

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal November 02, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families,

I hope you and your family are well and have enjoyed this wacky week! We enjoyed seeing all our Sharks in their Halloween costumes at the parade. The San Ramon High School band made the event extra special – what a great Halloween treat!

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who made the day such a success. Keep reading for some dates to remember, information about the Birthday Goodies policy, a reminder about the Auction Parking Spot, parking lot safety, and some district updates regarding the instructional calendar and a special Thanksgiving meal.

Dates to Remember:

11/09 - Fun Run - Turf Field

11/10 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

11/28 - Street Smarts Assembly: 8:00am - 10:45am

11/30 - 3rd Grade Author Penny Warner visit

Morning Drop Off:

Please do not drop your child off in the parking lot unless you plan to park your car and walk with your child across the crosswalk to the front of school.

We do not have a crossing guard in place past 8:00am. This morning, a child was nearly hit by a car because they were dropped off in the parking lot and darted towards the crosswalk.

These rules are in place to ensure the safety of our children! We really need everyone's cooperation in following these rules.

Birthday Goodies:

We love celebrating birthdays with our Sharks! If you are planning on bringing in a goodie bag for your child's birthday, please remember that food items are not permitted. We have a number of allergies so in order to include everyone we ask that you consider small items like stickers or pencils. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

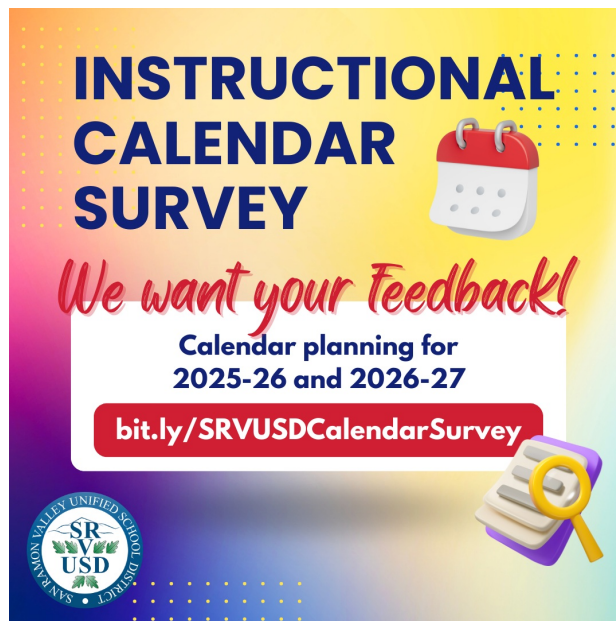
Auction Parking Spots:

As a gentle reminder, there are 2 parking spots in the first row of our parking lot that are designated spots and marked with a family name. We ask that you do not park in these spots during drop off / pick up nor during special events for our school. The families have earned these spots through our school auction. We appreciate that you will honor that these spots are specifically reserved for these two families.

District Updates -

Feedback Needed for Instructional Calendar Survey.

We value your input! Please take a moment to share your thoughts and feedback with us about our calendar planning for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. Your input is valuable, and we are open to hearing all perspectives on how the current school year instructional calendar has been beneficial or not beneficial for you and your student(s), and we appreciate your insight into how the calendar impacts our community overall. **The [Instructional Calendar Feedback form](#) will accept responses through Monday, November 13th.**

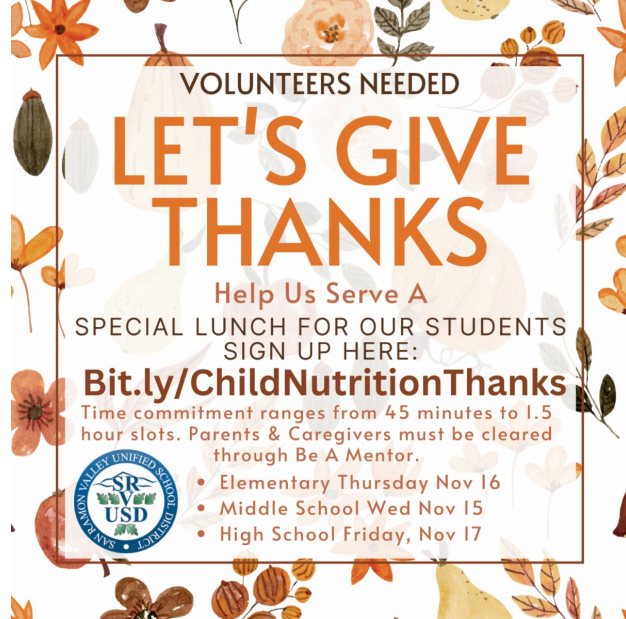


Special Giving Thanks Meal - Call for Volunteers to Help Serve

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](#)



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

Thank you,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



10/26 - Sharky Cinema ticket for November on sale - Only a few tickets are still available.

11/02 - Site Council Meeting - Virtual 4:00pm

11/05 - Change Your Clocks back 1 hour

11/06 - Lego 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

**Turn your clocks back 1 hour
when you go to be Saturday Night!!!**



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

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY

Halloween Candy DRIVE

NOV 2ND & 3RD
BEFORE, DURING & AFTER SCHOOL

WE WILL BE COLLECTING CANDY IN LARGE BINS OUTSIDE THE FRONT GATE. THE DRIVE IS.

- HOSTED BY 5TH GRADERS WHO WILL TAKE THE CANDY TO LOCAL DENTAL OFFICES TO EARN \$1 PER POUND OF CANDY. PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE 5TH GRADE END OF YEAR PARTY.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH CANDY DELIVERIES? CONTACT JULIE LOVREN
jalovren@gmail.com

Sign Up genius links:

General Lunch Recess Helpers, General Morning Recess Helpers.

Lunch Recess General Volunteers:

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

**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](#)

SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TK & Kindergarten Enrollment

We look forward to enrolling your child in our Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten program for the 2024-25 school year.

Registration Dates

- Enrollment Window Opens
Monday, November 13, 2023
- Enrollment Window Closes*
Friday, December 15, 2023

* Completed online enrollment applications must be submitted by December 15 to be included in the first round of confirmation of space at the resident school site. Online enrollment applications submitted after December 15 are received on a first come first served basis for space.

Age Guidelines

- To be eligible for TK for 2024-25**
Your child must turn 5 years of age on or between September 2, 2024 to June 2, 2025
- To be eligible for KINDERGARTEN for 2024-25**
Your child must turn 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2024

First day of instruction: August 14, 2024

2024-25 information

Parent Information Nights
(Hosted via Zoom)
Zoom access links can be found on our TK/Kindergarten webpage

- TK Information Night**
Tues., October 17, 2023
5:30 - 6:30 pm
- Kindergarten Information Night**
Thur., October 19, 2023
5:30 - 6:30 pm

TK/Kindergarten webpage info
Zoom links for Info Meetings
TK FAQ
Kindergarten Readiness
TK/Kindergarten Enrollment Quick Reference

QR code: TK/Kindergarten Webpage

699 OLD ORCHARD DR, DANVILLE
WWW.SRVUSD.NET | CALL 925 552 5500

Click here for the [Shark Spirit Shop](#)
Here is a link to the flash sale and the new flyer advertising
Long Sleeve T's sale:
Sales ends 11/05/23

[Shark Spirit Wear Sale](#)

SYCAMORE VALLEY
LONG SLEEVE FLASH SALE



LONG SLEEVE TEES JUST \$24.99!

PRICING VALID ON BELLA-CANVAS REGULAR LONG SLEEVE TEES THROUGH 11/5

1ST PLACE  *Sycamore*

ORDER AT 1STPLACE.SALE/13542



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

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 : goscymoreslam@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



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!



We're Fundraising with See's Candies!

Help us earn money for our organization and make the holidays even sweeter.

See's
CANDIES.

Get Ready to Sweeten Our School! See's Candy Fundraiser

We're excited to kick off our annual See's Candies Fundraiser starting on November 1st! This delicious opportunity allows you to make a real difference in our school community. Here are all the sweet details you need to know:

What: See's Candies Fundraiser

When: November 1 - November 15

Why: To support essential Shark Fund spend areas such as para-educators,

library visits, reading intervention, TK/K PE, and office administrative support. We're proud to say that last year, thanks to your hard work and generosity, we raised an impressive \$3,700 for our school! Let's aim even higher this year.

How to Participate:

- Starting November 1st, students are encouraged to sell See's Candies to friends, family, and neighbors.
- Your teachers will distribute order forms and collection envelopes to make the process easy.
- For your convenience, we've also attached the [PDF Order Form](#), a fillable version of the order form with all order calculations already programmed in.
- Please ensure all orders and collected cash/checks are turned in at the school office by November 15.

Candy Pickup:

Mark your calendars! Candy will be available for pickup on campus during the first week of December.

Have Questions?

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org. We're here to help!

Let's come together as a community and make this year's See's Candies Fundraiser a sweet success. Your contributions will directly benefit our school and help us reach our goals.



SEE'S CANDIES



To Support



Sycamore Shark Fund's annual See's Candies fundraiser brings in nearly \$3,700 for paraeducators, library visits, reading intervention, TK/K PE, and office administrative support.

NOW: Start Collecting Orders!

Get some holiday shopping done!



Paper order forms and envelopes came home with your student. Extras are in the office.



Collect orders and payment from friends, family, and neighbors Nov 1-15



Checks payable to SHARK FUND (cash is okay too)



Return payment and order form by Nov 15 in the office

PLACE ORDERS BY NOVEMBER 15!

Candy arrives first week of December



Help us earn money for our school and make the holidays even sweeter.

Email questions to sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org




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 are available on the Future Fund Store - There are only a few tickets still available.

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


PARENTS - ENJOY SOME EXTRA KID FREE TIME ON WACKY WEDNESDAY



TICKETS GO ON SALE 10/26 AT 7:00PM

SHARK FUND PRESENTS

SHARKY CINEMA



Disney · PIXAR
ELEMENTAL

11/8 12:50-2:30 PM MPR

JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL ON A WACKY WEDNESDAY TO WATCH A
KID-FRIENDLY MOVIE WITH THEATER SNACKS IN THE MPR!

THIS MONTH'S MOVIE: ELEMENTAL

DROP-OFF EVENT WITH PARENT VOLUNTEERS SUPERVISING.

SIGN-UP: [HTTPS://SYCAMOREVALLEY.FUTUREFUND.COM/STORE](https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store)
TICKETS GO ON SALE 10/26 AT 7:00PM



**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



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

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT TODD STRACKE AT
 TODD.STRACKE@CLOROX.COM OR (510) 219-8589

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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!



Keep your things out of the lost and found!

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campaigns.mabelslabels.com

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THANK YOU TO SYCAMORE'S 23-24
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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.

- **Battle of the Books** (3rd - 5th) --> Program Lead: Christiana at [analeung817\(at\)yahoo\(dot\)com](mailto: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:

Thanks to Avi Fernando and Rosa Harnack, Jenny O'Leary and Lori Wodehouse and their amazing team, for putting together an unforgettable **Monster Mash** this year! It was a spooktacular event!

Thank you to Erin Meyer and Christy Lucia and their crew for our **Halloween Parade!** It was a huge success!



Mark your calendar:

November 30th, 2023

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.

Nov. 30th - Feb. 29th

No class during winter break.

See attached flyer to sign up.

[Chess Enrichment Class](#)

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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.**

[MENUS](#)

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

Sycamore Valley Elementary | 2200 Holbrook Road, Danville, CA 94506

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