

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal October 05, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families,
I hope you and your family are well.

This week we enjoyed seeing everyone for conferences. If, for some reason you were unable to attend a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher. For the next three weeks we are back to five day weeks. This return to the usual schedule is most welcome.

In other news, we now have a water bottle filling station on the water fountain on the black top.

Keep reading for some dates to remember, and information about Tea with Trish.

Dates to Remember:

- 10/11 - Photo Make-Up / Re-Take Day**
- 10/11 - Sharky Cinema**
- 10/13 - FUN RUN Informational Meeting for Volunteers**
- 10/17 - Tea with Trish - 8:15am**
- 10/31 - Adjusted Wednesday Schedule for Halloween**
 - TK / K = 8:00am - 11:30am**
 - 1st - 5th = 8:00am - 12:50pm**
- 10/31 - Halloween Parade - 9:15am**

Tea with Trish:

This year I will be hosting Tea with Trish. These will occur three times during the school year with the first scheduled for October 17th at 8:15 in the MPR. Subsequent Teas will take place in January and March. The topic for this first

meeting is Social Emotional work and Equity. I am fortunate to be joined by our school counselor, Sarah Reardon. I hope to see you there.

Thank you,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



10/02 - 10/06- Conference Week - Min. Day Schedule

10/05 - Monster Mash Tickets Go On Sales - 7:00pm

10/06 - Family Game Night - SOLD OUT !

10/08 - Run for Education

10/10 - Giveback: Taco Bell Cantina - 3pm to 10pm, Moms Night Out!

10/11 - School Photo Retakes & Makeups

10/11 - Sharky Cinema - MPR - 12:50pm - 2:30pm - Only a few tickets left !

10/13 - Fun Run Informational Meeting - MPR - 8:00am

10/18 - Dippin Dots

10/18 - Shark Fund Meeting

10/26 - Recess with Danville P.D.

10/27 - Monster Mash - Blacktop & MPR - 5:00pm - 6:30pm

10/30 - Free Trial Class - Lego Robotics and STEM Basic 2:30 - Library

10/31 - Adjusted Wednesday Schedule

TK /K = 8:00 - 11:30

1st - 5th grade = 8:00 - 12:50

10/31 - Halloween Parade 9:15am - Turf Field

11/06 - Lego Robotics and STEM Basic w/ Lego Enrichment begins

11/08 - PTA Association Meeting 8:00am - MPR

Attendance Line



**Please call the attendance line
to report an absence:**

925-855-2898

AR 5113 States that all absences which are not cleared within two days after a student's return to school shall be recorded as unexcused (CUT).

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 your child has COVID-19, please notify the school office.
- 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**



If you missed school photos on August 30th or do not like how your child's photo turned out, we will have a **Make-up Day / Retakes on October 11th.**

If you purchased a photo package and are going to have your child's photo retaken, please return the photo package to the school office by Oct. 11th.

If you have not done so already, you are welcome to order school photos. Here is the link.

<https://www.ciphotoca.com/sycamorevalley>

You will need to know your child's student number. This can be found in your parent portal.



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Family Game Night - Tomorrow Night

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SYCAMORE PTA PRESENTS



**FAMILY
GAME
NIGHT**



GAMES FUN PRIZES

FAMILY EVENT | **OCT 6** | **SYCAMORE MPR**
6-8 PM

6:00 PM CHECK-IN & DINNER, 6:30 PM GAMES BEGIN
COST IS \$15 PER PERSON (INCLUDES PIZZA, CAESAR SALAD, WATER & COOKIE)

TICKETS GO ON SALE 9/21 AT 7:00PM
SYCAMOREVALLEY.FUTUREFUND.COM/STORE



\$15 per person. 150 person capacity event. NO tickets will be sold at the door
Register on future fund and sign PTA waiver before Thursday October 5th.



FUN RUN:

Save the Date: Informational Meeting on Oct 13th at 8:00am in the MPR.
All are welcome who are interested in Volunteering for this fun event.

Fun Run will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9th.
Hope to see you at the meeting.

Virtual Dyslexia Simulation - An Interactive Online Event for Families



Artist credit: Paddy Donnelly, <https://lefft.com/dyslexia-beach/>

In recognition of national Dyslexia Awareness Month, Decoding Dyslexia CA's

Tri-Valley Support Group and the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs' Exceptional Education Committee are co-hosting an interactive workshop that will help individuals gain a better understanding of and empathy for children and adults with dyslexia.

Thursday, October 19, 2023

7:00pm - 8:30pm

On Zoom

Please [REGISTER](#) in advance and you will be emailed a unique link to join the meeting.

Dyslexia is a language-based learning difference that makes learning to read difficult. Participants will be guided through a series of exercises that simulate how those with dyslexia experience reading, writing and processing information in the classroom.

The experience is designed for adults, but families with older children may wish to participate together.



Extracurricular Extension Programs for Grades 1 - 5 in the subjects of Science, Language, Arts, Math and Research!

Research:

The research topic for September/October is "Festival Around the World". For those that already created a presentation for last month's event, please email Raj at rajedeol@gmail.com to get SLAM credit. Those that would still like to create a presentation (e.g. tri-fold, slideshow, video, etc.) are welcome to do so for the country of your choice. Presentations are due **Friday, October 27th**.

SuperSTEM:

September and October/November issues of SuperSTEM are due **Thursday, November 30** (extended from October 27). Please download, complete, and hand in the skills worksheets at the front office SLAM bin. Student work will be returned after credit is given.

Thank you to those that attended our SLAM Info Night! If you missed it, you can check out the presentation [here](#) and get all the information you need about SLAM on our [website](#).

SLAM Program signups are now open!
Please sign up your students [here](#).

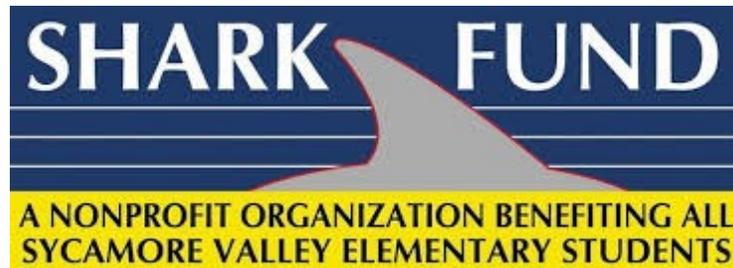
Most SLAM programs are best suited for 3rd-5th graders, however, several programs this year are open to students from grades 1-2 also (if there is enough interest and we have enough parent volunteers).

We are still looking for parent volunteers and coaches to help lead the following programs:

- Odyssey of the Mind
- Science Olympiad

All SLAM volunteers are required to have level 1 clearance through the district (level 2 or 3 may be required in certain circumstances). Please see the district's [volunteer requirements](#). Learn more about the open roles in SLAM and sign up to volunteer [here](#).

Any questions about SLAM?
Please email : goscamoslam@gmail.com



Run For Education
This Sunday, October 8, 2023

Click on this link to register:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2023/64853/the-2023-run-for-education-san-ramon>

FLYER

Last Chance for Best Pricing! Register for the Run for Education Today!



Don't miss out on a popular community event and tradition spanning 40 years and the largest run that supports education in Northern California: The Run for Education on Sunday, October 8 at 2700 Camino Ramon in San Ramon, adjacent to City Center. **Catch the best pricing by registering today! Prices go up after September 15.** Events include:

- 8 am: **10K**
- 8:30 am: **5K** walk/run/stroll
- 11 am: **Mini Run** for 2-6 years olds - participants receive our signature Mini Run cape and post-race treats
- 1 pm: **Friendship Run** for participants with special needs and their supporters
- All participants receive a shirt and medal!

[Register Here](#)

Once your registration is complete, you will receive a unique referral link. Get 4 friends to sign up using your link and receive a **\$5 Menchie's gift card!** Plus, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a pair of **ASICS GEL-NIMBUS 25 shoes!**

In addition to selecting a school fundraising team when you register, you may also sign up to walk/run/roll/stroll with a team of your choice. Grab your team, club, troop, or pack and join the San Ramon Police Department and other local organizations signing up as a team. Add to the team fun by dressing up and entering our [Centipede Competition!](#)

Looking for an easy and fun way to get involved in a community event? Join us as a volunteer: <http://bit.ly/2023rfevolunteers>

GIVEBACK: Taco Bell Cantina - Moms Night Out!
Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 = 3:00pm to 10:00pm

DINE & DONATE
taco Bell Cantina

OCT 10 | 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
444 Front Street, Danville

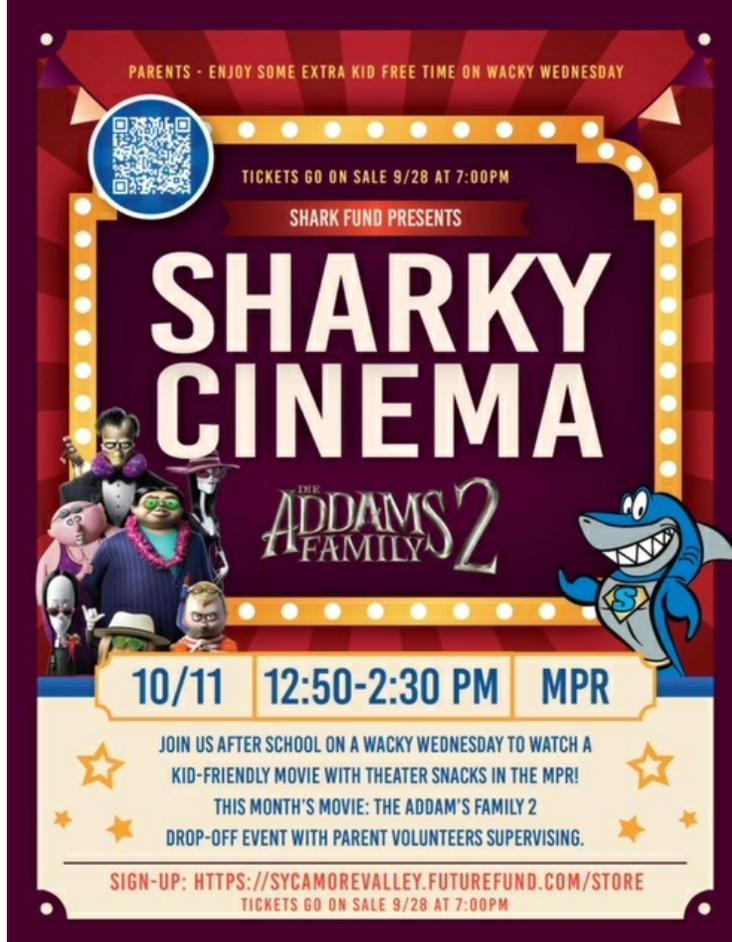
Moms' night out on the patio @6pm

20% of all food and bar purchases will be donated back to Shark Fund

October Sharky Cinema: October 11, 2023

A few tickets are still available!!

Join us for the October Sharky Cinema after school on Wednesday, October 11th from 12:50-2:30 pm to watch the movie, *The Addams Family 2*, with theater snacks in the MPR! Tickets for this fantastic event are available on the Future Fund Store. <https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store>



Monster Mash: October 27, 2023

Sharky invites your family to Sycamore for a Halloween-themed night of fun on October 27th from 5-6:30pm. Join your friends for games, pizza and other refreshments, BYO pumpkin decorating and carving, prize drawings, cupcake walk, glow-stick dance party and more! Bring your own pumpkin and Shark Fund will provide the supplies. Tickets on sale 10/5 at 7 PM (they sell out quickly): <https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store>.

Ready to get involved and help make this event a success?! [Sign up here.](#)

Bring your own pumpkin and Shark Fund will provide the supplies.

Tickets on sale 10/5 at 7 PM (they sell out quickly):
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TICKETS GO ON SALE 10/5 AT 7:00PM

FAMILY
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OCT 27
5-6:30 PM

SYCAMORE
BLACKTOP

Join your friends for Halloween-themed games, pizza and other refreshments, BYO pumpkin decorating and carving, prize drawings, cupcake walk, glow-stick dance party and more! **Bring your own pumpkin and Shark Fund will provide the supplies.**

<https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store>

\$20 per person; children must be accompanied by an adult and each member of the family is required to purchase a ticket



Dippin' Dot Calendar:
10/18

Dippin Dot Pre-pay Punch Cards are Back!

Punch cards can be purchased for **\$25.00** at all Dippin Dot Wednesday events with cash or check made payable to "Sycamore Shark Fund"

- Prepay for 5 Dippin' Dots, get one free
- Save time in line
- No need to bring money to school
- Families can share one card
- 100% of proceeds benefit your students at Sycamore

Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our Wednesday Dippin' Dot Wednesday Fundraiser.

In just two events, Dippin dots has sold **over \$2,800!!!!**

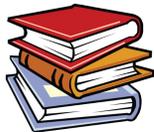
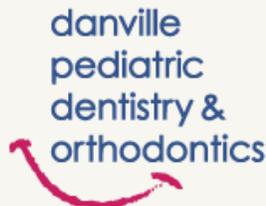
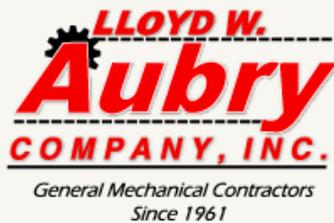
Kindergarten Sales @ 11:30 am near the Kinder playground
1st-5th Grade Sales @ 12:50-1:10pm near the back MPR/blacktop entrance

Lost Punch Cards or any other Dippin' Dot questions please contact
Dippin' Dot Dana Claffey
925-407-7178 Dana.claffey@gmail.com



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Library Corner

Your students have been so happy to be back checking out books, and I am so happy to see them in the library each week! We are (mostly) back to our routine of returning books, but please do remind your students before their library day each week to return their book(s).

There are still several missing books from last year, and those reminders will be coming home this week. Missing books will impact your student's ability to check out new books until the book is found, replaced or the fine is resolved.

Our first book fair will be in the late fall, but in the meantime if you are looking for new books for your home library, or have Literati credits left over, you can shop here and help our library earn new books:

<https://literati.com/classroom?extAffiliateCode=SJG8YK>

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville
Library Media Coordinator
Sycamore Valley Elementary

Sharky Shout Out:

Christy Lucia, Kristen Palajac, Sukhdeep Suprai and all the volunteers who put together an amazing Festival Around the World event last week!



The next Site Council meeting will be announced soon.

More information about Site Council is available at:
<https://syes.srvusd.net/Families/Site-Council/Site-Council/index.html>



Black Dragon Chess - Fall 2023

Chess classes will be offered Thursday afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.

Chess class will be held in our school library.

Aug. 24 - Nov. 02, 2023

See attached flyer to sign up.

[Chess Enrichment Class](#)

Brick Techniques: STEM Basics with Lego

Oct. 30, 2023

Free Class - Introduction to STEM Basics and Lego Robotics.

[Free STEM Basic with Lego](#)

Lego Robotics - Fall 2023

Grades 3rd - 5th

Nov. 06 - Dec. 18, 2023

No class on Nov. 20th

2:30pm - 4:00pm School Science 1/3 Room next to the Library

See attached flyer to sign up

[Lego Robotics Enrichment Class](#)

Brick Techniques: STEM Basics with Lego - Fall 2023

Grades K - 2nd

Nov. 06 - Dec. 18, 2023

No class on Nov. 20th

2:30pm - 4:00pm School Library

See attached flyer to sign up

[STEM Basics with Lego](#)

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Sports Camp - Fall 2023 - Start Date Sept. 21st

Description: This Multi-Sport program combines all your favorite sports into one action-packed after-school enrichment experience. Each week participants will learn the fundamentals of a new sport through PLAY! Sports include: Baseball, Basketball, Capture the Ball, Dodgeball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball, and Ultimate Disc! Skyhawks Coaches provide a positive environment where young athletes can develop at their own pace with lots of encouragement and a big focus on FUN! Your child will leave with new skills, new friends, and a new love for sports!

[Sports Camp Information](#)

[Sports Camp Flyer](#)



The Lost & Found rack is located at the front of our school near the MPR.

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.



Child Nutrition

Meals Provided @ Sycamore

Breakfast & Lunch will be provided at no cost to all students that

request a meal at school.

[MENUS](#)

For more information about the meals, please visit the Child Nutrition Website.
<https://www.srvusd.net/Departments/Business-Services/Child-Nutrition/index.html>

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