Message from
Patricia Kawahara - Principal
October 26, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families,

I hope you and your family are well.

This is such a fun time of year to walk around campus! Classrooms have beautiful and spooky art displayed, courtesy of Toby Silvestri (Sycamore's fabulous Art Docent) and our creative teaching staff. Students are digging into narratives with the upper grades paying special attention to interesting openings. Kinder and TK kiddos are practicing hopping while learning how to play hopscotch at P.E. (seriously, I don't think there is anything cuter!). And the general atmosphere is abuzz with excitement as Halloween approaches, we look towards a day off, the weather shifts and the days are getting shorter. Keep reading for some dates to remember, information about Red Ribbon Week, Recess with the Danville Police, a visit from the Danville Fire Department for our Kinder Sharks, Character Trait Read-Alouds and SRVUSD Updates.

Dates to Remember:
10/23 - 10/31 - Red Ribbon Week
10/27 - Spirit Day: Wear RED for Red Ribbon Week.
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
11/01 - No School
11/09 - Fun Run - Turf Field
11/28 - Street Smarts Assembly: 8:00a.m.-10:45a.m.

Red Ribbon Week:

This week we are participating in Red Ribbon Week. The focus for Sycamore Valley Elementary is - Be Kind, Be Brave. Students received a red bracelet and are encouraged to wear red on Friday for a special Spirit Day. A big thank you to Dana Claffey and Erin Meyer for coordinating the week and showing up extra early on Monday to adorn the campus with red ribbons.

Recess with Danville P.D.:

Today several officers visited our students during recess. The Police Department visits the elementary schools 2-3 times during the school year. I think the officers have as much fun as the students, if not more.

Fire Engine Visit w/ Kindergarten:

Last week the San Ramon Valley Fire Dept. paid a visit to our Kindergarten students. The children were very excited. The students were impressed by the fire engine and learned some safety tips for emergency situation like "Stop/Drop/Roll", always find an adult, have a meeting place for the family outside of the home and to call 911 for help.

Character Traits Read-Alouds:

It is hard to believe that November is just around the corner, and I get to begin

the Character Trait Read-Alouds. I am looking forward to sharing this time with our Sharks! The November trait is Resilient, and I will be reading *Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin* by Chieri Uegaki and Qin Leng and *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees. Please check the link here for the November schedule: **November Read Aloud Schedule**
The December trait is Trustworthy. I will be reading *A Pair of Red Clogs* by Masako Matsuno, *Pig the Fibber* by Aaron Blabey and *The Grizzly Bear who Lost His Grrrrrrr!* By Rob Biddulph. Please see the link here for the December schedule: **December Read Aloud Schedule** Please reach out with any questions.

SRVUSD Information:
National Native American Heritage Month (C&I)
San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the month of November as National Native American Heritage Month. We acknowledge that this country was home to generations of Indigenous Peoples long before the arrival of European explorers and that these tribes had a unique and vibrant culture. The California State Board of Education recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all peoples and our California Frameworks state that the history curriculum must reflect the experiences of all people. During this month, a special focus is placed on improvement in education about Native American Heritage.
Special Giving Thanks Meal - Call for Volunteers to Help Serve (CN)
SRVUSD staff, parents, and caregivers are being recruited to assist us with serving a special Giving Thanks meal to students. Have fun, celebrate, and give thanks to our students and Child Nutrition team by helping serve a special lunch! Different this year, the meal is being served on different days depending on the school type:
§ Elementary – Thursday, Nov 16
Giving Thanks SignUpGenius Link to Share

Our lunch menu will feature a special meal of locally sourced, sustainably raised turkey with gravy or plant-based patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry chutney, dinner roll, and fall cookie.
We are welcoming SRVUSD staff, parents, and caregivers to assist us with serving the meal - we can't do it without you! In terms of time commitment -

most schools have one or two shifts ranging from 1 to 1.5 hours for elementary, 1.5 hours. Please note: all volunteers need to be cleared through Be a Mentor. Please reach out to the office with any questions.

Events Calendar, Shark Fund and PTA information below - keep scrolling!!

Thank you,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES

10/22-10/31 - Red Ribbon Week

10/26 - Sharky Cinema ticket for November go on sale tonight
10/27 - Spirit Day: Wear RED for Red Ribbon Week.
10/27 - Monster Mash - Blacktop & MPR - 5:00pm - 6:30pm
10/30 - Free Trial Class - Lego Robotics and STEM Basic 2:30 - Library
See flyer in Enrichment Class section of the Newsletter

10/31 - Adjusted Wednesday Schedule
All TK /K = 8:00 - 11:30
All 1st - 5th grade = 8:00 - 12:50

10/31 - Halloween Parade 9:15am - Turf Field
11/02 - Site Council Meeting - Virtual 4:00pm
11/06 - Lego Robotics and STEM Basic w/ Lego Enrichment class begins
11/06-11/12 - Dos Coyotes Giveback
11/08 - PTA Association Meeting 8:00am - MPR
11/08 - Dippin Dots
11/08- Sharky Cinema 12:50-2:30pm in the MPR
11/09 - Fun Run - Turf Field
11/09 - Sports Camp Enrichment classes - Session #2 Starts - MPR
11/10 - No School - In Observance of Veteran's Day
11/01-11/15 - See's Candies fundraiser
11/13 - Incoming TK & K Enrollment Begins
11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break
11/30 - Street Smarts Assembly

Attendance Line

Call us

**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

Sign Up genius links:

General Lunch Recess Helpers, General Morning Recess Helpers, and the Halloween Parade Volunteers.

Lunch Recess General Volunteers:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DAAFAC25-44467019-lunch

Sycamore General Recess Volunteers:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DAAFAC25-44466238-sycamore

Halloween Parade Volunteers:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DAAFAC25-45392607-sycamore

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Enrollment for incoming TK and K students for the 24/25 school year will be held Online
November 13, 2023 - December 15, 2023.

We look forward to enrolling your child in our Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten programs for the 2024-25 school year. Please find attached a flyer containing information on enrollment/registration dates and Parent/Caregiver information sessions.
Feel free to reach out to our office with any questions.

- **24-25 TK-K Flyer in digital format**

Click here for the [Shark Spirit Shop](#)

Here is a link to the flash sale and the new flyer advertising crewneck sale:

[Shark Wear](#)

SYCAMORE VALLEY
CREWNECKS FLASH SALE

SAVE $10 ON ALL CREWNECKS!

PRICING VALID ON CREWNECK SWEATSHIRTS THROUGH OCTOBER 29TH

ORDER AT 1STPLACE.SALE/13542

San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs

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FUN RUN

FUN RUN:
ONE MORE WEEK TO GET PLEDGES!
Easy online pledge option available! **http://www.pledgestar.com/sycamore/**
Students must have a signed pledge form turned in to participate in the Fun Run.

Signed **Permission forms** due November 3, 2023

For 2023
- 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!

Fun Run: November 9, 2023 at the Turf Field
Everyone is welcome to run for Sycamore! Mark your calendars for when your student is running and come cheer everyone on!

9:00 – 9:45am   2nd and 3rd Grades

10:00 - 10:45am   TK, Kinder & 1st Grades

11:00 – 11:45am   4th & 5th Grades

Looking to volunteer the day of the Fun Run?
Well here is your opportunity! As you all know Sycamore's Fun Run is a huge event that needs lots of help to make it all run smoothly. Please check out the signup link below to help out where you can.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C44ABAB2AABFA7-45264131-funrun#/

Grade Colors:
TK: Orange 3: Green
K : Purple   4: Dark Blue
1: Yellow   5: Rainbow
2: Red

Questions: Erin Meyer— **erin@meyerca.com**

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

Battle of the Books:
The book list for the 2023/2024 school year is **here**! A minimum of 8 books must be read in order to compete in the Spring tournament.

STEAM Art & Play:
The next class is **Tuesday, November 14th**, at 2:30pm in the MPR. Your child(ren) may only attend if they are signed up via the signup genius. Classes are FULL, so if your child(ren) cannot attend, please delete their signup so that

their spot may be offered to someone on the waitlist.

Math Olympiad:

Math Olympiad meetings are Wednesdays before school at 7:15am. Please arrive at the front gate a few minutes early as no one is available to let late students in.

Math Madness:

Math Madness meetings are Wednesdays after school in the library.

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.

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).

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

Want your PHOTOS in the YEARBOOK?

So do we! All students, parents and teachers can contribute to the yearbook by uploading photos for potential use. You can share photos of classroom activities, school events or shots of your children and their friends (ideal photos include 3-4 students)!

Remember to provide as much detail as possible such as the names and grades of the students pictured, plus, event/activity.

The more you share, the better our yearbook can be!

Start sharing today! 3 ways to upload:

QR Code	Website	Download App
	www.hjeshare.com	HJ eShare

enter school code **sycamoresharks**

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

Save The Date: You're Invited to the 2024 Auction, A Night On The Red Carpet
Date: Friday, March 22, 2024
Location: Blackhawk Museum

Mark your calendars and prepare to walk the red carpet for an unforgettable evening that will support education and make you feel like a star. Stay tuned for more details, including sponsorship opportunities, ticket information, and all the exciting highlights of the event.
We look forward to shining with you on the red carpet!

SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY

THE RED CARPET Auction

BLACKHAWK MUSEUM
FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

SHARK FUND

A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BENEFITING ALL
SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Sharky Cinema:

Don't miss out on our November Sharky Cinema event after school on Wednesday, November 8th, from 12:50 to 2:30 pm. Join us to watch the highly anticipated movie, Elemental, and enjoy theater snacks in the MPR.
Tickets for this fantastic event will be available on the Future Fund Store starting at 7:00pm tonight (10/26)!
https://sycamorevalley. futurefund.com/store

Dippin' Dot Calendar:
11/08, 11/29

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.
Dippin dots has sold **over $4,500!!!!!!**

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**

**Double the impact of your school donations with Corporate Match!
Follow these simple steps: https://srvef.org/matching-gifts/**

Do you need a way to keep track of all of your students' items at school? Buy personal labels for your kids at **campaigns.mabelslabels.com** Choose our organization from the list, **Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Fund,** and we'll earn 20% from it!

Library Corner

Big news! Our first book fair of the year is coming!

Mark your calendars for the week of November 14-17 to shop our book fair and support the library!

Want to get your shopping started early? You can shop our online companion fair and it still counts towards our book fair totals.
Shop here: **https://efairs.literati.com/?school=sycamore-valley-elementary-school-danville-ca**

Pre-purchase online gift cards for your student(s) so they can shop independently during their library class time
here: **https://efairs.literati.com/product-category/gift-cards**

Book fair dates & times:
Tuesday 11/14: school day and 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday 11/15: 10:30-11:30 a.m. for TK/K
Thursday 11/16: school day and 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Friday 11/17: school day and 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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- **Battle of the Books** (3rd - 5th) --> Program Lead: Christiana at analeung817(at)yahoo(dot)com
- **https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CAEA92FA31-battle1#/**

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville
Library Media Coordinator
Sycamore Valley Elementary

Sharky Shout Out:

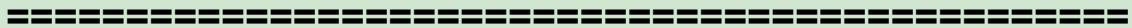**Mark your calendar:**

November 2nd, 2023

Meeting ID
meet.google.com/ifh-qzdn-eug

Phone Numbers
(US) +1 567-228-0092
PIN: 863 717 707#

November 30th, 2023

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

Black Dragon Chess - Winter 2023

Chess classes will be offered Thursday afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.
Chess class will be held in our school library.
Dates to be announced soon.
See attached flyer to sign up.

Chess Enrichment Class

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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 - Session #2 Starts Nov. 09, 2023

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 Flyer

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.

The Lost & Found rack is located in the main quad near the MPR.
With the change of weather our lost and found is growing!!!

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.

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

Job Openings with Child Nutrition
Join the School Meals Team

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