

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal November 03, 2022

Dear Sycamore Families:

I hope you and your families are well! This has been a very unusual and fun week - with Halloween (a big thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make it such a special day for our kiddos) and a Tuesday off. Next week we have another short week, as we have Friday, the 11th off for Veteran's Day. This is a day of remembrance and appreciation for the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served in the military.

Thursday is the Fun Run (more information below). This is shaping up to be another exciting week! Keep reading for dates to note, and an update from the Danville police regarding turning right from the bike lane and the character trait of the month.

Dates to Note:

November 11th - Holiday - No School



**Daylight Savings Time -
Roll back your Clocks before you go to
bed on Saturday night, Nov. 5th.**

Thanksgiving Lunch for our Students:

Food service is providing a special Thanksgiving meal for our students the Friday before Thanksgiving break. In order to do this, we are asking for volunteers to help with serving on Friday, November 18th.

Please note that all volunteers must be cleared through Be A Mentor. Here is the [link](#) to register to visit and volunteer on campus as a general volunteer

level #1.

Here is the sign up Genius to volunteer. Please select Sycamore Valley Elementary School: [SignUpGenius](#) for staff and parents/caregivers to sign up.

In terms of time commitment, our lunch will run from 11:45am - 1:45pm.

On **Friday, November 18**, our lunch menu will feature a special meal of turkey with gravy or plant-based patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, and a pumpkin cookie.

It will be a great way to end the week and kick off the Thanksgiving holiday.



Danville P.D. Update:

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, drivers might receive a ticket if lining up in the bike lane along Camino Tassajara. There seems to have been some confusion. I have had a conversation with the Danville Police Dept. traffic division. Here is clarification: Parents must follow the guideline of the posted signage. Parents are allowed to use the bike lane from where the signs start, between the posted hours. However parents are not allowed to start lining up before the sign, which would be Alta Vista Way toward Old Blackhawk Rd. To Be clear - you may use the bike lane between Alta Vista and Holbrook Drive from 7:45am - 8:30am on school days. Also, please note, there are signs posted that state "No Stopping Anytime". If you are not moving, this is considered "Parking" which you are not allowed to do and therefore, may be ticketed. If you have any further questions, please contact Danville Police Dept. 925-314-3700.

Character Trait of the Month:

Throughout November, we will be focusing on ways we are resilient. The books we will be sharing to explore this trait are *Rosie Revere, Engineer*, *After the Fall*, *The Adventures of Beekle the Unimaginary Friend* and *Ish* to name a few.

Spirit Wear Fridays:

Remember to wear your Spirit Wear or Blue clothing on Fridays to show you Shark Spirit!

Thank you for the gift of your child,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS !

IMPORTANT DATES



11/2-11/4 - Halloween Candy Drive (see flyer below)
11/02-11/16 - See's Candy Sales - Fundraiser (see flyer below)
11/04 - Family Game Night - MPR - (SOLD OUT)
11/08 - Election Day - Polling Place - MPR - 7:00am-8:00pm
11/09 - Kinder Information Night 5:30-6:30 (see flyer below)
11/10 - Fun Run - Turf Field 9:00am-11:45am
11/11 - Holiday - No School - Veteran's Day
11/14-12/16 - TK/K Enrollment Open
11/16 - Dippin Dots - After school
11/16 - Shark Fund Meeting 6:30pm - Virtual
11/17 - Site Council Meeting 4:00pm - Virtual
11/18 - Special Thanksgiving Meal served at Lunch - MPR
11/21-11/25 - No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/29 - Lost and Found will be DONATED today
11/30 - Dippin Dots - After school

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. It is recommended that your child stay home for 5 days.

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**

Lunch Time Volunteers - Signups

Interested in volunteering more on campus?

Want to spend your lunch hour with us?

Sign up to help at lunch recess (either 1st-3rd grade time or 4th-5th grade time).

Volunteers are needed on the blacktop and inside the MPR. Sign up for as many days as you'd like!

Please check in at the office every time you come. Note: in order to volunteer, please make sure you have completed the "Be a Mentor" registration with the district.

Sign up here to Volunteer for Lunch Time Helpers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C44ABAB2AABFA7-sycamore1>

Candy Donation barrel is in front of the school office.

The top of the poster features several stylized illustrations of Halloween candy. There are round lollipops in orange and green, rectangular candies in orange and green, and a small orange candy with a green wrapper. These are scattered around the top text.

WONDERING WHAT TO DO
• WITH ALL THAT LEFT OVER
HALLOWEEN CANDY?

HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE

**November 2, 3, and 4
before, during, and after school**

We will be collecting candy in large bins outside the front gate. This 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 celebration.

FYI - The dental offices mail the candy to overseas troops
or donate it to local food banks.

Questions?: Contact Anna at anna.meecham@gmail.com

TK & Kindergarten Enrollment

We look forward to enrolling your child in our Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten program for the 2023-24 school year.

= Registration Dates =

Enrollment Window Opens
Mon., November 14, 2022

Enrollment Window Closes*
Fri., December 16, 2022

* Completed online enrollment applications must be submitted by December 16 to be included in the first round of confirmation of space at the resident school site. Online enrollment applications submitted after December 16 are received on a first come-first served basis for space.

= Age Guidelines =

To be eligible for TK for 2023-24
Your child must turn 5 years of age
on or between
September 2, 2023 to April 2, 2024

To be eligible for KINDERGARTEN for 2023-24
Your child must turn 5 years of age
on or before
September 1, 2023

First day of instruction: August 10, 2023

2023-24 information

Please join us for a Parent Information Night

(Hosted via Zoom)

Zoom access links can be found
on our TK/Kinder webpage.

TK Information Night
Tues., October 25, 2022
5:30 - 6:30 pm

Kinder Information Night
Wed., November 9, 2022
5:30 - 6:30 pm

Visit our TK/Kindergarten
webpage to access Zoom links to
parent information meetings
and other TK/Kinder resources:

- TK FAQ
- Kindergarten Readiness
- TK/Kinder Enrollment Quick Reference



TK/Kinder Webpage

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

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Thank you to Sycamore's 22-23 Platinum Corporate Sponsors



We're Fundraising with
See's Candies!

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

**See's
CANDIES.**

See's Candies Fundraiser Runs Today through November 16

Beginning November 2, students are encouraged to sell See's Candies to friends, family, and neighbors. 100% of proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward Shark Fund spend areas like paraeducators, library visits, reading intervention, TK/K PE, and office administrative support. Last year we raised \$3,700!

Order forms and collection envelopes will be distributed by teachers. All orders and cash/checks are due in the office by November 16 and candy will be available for pick up on campus the first week of December. Please contact sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org with questions.



Sycamore Valley Elementary - 19th Annual Fun Run is November 10th!

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.

- 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 10, 2022 at the Turf Field

Everyone is welcome to come cheer on our runners so mark your calendars!

9:00 – 9:45am 2nd and 3rd Grades

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

11:00 – 11:45am 4th & 5th Grades

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**Also if you are interested in helping we NEED more volunteers.
Please check out the link below for available positions!
GO SHARKS!!!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EABAA2AA1F85-funrun1>

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The Sycamore Valley Fun Run is an annual event to raise money exclusively for Sycamore and its programs. It will take place on the Turf Field, Thursday **November 10th** at 9:00 am. In 2021, we raised over \$64K helping fund essential programs such as the Art Program, Teacher Mini Grants, Variety Show, Yearbook, Family Game Nights, Yard Duty, and more. We are excited to get out on the turf and have a fun run this year!

TK: Orange

K : Purple

1: Yellow

2: Red

3: Green

4: Dark Blue

5: Rainbow

Questions: Christy Lucia - ctr2108@gmail.com
Mark your calendars for the Fun Run on the Turf Field on November 10, 2022!



Extracurricular Extension Programs for Grades 3 - 5 in the subjects of Science, Language, Arts, Math and Research!

[Sign Ups are OPEN for select programs!](#)

Please fill out the **[Google Form](#)** (one per student) and parent leads will reach out to you.

Check out our new **[SLAM website](#)** to read about the projects, learn how to volunteer, and check out pictures from last year's SLAM program!

Want a summary of all the programs? Check out our **[SLAM flyer!](#)**

RESEARCH

Our next research project is College and Career Aspirations due Fri, Nov 4th.

Please view the **[Research](#)** tab for more details.

Any questions about SLAM?

Please email : **gosycamoreslam@gmail.com**

Way to go, Sycamore SLAM!

For complete Sycamore SLAM program updates, please refer to the **[SLAM website](#)**



Get Involved with Shark Fund -

Continued parent support is crucial to sustain the valuable programs that make Sycamore an exceptional learning community!

We hope you will consider donating money, time, and/or talents to Shark Fund. Please visit the [Shark Fund page](#) for future meeting dates, events and volunteer opportunities.

If you have any questions or would like to get more involved, contact Shark Fund President Alison Stracke at sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org.



Family Game Night

SOLD OUT !

FAMILY EVENT | NOV 4 | SYCAMORE MPR
6-8 PM

6:00 PM CHECK-IN & DINNER
 6:30 PM GAMES BEGIN
 COST IS \$12 PER PERSON (INCLUDES PIZZA, CAESAR SALAD, WATER & COOKIE)
<https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store>
\$12 per person. 130 person capacity event. NO tickets will be sold at the door. Register on future fund and sign PTA waiver before Thursday November 3rd.







Shark Fund is proud to offer Dippin' Dots

FREE DIPPIN' DOTS!


Stay cool, save time, and don't miss out on Sharky's favorite frozen treat with your very own Dippin' Dot Prepaid Punch Card!

DIPPIN' DOT PREPAID PUNCH CARD



- Buy 5 get one FREE
- Save time in line with fast & easy purchase
- Each durable punch card \$25


Punchcards can be purchased at all Dippin' Dot events with check made payable to Sycamore Shark Fund or cash.



DIPPIN' DOTS CALENDAR
 August through October:

9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19

11:30 am Kinder Yard & 12:50 pm Blacktop



Any questions please direct to Dana.claffey@gmail.com or 925-407-7178

Dippin Dot Punch Cards are back!

Punch Cards can be purchased for \$25.00 at all Dippin' Dot Wednesday events or from Dana Claffey with cash or check made payable to "Sycamore Shark Fund."

- Save time in line and get free Dippin Dots
- No need to bring money to school
- Prepay for 5 Dippin Dots get 1 Free
- Each punch card is \$25.00 (families can share one card)
- All proceeds benefit Sycamore Shark Fund
- Punch Cards will be sold at all events until Spring Break

Dippin' Dot Calendar: 11/16 and 11/30

weather permitting

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

"Dippin Dots has raised over **\$3,350** since August!!"

100% of Dippin Dot proceeds benefit your students with:

- **Paraeducators** in every classroom
- **Reading Intervention**
- **Rainbow Room** – provides social development support for students TK-3rd grade
- **Librarian's** salary
- **Physical Education** for TK & Kindergarten students
- Supplemental **office hours** to support the Sycamore Community

Kindergarten Sales @ 11:30 am near the Kinder playground

1st-5th Grade Sales @ 12:50 on the 1st - 5th grade near back MPR/Blacktop entrance

Lost Dippin' Dot Punch Cards or any other Dippin' Dot questions

Dippin' Dot Dana Claffey

925-407-7178

Dana.claffey@gmail.com



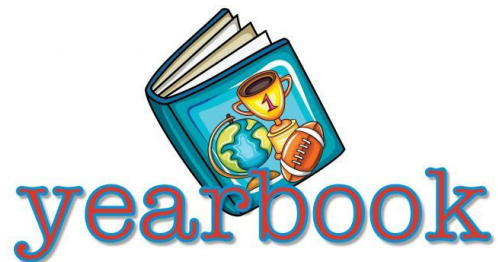
P.E. Corner

October in a Nutshell

This month flew by faster than I can say *run*! I'd love to thank the parents who joined us during Family P.E. week! It was fun watching everyone workout while rolling dice playing "roll and go." Great job throwing, aiming and playing hula hut knock down too!

Students reviewed how to play foursquare and learned variations like *around the world*, *battle*, and *tea party*. They did a team building relay building hula huts and carrying them across the court. We played a handful of fun Halloween themed games too!

In November, students will work on basketball skills, kicking, passing, and team games focusing on good sportsmanship, agility, and endurance.



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!*



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

**Please check for your misplaced items -
you might even find an item that you
didn't know was lost!**

This time of year, our Lost and Found tends to grow rather quickly.

In fact, the rack is currently overflowing...

Please make sure that your child's name is marked in their clothing.

Unclaimed Lost & Found will be donated to a local charity on Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Smaller Lost & Found items are in the Office.
Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes are on the shelf in the front quad near the MPR.



Morning Mile:

Every Wednesday at 7:30am at the turf field
across the street from the school!

Bring your **WAIVER!**

Come run with your kids or cheer your kids as they run!



Library Corner

Exciting news from the library!

It has been so much fun welcoming classes back to the library this month! Please keep reading at home, and making sure books are returned to the classroom each week!

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville / Library Media Coordinator
<https://syc-srvusd-ca.schoolloop.com/sylibrary>



Black Dragon Chess - Fall 2022

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

Sept. 15th - Dec. 1

No class on Oct. 6th and Nov. 24th.

See attached flyer to sign up.

[Chess Enrichment Class](#)

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Basketball - Fall 2022

Basketball Thursday afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.

Oct. 27th - Dec. 8th

No class on Nov. 24th.

See attached flyer for sign up.

[Basketball Enrichment Class](#)

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Soccer - Fall 2022

Soccer is offered Monday afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm

Oct. 31st - Dec. 19th

No class on Nov. 21st

See attached flyer for sign up

[Soccer Enrichment Class](#)

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Pickleball - Fall 2022

Pickleball Wednesday afternoons 12:55pm - 1:55pm.

Nov. 2nd - Dec. 14th

No class on Nov. 23rd.

See attached flyer for sign up.

[Basketball Enrichment Class](#)

Sharky Shout Out:

A big thank you to countless volunteers that helped escort classes to the parade, class party celebrations and donations to the Parent Halloween Coffee.



**The next Site Council meeting will be held on Thursday,
November 17, 2022 @ 4:00pm**

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If you are interested in becoming part of our Site Council,
**We need two parents for the upcoming
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 Bjones1@srvusd.net

As a reminder, parent representatives must be elected
by the parent community.

We will hold a special election this fall once we have received
the parent bios.

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



Kids Are Talking

Watch for our next article.

Child Nutrition



Meals Provided @ Sycamore

Breakfast & Lunch will be provided at no cost to all students that request a meal at school.

[MENUS](#)

Job Openings with Child Nutrition Join the School Meals Team [Flyer](#)

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

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