August 15, 2024

Dear Sycamore Valley Families,

We had a wonderful first day of school. We enjoyed seeing our returning Sycamore Sharks and welcoming new Sharks to our community. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together. Keep reading for dates to remember, reminders about schedules, site council, district updates, sycamore registration and vacations for your family and staff updates,.



## Dates to Remember:

08/15 - 08/23 - Assessment Day Schedule view August Schedule for times: <u>August</u> <u>Schedule</u>

08/26 - Regular Bell Schedule begins August Schedule

08/28 - School Photos

09/02 - No School - Labor Day

09/13 - "A Day to Be Brave" virtual presentation

# **Bell Schedule**

For those of you who need it, here is a link to Sycamore's Bell Schedule for this schoolyear:Bell Schedule: TK - 5thDaily Bell Schedule

# School Site Council:

The School Site Council is a collaborative council composed of five parents, and five staff members (teachers, classified staff and school administration) and two alternate members. We meet five times during the year to review school data and progress towards goals, consider and provide feedback on the development of new goals as well as the school safety plan. If you are interested in becoming a School Site Council member, please submit a short bio to Barbara Jones at <a href="mailto:bjones1@srvusd.net">bjones1@srvusd.net</a> by Wednesday, August 21st at 3:00p.m. Your name will be added to the ballot for consideration the following week.

## Vacations:

We strongly encourage families to take vacations during the scheduled school breaks. It can be difficult for children to catch up and acclimate back into the school routine when the rest of the class has continued to move forward. If you are planning a trip during scheduled school days please know that, according to district policy, our teachers are not obligated to provide work while students are absent unless a parent/caregiver requests an Independent Study Contract (ISC), which must be for at least 5 school days and not more than 14 school days. Otherwise, make-up work will be waiting for the student in the classroom when the student returns to school. Here is the link to start the request if you would like. **Independent study request form= Vacation: Independent study request form** 

## COVID:

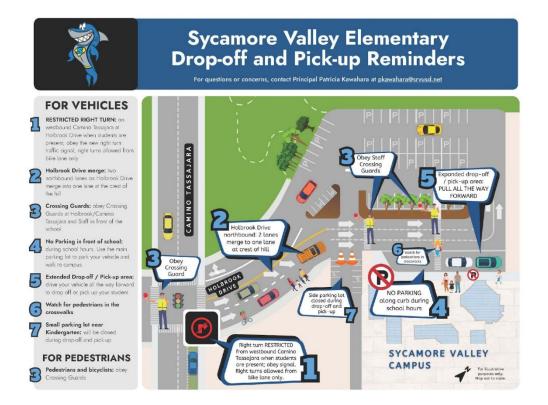
COVID-19 now falls under the general framework to reduce the spread of infection, including but not limited to COVID-19, influenza, RSV, and norovirus.

Those diagnosed with COVID-19 should follow the guidelines in the <u>SRVUSD IIIness Policy</u>. Staff and students should stay home for 24 hours until the fever has resolved and symptoms are improving and manageable. A negative test is NOT required to return to work or school. Our illness policy aligns with the CDPH guidance posted in October 2023.

#### Drop Off / Pick Up:

In an effort to streamline drop off and pick up and alleviate the congestion on Camino Tassajara, please review the following graphic for details.

At drop off and pick up, please pull **all the way forward in the carline**. Please be sure your child is ready to exit the car (ie. shoes on, breakfast eaten, etc.). Please work with your child to exit the car independently on the curb side of the car. We ask parents not to get out of the car to assist children (this keeps the line moving along).



# Volunteer Handbook - New!

Here is the brand new <u>Volunteer Handbook</u> as a resource for our families. Please review this information if you are planning to volunteer. Remember to register with <u>Be A</u> <u>Mentor</u> so you can be cleared to be one of our volunteers.

## Reminder: A Day To Be Brave Assembly info:

## 9/13/24 - "A Day to Be Brave" virtual presentation

Grades Kinder-5th will be participating in "A Day to Be Brave" virtual presentation by the author of *The Biggest Worrier*, Angelique Monet. There are a number of other elementary schools participating across the district and we are delighted to be able to bring this unique experience to our students. The schedule is listed below. 8:30-9:15 = 2nd Grade

10:30-11:15 = 1st Grade 11:30-12:15 = 4th Grade 12:30-1:15 = 3rd Grade 1:30-2:15 = 5th Grade

## Staff Updates:

Over the summer we had a shift in staffing. Mrs. Sayers took a different position at another school as did Mrs. Howard. Lori Smith a long time Para has retired. Meredyth Rolleri, another one of our Para's has taken a new job. Ramani Perugupalli, our instructional assistant, has taken a new position at a different school site. Jason Jennings, our instrumental music teacher, has taken a full time position at Los Cerros Middle School. We will miss them but wish them well in their new endeavors. Mr. Hewett has moved back to 4th grade. Mrs. Cory has moved from science to 5th grade. Mr. Coley has moved into 3rd grade. Ms. Smoller moved to 2nd grade. Mrs. Millman and Mrs. Perotti are our new TK teachers for TK-am and TK-pm. Jim Gates has joined us as the TK/2 vocal music teacher. Hannah Sechet has joined our Speech Therapy team.

Julie Cullen has moved into an instructional assistant position. Anai Matlock and Priya Kaarthik have joined our Para team replacing Lori Smith and Meredyth Rolleri.

Thank you,

Patricia Kawahara