

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal August 10, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

We had a wonderful first day of school. We enjoyed seeing our returning Sycamore Sharks and welcoming new Sharks to our community. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together. Keep reading for staff updates, dates to remember, reminders about schedules, site council, district updates, sycamore registration and vacations for your family.



Staff Updates:

As is often the case, there have been some staff shifts over the summer. JJ, our custodian, has moved to a new school site. We will miss him but wish him well! We are happy to welcome our new lead custodian, Ricardo Alvarez-Alcala.

Georgeann has moved to a new school site. We are happy to welcome Abby Pacheco to our office staff. Mrs. Millman and Mrs. Readler and Mrs. O'Malley are joining the 1st Grade team. Mrs. Howard is moving from MTSS liaison position to our 4th grade team.

Additional staff that have joined our school include:

Intervention support = Ramani Perugupalli.

Para-Educators = Nancy Franklin and Elza Abraham

ELD teacher = Susie Lee

TSA-Admin. =Tiffany Goh

Liaison =Katie Inkabi

Resource Para = Wendy Kettenstock

OT = Vanessa Chan

Dates to Remember:

08/11 - 08/18 = Assessment Day Schedule view August Schedule for times: [August Schedule](#)

08/21 - Regular Bell Schedule begins [August Schedule](#)

08/30 - School Photos

August Schedule Reminder:

August is a busy month with a variety of bell schedules. To help keep your family on track, here is a document with all of the August times.

[August Bell Schedule](#)

Bell Schedule:

For those of you who need it, here is a link to Sycamore's Bell Schedule for this school year: [Bell Schedule: TK - 5th](#)

[Daily Bell Schedule](#)

School Site Council:

The School Site Council is a collaborative council composed of five parents, and five staff members (teachers, classified staff and school administration) and two alternate members. We meet five times during the year to review school data and progress towards goals, consider and provide feedback on the development of new goals as well as the school safety plan. If you are interested in being on the ballot please submit a short bio to Barbara Jones (bjones1@srvusd.net) by tomorrow, August 11th at 3:00p.m. The ballot will come out for your consideration next week.

Sycamore Registration for 23/24:

Now that your child is enrolled in school, it is time for the Sycamore 23/24 registration.

Site specific registration for Sycamore Valley is done each year online: Click on the following link to start your 23/24 Sycamore registration.

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

Vacations:

If your student will be missing school due to a trip/vacation, according to district policy, our teachers are not obligated to provide work while students are absent unless a parent/caregiver requests an Independent Study Contract (ISC), which must be for 5 or more school days. Otherwise, make-up work will be waiting for the student in the classroom when the student returns to school. Here is the link to start the request if you would like.

<https://www.srvusd.net/Departments/Educational-Services/Enrollment-Info/Independent-Study/index.html>

District Information:

Annual Update-

You have likely received this information in a district communication but just in case -

Please visit the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) to complete your Annual Update by Sept. 1st, 2023.

- [Instructions and information about the Annual Update](#)
- [Annual Update Webpage](#)

Additionally, we want to share important information on [Available Language Programs and Language Acquisition Programs](#).

County Connection-

Share [this flyer](#) about the County Connection's Pass to Class program, as applicable for your area and availability of bus service.

Thank you for the gift of your child,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



Enrollment for NEW 1st - 5th graders continues - 23/24 School Year
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08/21 - Regular Bell Schedule begins [August Schedule](#)

08/23 Dippin Dots (weather permitting)

08/30 - School Photos

09/06 PTA meeting

09/21 Festival around the World

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.

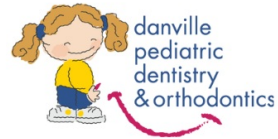
Note: Even if you have notified your child's teacher, please call the attendance line to record the absence!

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**

Elite Corporate Sponsors

Thank you to Sycamore's 22-23
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The Lost & Found rack is located at the front of our school near the MPR.

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.



We hope you will consider joining our Site Council.

If you are interested in becoming part of our Site Council,

**We will have several openings for
the 23/24 school year
Site Council Committee.**

Positions Open:

**Parent Representatives (4) &
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, no later than Friday, August 11th, 2023 at 3:00pm

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

**Bios will be posted in Shark Bites Newsletter
and an election will be held in August.**

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**The next Site Council meeting will be held in:
In September
All parents/guardians are welcome!**

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



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WHY JOIN?

SYCAMORE PTA NEEDS YOU!



#1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT

Help your child perform better academically by being an active participant and role model in the community that helps raise your child!



#2 OUR SCHOOL BENEFITS

Help create a positive, caring, and engaging community by supporting the teachers and administration!



#3 CREATE CONNECTIONS

Develop powerful relationships with teachers and staff while making life-long friends with other parents!



#4 YOU BENEFIT

Volunteering your time, talents, and energy while socializing with other parents is fun, healthy, and rewarding!



**READY
TO SIGN UP?**

Contact PTA President Dana Claffey at dana.claffey@gmail.com or join us for one of our monthly meetings, held every first Wednesday. Info in Sharkbites

Year-End Spirit Wear Sale

Save 30% on all Sycamore Valley spirit wear during the Back to School Sale! Choose from hundreds of designs and garments, all delivered to your home in days. New spirit items ! Plus, spirit wear makes for great Father's Day gifts! Order by Sept 7th. [Shop Now!](#)

SYCAMORE VALLEY
THE OFFICIAL ONLINE STORE



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE



**30% OFF
SITEWIDE!**

FREE SHIPPING
ORDERS OVER \$75



or SCAN HERE
TO ORDER

1ST PLACE
Spiritwear

SALE RUNS: AUG 8th - SEP 7th
ORDER AT: [1STPLACE.SALE/13542](https://1stplace.sale/13542)



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

Any questions about SLAM?
Please email : goscamoslam@gmail.com

SHARK FUND

A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BENEFITING ALL SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



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 Calendar: 8/23 Dippin Dots (weather permitting)

*****Punch Cards can be used this school year*****

Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our Dippin' Dot Wednesday Fundraiser. Dippin Dots has raised over \$8,500 during the 22-23 school year. 100% of Dippin Dot proceeds benefit your students with:

- 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.

If you have lost your Punch Card or have any questions, please contact - Dippin' Dot Dana at 925-407-7178 or dana.claffey@gmail.com



Library Corner

Library visits will begin soon!

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

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to our PTA for providing a delicious staff luncheon on Thursday afternoon as our staff prepared for the start of school.



New Classes will be offered in the fall



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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