors following safety protocols.

What is Culture in the Community?

San Ramon celebrates its rich diversity of cultures with food, crafts, booths, music, dance and more. Culture in the Community is a fun and free event to honor the diversity in San Ramon. Many countries and cultures will be represented to honor San Ramon's cultural pride in this exciting, community-driven event.

We are currently accepting participant applications (performers, booths, etc.). To apply and for more information, view the online application. View the flyer here or visit www.SRCultureintheCommunity.com for more information.

Applications are due by September 3rd.



October is National Walk/Bike Month, and Street Smarts is having a Poster Contest!

Street Smarts is inviting all elementary school age students to enter the "Walk and Roll with Street Smarts" Poster Contest to win great prizes!

Details and Eligibility:

- All elementary school students attending or residing in the San Ramon Valley are eligible to participate.
- Poster Contest begins October 1, 2021.

- Drawings due by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2021 (no exceptions)
- Two winners in the following grade levels will be selected:
 - Kindergarten 2nd Grade
 - 3rd Grade 5th Grade
- Winners will be notified by email by Monday, November 29, 2021.

The two top winning posters in each grade level (K-2nd) (3rd-5th) will be displayed on Street Smarts Banners throughout the community and marking materials.

Visit: street-smarts.com "2021/2022 Contests" for more information.

PLEASE FOLLOW CONTEST GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS LISTED AT Street Smarts Poster Contest.

For questions, please contact Dolores Pita, at 925-973-2581 or dpita@sanramon.ca.gov





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?d=x&group_id=1531973258656&vdid=i20b2k99eacx

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