

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal November 09, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families,

Wow! What a wonderful day today at the Fun Run! A giant thank you to all the families who volunteered to make the day go so smoothly and who came out to cheer on our Sharks!

Following are some dates to remember and the SRVUSD updates.

Dates to Remember:

11/10 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL

11/14-11/17 - Book Fair

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

Lost and Found:

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

With the change of weather our lost and found is growing rather quickly!!!

Take a look at both the clothing rack and the yellow bin.

You may be surprised and find a sweatshirt / jacket / or sweater that you didn't know was left behind.

Unclaimed clothing will be donated before winter break.

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

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

Thank you,
Patricia Kawahara

IMPORTANT DATES



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

11/06-11/12 - Dos Coyotes giveback

11/06-12/08 - Spirit Wear Sale - see flyer

11/13 - 12/15 - Incoming TK & K Enrollment Begins

11/14-11/17 - Book Faire - Library

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

11/28 - Street Smarts Assembly

11/29 - Dippin Dots

12/13 - Dippin Dots

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**



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marked in their clothing.

Smaller Lost & Found items are in the Office.

Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes are on the shelf in the MPR.

Sign Up genius links:

**General Lunch Recess Helpers, General Morning
Recess Helpers.**

Lunch Recess General Volunteers:

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

Sycamore General Recess Volunteers:

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

**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](#)

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/Kinder webpage

TK Information Night

Tues., October 17, 2023
5:30 - 6:30 pm

Kinder 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/Kinder Enrollment Quick Reference



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

20% Off - Holiday Sale

11/06 - 12/08 with guarantee delivery by 12/23/23

[Shark Spirit Wear Sale](#)

SYCAMORE VALLEY



Holiday SALE 20% OFF



GREAT GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Guaranteed Delivery By **DEC. 23rd**

1ST PLACE 
Spiritwear

ORDER AT 1STPLACE.SALE/13542
SALE RUNS 11/6 - 12/8





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.

Research:

The research topic for November/December is **ANIMALS**. Students may pick any animal and areas of research may include habitat, life cycle, characteristics, diet (predators/prey), and so on. Presentations can be a trifold, slideshow, video, audio, etc. Students may work individually or in pairs for this topic. Presentations are due **Monday, December 18th**. Students should submit hard copy presentations to the front office. Please email rajiedeol@gmail.com to get SLAM credit.

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 : goscamoseslam@gmail.com

We have a few days left to enjoy Dos Coyotes and support our school!
The Dos Coyotes giveback event goes through this Sunday, 11/12/23.
Use the attached flier and 25% of your bill will be donated back to Sycamore and support Shark Fund!

Just show them the **flyer** below - either a physical copy or electronic. Take a night (or two!) off from figuring out dinner for the family!

Dos Coyotes Border Café



Eat at Dos Coyotes
Crow Canyon Commons
3191 Crow Canyon Pl,
San Ramon
from **11:30am - 8pm**
November 6 - 12, 2023

and **25%** of your bill will be donated to:
Sycamore Valley Elementary School

Please show a physical or
electronic copy of this
flyer when ordering.

Thank you!



Not valid with any other offer

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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 **sycamosharks**

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!



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



Dippin' Dot Calendar:

11/29, 12/13

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/>

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 NOVARTIS VISA APPLE MERCK GARTNER EBAY PEPSICO BRISTO-MYERS SQUIBB
 CHEVRON VISA APPLE MERCK GARTNER EBAY AT&T ADOBE WELLS FARGO




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SAN RAMON VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION
 Investing In a World Class Educational Experience

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LAST YEAR SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY RECEIVED OVER

OVER \$35,000

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2 THEY MATCH IT

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SEE IF YOUR EMPLOYER WILL MATCH YOUR DONATION
[HTTPS://WWW.SRVEF.ORG/DONATE/MATCHINGGIFTS.ASPX](https://www.srvef.org/donate/matchinggifts.aspx)

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

Sycamore Valley Shark Fund is an affiliate of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation
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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!

mabel's labels
 FUNDRAISING

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THANK YOU TO SYCAMORE'S 23-24 PLATINUM CORPORATE SPONSORS



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:

A HUGE shout out to Erin Meyer and Christy Lucia, and their team of volunteers, for putting on an incredibly successful Fun Run this year.
Thank you!



Mark your calendar:

November 30th, 2023

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/uzr-hdyq-xbk

Phone Numbers (US)

[+1 484-469-8251](tel:+14844698251)

PIN: 308 410 017#

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More information about Site Council is available at:
<https://sy.es.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](#)

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](#)

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.



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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