

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal November 16, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families,

I hope you and your families are well. This week we have had outbursts of singing across our campus and it has been delightful! The Kinder Sharks sang for their guests at the Kinder Feast and the 2nd graders sang for their families and friends at the Fall Sing this morning. A personal favorite from this morning was "LOL - Laugh Out Loud" sung to the YMCA music. A big thank you to the Kinder and 2nd grade teams for supporting the students' success! Keep reading for some dates to remember and some SRVUSD Updates.

Dates to Remember:

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

Flyers - Upcoming Workshops for Parents/Caregivers

[Social Media and Social Emotional Well-Being in Middle School](#) (virtual):

Monday November 27, 6:00-7:00 pm Register: bit.ly/Nov27ParentEd Geared to MS but all parents/caregivers welcome.

The Truth About Fentanyl (in-person):

Monday December 11, 6:00-7:00 pm Registration required, space is limited: bit.ly/Dec11ParentEd Geared to MS/HS but ES parents/caregivers also welcome.

SRVEF Thanksgiving Imagineering Classes

Please cut and paste the information from this document to share with all 3rd-

5th grade families: [SRVEF Thanksgiving Imaging Classes](#).

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

Enjoy the Thanksgiving Break!
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



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

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

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

11/17-12/11 - Sister School - Coat + Shoe drive

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

11/28 - Street Smarts Assembly

11/28 - Sharky Cinema tickets sales on [Future Fund](#) at 7pm

11/29 - Dippin Dots

11/30 - Site Council Meeting

12/06 - Sharky Cinema 12:50-2:30pm - MPR

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**



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!!!

**Take a look at the rack and in the yellow bin.
You may be surprised and find a sweatshirt / jacket / or sweater that you did not 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.

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](#)

Holiday SALE
20% OFF



GREAT GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Guaranteed Delivery By **DEC. 23rd**

1ST PLACE 
Spiritwear

SYCAMORE VALLEY

ORDER AT 1STPLACE.SALE/13542

SALE RUNS THRU 12/8



Sister School Coat & Shoe Drive

Once again, our Sister School, King Elementary in Richmond, has asked our community for help in getting coats and athletic shoes for some of their students in greatest need. Let's help keep them warm this winter! Please select a student to shop for and click on the button to sign up. Here is the sign up genius to select a student to shop for:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BA5AF2AABFC1-46069696-sister>

Black Friday sales will be a great time to get a deal on shoes or coats. Check out Kohl's, Macy's, JC Penney, Old Navy, or even Costco for good bargains. (Costco has some children's coats for around \$15-20.) If you do not have time to shop for shoes or coats, please consider making a donation (any amount helps) on [Future Fund](#) and we will shop for you.

Donation link: [Sycamore Valley Elementary: Sister School Donation \(futurefund.com\)](#)

Please look for donation bins in front of the school or near the office to drop off the items you purchase. **ALL shoes and coats MUST BE LABELED with KING STUDENT NAME and GRADE when dropping them off at our school.** Please remember to do this or we will not know which King student the items are for.

We will be collecting new coats and shoes now through Monday, Dec. 11th. Gifts will be wrapped after school on Wednesday, Dec. 13th--parents and students are welcome to help. Bring scissors and tape.

Additionally, we will be collecting coats and shoes in "LIKE-NEW" condition as there are many students at King in need and this list does not cover them all. Please look for donation bins in front of the school and for Girl Scouts helping collect the gently-used coats and shoes. Please do NOT put your new items with the donated items.

Students will also be making Holiday bookmarks in their classes. All the students at King Elementary will receive a candy cane and bookmark from their Sister School friends at Sycamore.

Thanks again for your support and generosity in helping students in need. It is MUCH appreciated!



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.

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.

WordMasters:

The first WordMasters challenge takes place this month. Students can complete the challenge at home between **November 11th - November 29th**.

STEAM Art & Play:

The next class is **Tuesday, December 5th**, 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.

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 : goscamoslam@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!*



Join Our Shark Fund Graphics Team and Dive into Creativity!



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Attention talented graphic designers!



Are you a wizard with Adobe Illustrator? We're on the lookout for a creative mind to join our dynamic graphics team for Shark Fund. Your skills will play a crucial role in updating and creating eye-catching flyers and social media graphics for our exciting fundraising events, including Sharky Cinema, Dine-To-Donate, and the Live Auction extravaganzas.

To dive into this fantastic opportunity, please reach out to Christine Hoffman at christy1a@aol.com. Your artistic talents will make a difference, and we truly

appreciate your support in shaping the future of our school community!



#SharkFund #GraphicDesignOpportunity #JoinTheTeam

Sharky Cinema:

Don't miss out on our December Sharky Cinema event after school on Wednesday, December 6th, from 12:50pm to 2:30pm.

Join us to watch "The Grinch" and enjoy an extra special holiday session with hot chocolate and holiday treats in the MPR.

Tickets for this fantastic event will be on the [Future Fund](#) Store on 11/28 at 7:00pm.

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

PARENTS - ENJOY SOME EXTRA KID FREE TIME ON WACKY WEDNESDAY



TICKETS GO ON SALE 11/28 AT 7:00PM

SHARK FUND PRESENTS

SHARKY CINEMA



The
GRINCH



12/6

12:50-2:30 PM

MPR

JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL ON A WACKY WEDNESDAY TO WATCH A MOVIE
WITH HOT CHOCOLATE & HOLIDAY SNACKS IN THE MPR!

THIS MONTH'S MOVIE: THE GRINCH

DROP-OFF EVENT WITH PARENT VOLUNTEERS SUPERVISING.

SIGN-UP: [HTTPS://SYCAMOREVALLEY.FUTUREFUND.COM/STORE](https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store)

TICKETS GO ON SALE 11/28 AT 7:00PM



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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 LPL FINANCIAL GOOGLE BANK OF AMERICA
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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!

BACK TO SCHOOL You get labels, we raise funds.



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 PLATINUM CORPORATE SPONSORS



Library Corner

Big news! The Book Fair is Open this Week!

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:

Thank You Kinder Team and 2nd Grade Team for hosting the wonderful Thanksgiving events this week.



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://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](#)

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>

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