Shark Bits



Message from Sylvie Bullard - Principal September 30, 2021

Dear Sycamore Community,

Festival Around the World

Thank you to our families that hosted a booth this year. We had a great turn out for this amazing and informative event.











Egg Drop

Our fourth grade students participated in our annual Egg Drop event this week. Students designed their own egg carriers which were dropped from about a one story height. Students got to see if their engineering skills protected the eggs or not! Here are some photos from today's drop:







<u>PTA</u>

Sycamore Sharks! Want to know what is going on at school? Upcoming events?

Please join us for our 2nd PTA Association Meeting via zoom on Wednesday, October 6th at 8:30am. Please register by clicking on the link below. Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsfyppzwtGd1j_eh5hGJmeHK6Dnil3etB

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces.

Site Council

Be sure to cast your ballot for our Site Council Representative. Here is the link to cast your vote: https://forms.gle/FwJ7uEY2xnZkzp7R7

IF you would like to be considered for our alternative parent representative, please submit your bio to Barbara (**Bjones1@srvusd.net**). Our hope is to have 2 alternate parent representatives.

Pop Up Tents

If you lent one of your pop up tents for our lunch time courtyard. They are ready to be picked up. Please see Barbara in the school office.

Volunteers for Recess

We are still looking for volunteers for recess and lunch! We especially need help on Thursdays. If you would like to come in and volunteer, please contact Barbara at **bjones1@srvusd.net** or me at **sbullard@srvusd.net**. Thank you!

Warmly, Sylvie Bullard

Go Sharks!

IMPORTANT DATES



- 10/06 10/17 Book Fair Virtual See link in Library Corner Article
- 10/06 Virtual PTA meeting 8:30am zoom
- 10/06 Sharky Cinema 12:50-2:30 MPR
- 10/07 Fun Run forms are due
- 10/08 No School Teacher Floating work day
- 10/10 Run for Education District Wide Event
- 10/11 10/15 Conference week Minimum Day Schedule
- 10/13 Dippin' Dot Sales 11:30 Kinder Playground & 12:50pm Blacktop
- 10/20 Virtual Shark Fund meeting 6:30pm Zoom
- 10/22 Fun Run @ the turf field
- 10/25 School Picture Make-up Day
- 10/25 10/29 Red Ribbon Week
- 10/27 Dippin' Dot Sales 11:30 Kinder Playground & 12:50pm Blacktop
- 10/29 Halloween Parade Turf Field
- 11/06 Sharky Cinema 12:50-2:30 MPR
- 11/10 Dippin' Dot Sales 11:30 Kinder Playground & 12:50pm Blacktop

Attendance Line



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.

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!

Sycamore Valley Elementary - 18th Annual Fun Run is coming!

The Fun Run is one month away! Make sure to turn in your permission slip/pledge form to participate! Permission slips due to your classroom by **Thursday, October 7th**. There is an easy online pledge option available at <u>http://pledgestar.com/sycamore</u>

The Fun Run is PTA's biggest fundraiser and we need your help! Check out the many volunteer opportunities

at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C48ABA922A64-funrun2

- All students who run will get a prize! (Must have signed pledge form turned in to run!)
- The top 20 students and class who earn the most pledge dollars will get an ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT SYCAMORE PARK!
- See you on the turf field on Friday, October 22nd!

Questions? Erin Meyer at erin@meyerca.com

Signed pledge forms due October 7, 2021 Fun Run: Friday October 22nd at the Turf Field

Questions: Erin Meyer — erin@meyerca.com



School Pictures were taken earlier this month You are welcome to order individual photos and the class group photo Order School Photos

When placing your order the code requested is your child's student ID#

Make up and retake photos will be taken on Monday October 25th.



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.

Join us for the next morning mile on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH!



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







POSTER CONTEST

"WALK AND ROLL WITH STREET SMARTS!"

WIN EXCITING PRIZES!

During the month of October, students will create a poster describing how they can be safe as a pedestrian or when riding their bike, scooter or skateboard.

Entries are due by 4:00 p.m - November 4, 2021

VISIT: STREET-SMARTS.COM "2021/2022 CONTESTS" TAB FOR PROGRAM



QUESTIONS? EMAIL DPITA@SANRAMON.CA.GOV

GUIDELINES AND TO ENTER



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: 10/13, 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

If you have lost your Punch Card or have any questions, please contact Dana Claffey.

Questions should be directed to Dippin' Dot Dana at 925-407-7178 or dana.claffey@gmail.com



Run for Education: Join us for the VIRTUAL Run for Education!

<u>Registration</u> is now open for the 38th Annual Run for Education!

Sign up by October 10th to help Sycamore students earn a school-wide Pajama Day



Need an excuse to get the family outside? Start training for the Run for Education! The virtual run is a race where you can run, walk, jog, or roll for the distance of your choosing. This family event can be a great motivator for kids and parents alike...

- Set a goal!
- Start small: Walk or jog 20 minutes, 3 times per week
- Choose a new route!
- Let your kids choose a route for the day
- Make it fun!
- How many dogs do you pass?
- Point out where friends live
- Play follow the leader: skip, jump, march!
- Have teenagers? Talk about something new they have done these past few months that they otherwise would not have tried

Our school benefits from registration

- 30% of registration net proceeds go directly to our school
- 70% of Pledge Page donations go to our school

Your benefits from registration

The low registration price of \$25 includes an SRVEF mask or cape! You can still order a shirt to keep your collection up to date too.

The Health & Wellness Expo is back!

We are so excited to be able to see you all in person on**October 9-10**, **2021!** We will be in the same AWESOME location as 2019: 2700 Camino Ramon (BR 2700), right across the street from City Center! Saturday, October 9, will be from 9am to 3pm and feature optional <u>Mini Run</u> heats! **Sunday**, **October 10**, will be from 10am to 2pm and feature optional<u>Friendship</u> **Run** heats! Both days will have student performances, inflatables, mascots, and many local vendors and partners that can't wait to see you in person!

We are excited about the possibilities this virtual format offers our school! This is a healthy, family activity we can all enjoy while still observing proper physical distancing AND raising funds to support our programs and people! Register at <u>www.srvef.org/the-run</u>. Questions? Contact Karen Robman at <u>karen@srvef.org</u>



Now Playing: Sycamore's Sharky Cinema

Beginning October 6th, Shark Fund will be offering Sharky Cinema the first Wednesday of each month. **Our first film will be Hotel Transylvania**. Quantities are limited; please visit <u>https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store</u> for additional information and to purchase your student's ticket before they sell out.

Parent volunteers are needed to serve snacks and help supervise the event. Please contact Meghan Gates <u>meghanmollygates@gmail.com</u> if you are able to help out.

Click here to Register and Purchase Tickets. Sycamore Valley Elementary: Store (futurefund.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 sycamoreslam2122@shutterfly.com

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/10c0a4caea92fa31word

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/1FAIpQLSeAhemhOuvf9Pz39vDth3 mEFR0e2C7KvGs9j48SPPIDwHgXHw/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/5080548ada92 ba3f85-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!

Our first RESEARCH PROJECT is happening now! Create a COUNTRY tri-fold board or presentation/slideshow to earn 2 SLAM points. Projects are due Friday, Oct 1st.

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 <u>Bjones1@srvusd.net</u>

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 31, 2021.

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

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.



A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BENEFITING ALL SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



Coming Soon: Sycamore's Sharky Cinema

Beginning October 6th, Shark Fund will be offering Sharky Cinema the first Wednesday of each month. Tickets go on sale next week! Join us in the MPR for a kid-friendly movie from 12:50-2:30, just after Wacky Wednesday dismissal. Masks are required. Parent volunteers are needed to serve snacks and help supervise the event. Please contact Meghan Gates <u>meghanmollygates@gmail.com</u> if you are able to help out.

Sycamore Auction 2022:

Mark your calendars! Sycamore's Live Auction has been scheduled for **Friday, March 25**, **2022**, while our Online Auction and Spirit Week will be held the week of March 21-27. If you are interested in lending your time and talents to these important Shark Fund events, or if your business has an item to donate, please contact Live Auction Chair, Katerina McCormack <u>katerinitsa@aol.com</u> or Online Auction Chair, Jenna Mesic <u>ilmesic@gmail.com</u>.

Corporate Match:

Every dollar makes a difference! Don't forget to submit a Corporate Match request with your employer

Thank you to all the families who donated to Shark Fund's fall registration drive! Help us further the impact of your donation by submitting a corporate match.

Visit <u>https://www.srvef.org/donate/matchinggifts.aspx</u> and contact Shark Fund's Corporate Match Lead, Todd Stracke with questions <u>todd.stracke@clorox.com</u>.



PTA JOB OPENINGS Our PTA Needs Your Help!!



Sycamore Valley PTA is looking for parents that would like to join a volunteer committee for the 2021-2022 school year.

Getting involved with our PTA committees is a great way to help our school, our students, and meet new friends! A complete list of PTA job descriptions can be found here:

PTA Job Descriptions

We have open roles in the following areas:

- Exceptional Education Liaison
- Family Engagement & Parent Education
- SLAM Committee Research Projects and Math
- Auction Support

Let's KEEP SYCAMORE GREAT!

To discuss volunteer opportunities, please contact Joëlle Baldwin, joelle.baldwin@gmail.com



Reflections 2021

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Students are invited to participate in Sycamore Valley PTA Reflections Art Program! Please refer to the Reflections section of Sycamore's PTA website for more information.

Sycamore submissions are due October 15, 2021

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Reflections 2021-2022 is here with the theme "I WILL CHANGE THE WORLD BY..."! The purpose of the Reflections Art program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. The excitement and enthusiasm that the program generates for students, parents, schools and communities is unmatched. The Reflections Program provides an excellent opportunity for all students of all ages to:

- Unleash their creative talents and be inspired
- Express themselves imaginatively in their artwork
- Experience the joy and fun of making art
- Tap into critical thinking skills to create art inspired by the annual theme
- Receive positive recognition for their original works of art

Student artists get involved through Sycamore Valley Elementary PTA. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. **Students may submit original creations in one or more of**

these six categories:

- Visual Arts
- Literature
- Photography
- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Music Composition

Theme of the year 2021-22: "I Will Change The World By.."

Reflections program will be held again VIRTUALLY this year! More info on the google submission form will follow soon. In the meantime, start creating your masterpiece in any of the six categories.

Learn more about the Reflections Art Program at the <u>CAPTA Reflections</u> <u>Page</u> and the <u>CAPTA Rules and Guidelines Page</u>.

Contact the PTA at Sycamore Valley Elementary for more information on deadlines and submission forms at your school. For general questions, email <u>reflections@srvcouncilpta.org</u>.

Reflections Entry Form

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



Kids Are Talking

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Question:

WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING BACK AT SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING?



Tyne I get to see my friends and my actual teacher not online, it's easier without devices



Aleksandra You can finally see your friends and play with them and do a lot of stuff with your teachers and homework that's not on the computer



Gianna I get to see everyone and do everything in person



Esther Getting to learn with my friends and instead of looking in a screen everyday you can meet them in person



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

I am enjoying seeing all of our classes every week! With this change to our weekly schedule, many books continue to be forgotten at home. **PLEASE remind your student(s) to return their books when they are finished, before their next library visit.**

Our fall book fair will be online this year. Every purchase gives the library credits to put towards new books (which are flying off the shelves in all grades!), and our goal is to sell at least 375 books through our fair.

Start your holiday shopping early **October 4th - 17th** here: <u>https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sycamorevalleyelementary</u>

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!

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.

Archery: More Information Available Soon

Sharky Shout Out:

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Thank you to Corinne Blair and her committee for organizing a fun and educational Festival Around the World!



Thank you to all the families that donated to our Sister School. All donations are greatly appreciated. King teachers and families were so grateful for the school supplies, books and food.

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. <u>View the flyer here</u> or visit <u>www.SRCultureintheCommunity.com</u> for more information.

Applications are due by September 3rd.



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. <u>https://www.srvusd.net/pf4/cms2/view_page?</u> <u>d=x&group_id=1531973258656&vdid=i20b2k99eacx</u>

Shark Fund - Corporate Match



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