

# Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



## Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal November 10, 2022

---

Dear Sycamore Families:

It has been a jam packed four-day week! Tuesday we successfully hosted voting while navigating a stormy day. It was literally and figuratively a “when it rains it pours” situation. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who jumped in to help with crosswalk duty at arrival and lunch coverage! Today I had the privilege of experiencing the Fun Run. It was wonderful to see our kiddos running hard and having fun. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the event. It took countless hours of behind the scenes work and many volunteers helping out today in order to ensure it was a success. We appreciate all of the hard work and dedication!

Tomorrow, we have no school as we honor service members. Keep reading for some dates to note, information about our new digital marquee, illness protocols, Covid Kit distribution and a special Thanksgiving lunch.

### **Dates to Note:**

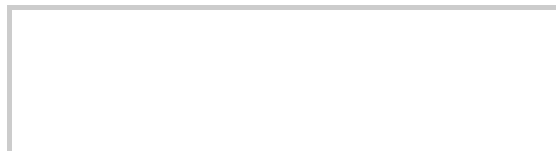
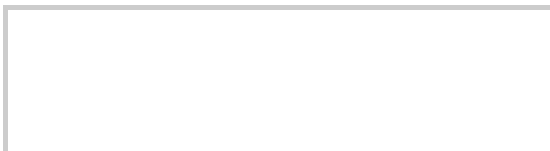
**November 11th - Holiday - No School**

**November 17 - School Site Council Meeting**

**November 21-25 - Thanksgiving Break - No School**

### **New Digital Sign:**

It has been a long time coming, but the digital marquee has finally been installed! Thank you for your support in this effort. Barbara and Georgeann are participating in training sessions and are looking forward to posting upcoming events soon.





## **Illness Protocols:**

With the change of weather and travel plans we may experience more illnesses. Here are the updated guidelines for various illnesses and returning to school. [Guidelines](#)

### **Health & Safety: General Illness Guidelines**

#### **HOW SICK IS TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?**

We strive to create a healthy learning environment for our students, so it is important not to send your child to school if they are sick. If your child is experiencing a cold, congestion, upset stomach, temperature, or just not feeling well (even if they are not running a fever), please keep them at home. Students who become ill while at school may be sent home. Medication at school forms are required for both prescription and over-the-counter medications.



<b>FEVERS</b>  The CDC considers a person to have a fever with a temperature of 100.4° F orally (38° C). Please keep your child home for at least 24 hours after the fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medicine (i.e., Advil, Ibuprofen, Tylenol). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A child with a temperature at or above 100.4 orally will be sent home from school.</li> </ul>	<b>COUGH &amp; COLD</b>  Student should remain home when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A cough is frequent, uncontrollable, worsens with physical activity, or a student cannot cover their mouth when coughing.</li> <li>Nasal congestion is bothersome and will limit students' ability to engage in academic work.</li> </ul>
<b>NAUSEA, VOMITING, &amp; DIARRHEA</b>  Do not send your child to school if they have vomited overnight, in the morning or experiencing diarrhea. Your student should remain home for at least 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea and fever-free. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A student who vomits at school is required to go home.</li> </ul>	<b>PINK EYE</b>  Symptoms of pink eye can include eyes that are red, swollen, crusting, and draining. A child with pink eye (bacterial conjunctivitis) is highly contagious and should remain home until they have been on prescription eye drops or ointment for 24 hours and symptoms have improved.
<b>SKIN RASHES</b>  Please report the following contagious illnesses to the school office: chickenpox, impetigo, scarlet fever, measles, fifth disease, ringworm, scabies, or rash of unknown origin. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not send your child to school if they have a rash of unknown origin or as directed by your medical provider.</li> <li>A student may be sent home from school with a rash of unknown origin.</li> <li>To return to school, you may need to provide a written school clearance note from a health care provider.</li> </ul>	<b>SEASONAL ALLERGIES (Allergic Rhinitis)</b>  Medications for seasonal allergies often work best if taken routinely. The spring and fall bring high levels of pollen. If your student routinely takes medication for seasonal allergies, please administer the medication daily, before or after school.
	<b>LICE</b>  Student may return to school after the first treatment is complete. Student may be checked for lice by the school office staff upon return to school. <a href="#">A Parent's Guide to Head Lice</a> . Contact your school nurse for further guidance.

## **COVID Test Kit Distribution:**

Fall is here and it is time to start preparing for seasonal breaks and gatherings. The CDPH is continuing efforts to keep schools safe and successful by providing over-the-counter (OTC)/at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen tests for students and staff to use when returning from Thanksgiving Break. We are encouraging all students and staff to test for COVID-19 before they return to school following Thanksgiving Break, as testing remains a critical safety measure to reduce the possibility of an early 2023 surge. The kits will be sent home next week with all students and staff.

## **Thanksgiving Lunch for our Students:**

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.

Thank you for the gift of your child,  
Patricia Kawahara

**GO SHARKS !**



# IMPORTANT DATES



---

**11/02-11/16 - See's Candy Sales - Fundraiser (see flyer below)**

**11/11 - Holiday - No School - Veteran's Day**

**11/14-12/16 - TK/K Enrollment Open**

**11/16 - Spirit Day - Backward Clothing**

**11/16 - Dippin Dots - After school (Weather Permitting)**

**11/16 - Shark Fund Meeting 6:30pm - Virtual**

**11/17 - Lunch Recess with Danville PD - Blacktop**

**11/17 - Site Council Meeting 4:00pm - Virtual**

**11/18 - Spirit Day - Wear Shark Wear or Blue Clothing**

**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 (Weather Permitting)**

**12/05-12/09 - Winter Book Fair**

**12/16 - Dippin Dots - After School (Weather Permitting)**

**12/22 - Spirit Day - Pajama Day**

**12/23-01/09 - No School - Winter Break**

**01/10 - School Resumes**

## 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>

# 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

## Elite Corporate Sponsors



# 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!

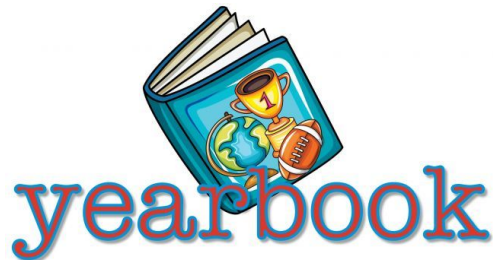
Order forms and collection envelopes will be distributed by teachers. **All orders and cash/checks are due in the office by November 16** and candy will be available for pick up on campus the first week of December. Please contact [sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org](mailto:sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org)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



**Student Directories** will be coming home in your student's backpack this week for families who have already purchased printed Directories, so make sure to check your student's backpacks!

We have only a few extra left in case any families would still like to purchase a printed Directory! They are \$9 in the front office.

**Congratulations to Gianna Ghio for winning the  
5th Grade Directory Cover Art Contest**



---

## **Reminder to Upload Photos -**

Given all of the fun activities lately (past and upcoming), please share your photos for our yearbook committee.

# 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!*



**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.

---

**WORDMASTERS**

The first WordMasters Challenge will be on Fri, Nov 18th after school in the library. Good luck to our WordMasters students!

---

**DYNAMATH**

**Due Date:** The Oct/Nov issue is due Fri, Nov 18th.

---

**SUPERSCIENCE**

**Due Dates:** The Sept and Oct/Nov issues are due Thurs, Dec 1st.

---

**RESEARCH**

Shout out to 3rd grader **Vanya Dodeja** for completing this month's research project of College and Career Aspirations with her report on Northwestern University!

Our next research project is African American History Month due Fri, Feb 24th.

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

---

Any questions about SLAM?

Please email : [gosycamoreslam@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org).

**\$5 each**

**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**

**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](mailto: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, 11/30 and 12/14**  
**\*\*\*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](mailto:Dana.claffey@gmail.com)



## P.E. Corner

### Physical Education November Updates

This week in P.E., students participated in six fun game stations- relay Connect Four, Jenga, ladder ball, soccer juggling, soccer bowling, and hula hooping. The focus was on teamwork, taking turns, strategy, aim, kicking, accurate passing, and underhand tossing.

This week we honored Veterans Day, by learning why it's on November 11th and reviewed the different branches in the military.

Next week, we're participating in a Guinness Book of World Records speed stacking competition. Students will stack cups for thirty minutes during P.E. If your child loves it, they can purchase their own set-

[Sycamore Speed Stack Order Form](#)

For instructions how to stack- [Speed Stacking Lessons](#)

Thank you for participating!! [World Record Stack Up Information](#)

Sincerely,

*Michelle Cabrita (she/ her)*  
Physical Education Specialist  
Sycamore Valley Elementary School  
[PhysEd Website](#)







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!

Our winter book fair is coming soon! We will be hosting a Literati book fair at the beginning of December (exact times/days TBD), which will offer some different choices and options than our previous Scholastic fair.

This will be an awesome time to get some holiday shopping done while supporting our library!

Our book fairs are the only source of funding for our library so every purchase truly helps to enhance the library collection for our Sharks.

Stay tuned for details soon!

Thank you for your support of our library!

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

## Sharky Shout Out:

---

Thank you, Family Game Night volunteers: Dana Claffey, Erin Meyers, and Kristina Buskirk, Jackie Petty and Matt & Christine Hoffman for a fun Friday night of bingo and prizes.

Thank you, Matt Hoffman, Jen O'Leary and Lisa Comeau who helped with carpool lane, on Tuesday, and all the rainy day recess volunteers this week.



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

=====

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](mailto: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>



---

### **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](#)

=====

### **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](#)

=====

#### **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](#)

=====

#### **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](#)



## **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>

---

---

## **Shark Fund - Corporate Match**

---

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON  
CHEVRON  
CISCO  
WELLS FARGO  
VISA  
LPL FINANCIAL  
GOOGLE  
ADOBE  
LINKEDIN  
VEEVA SYSTEMS  
BANK OF AMERICA  
VERIZON  
AIG  
NOVARTIS  
CHEVRON  
VISA  
ELI LILLY  
MERCK  
GARTNER  
GENENTECH  
EBAY  
PEPSICO  
AT&T  
ADOBE  
BRISTO-MYERS SQUIBB  
WELLS FARGO

SHARK FUND  
A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BENEFITING ALL SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

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

**DOUBLE YOUR SHARK FUND DONATION WITH  
CORPORATE MATCH**

LAST YEAR SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY RECEIVED OVER  
**OVER \$25,000**  
FROM CORPORATE MATCHES!





- 1 YOU DONATE
- 2 THEY MATCH IT
- 3 DOUBLE THE IMPACT

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  
Donations are 100% tax-deductible. 501c3 Tax ID #94-3390401

AT&T  
MERRILL LYNCH  
AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING INC.  
ROCHE MOLECULAR  
BANK OF THE WEST  
CHUBB  
DODGE & COX  
WORKDAY  
EBAY  
ORACLE  
PG&E

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

[Unsubscribe\\_bjones1@srvusd.net](mailto:Unsubscribe_bjones1@srvusd.net)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent bybjones1@srvusd.netpowered by



Try email marketing for free today!