Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal August 11, 2022

Dear Sycamore Families:

Welcome back!

It has been a great start to the school year. I am enjoying getting to know the Sycamore community and the fabulous Sharks. It has only been a couple of days but I can see that this is a community dedicated to serving children. This is a busy time of year, keep reading for more information.



Thank you for attending Back to School Night. If you were not able to attend, please reach out to your teacher regarding information that was presented.

Dismissal Reminder:

Once you have met your child on the playground afterschool, please exit the playground. The play structure and playground will reopen for play after 2:40pm.

Sycamore Registration for 22-23:

Sycamore's registration will be open through September 2nd.

The funds raised during registration are crucial to Sycamore's programs. Your Shark Fund, PTA, and Class Fund contributions directly impact programs like our para educators, library support, technology for students, teacher supplies,

our music program, art docent, and much more. Thank you for all you do to support our Sharks in having the best experience possible here at Sycamore!

If you missed it, here is the link for registration information: **Registration Packet**

Here is the link to the actual registration site: **Registration Site** or scan the QR Code



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:

Here is a link to Sycamore's Bell Schedule for this school year:

Bell Schedule: TK - 5th Daily Bell Schedule

Thank you for the gift of your child, Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



Annual Update Open - online through your parent portal

08/02 - 09/02 - Sycamore Valley Elementary Online Registration

08/12 - Spirit Day - Wear Blue or your Shark wear

08/17 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual 6:30 - Zoom

08/19 - Spirit Day - Wear Blue or your Shark wear

08/26 - Spirit Day - Wear Blue or your Shark wear

08/31 - School Picture Day

09/02 - Shark Shop Orders Due - Shop Closes

09/02 - Spirit Day - Wear Blue or your Shark wear

09/05 - No School - Labor Day

09/07 - PTA Association Meeting 8:10am - MPR

09/07 - Shark Cinema - 1:00 - 3:00 - MPR

09/09 - Spirit Day - Wear Blue or your Shark wear

09/19-9/23 - International Culture Week / Festival Around the World

09/19-9/23 - Book Fair

09/26 - No School - School Recess

09/27 - No School - Staff Development

09/21 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual 6:30 - Zoom

Attendance Line



Please call the attendance line to report an absence: 925-855-2898

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



Shark Shop 2022! Get your Sycamore spirit wear today!

Shark Shop is open to get all your Sycamore Spirit wear!
Shirts, and sweatshirts,
Sharky hair bows and hats available.

Blank sample sizes available for viewing at the first Dippin Dots Wednesday!

Wednesday 8/24 11:30am at the kinder yard & 12:50pm on the blacktop

ORDER YOUR SYCAMORE SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS AT:

https://sharkgear2022-23.itemorder.com/shop

ORDER SHARKY BOW & HAT AT:

https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/registration

Did you already register and forgot to order your bow or hat?

Venmo Jennifer O'Leary @Jennifer-OLeary5 or drop an envelope labeled "Shark Shop" at the office with:

- 1. Quantity of each item: Sharky bow \$18, Sharks Hat \$35 (10% is donated back to the school)
- 2. Check made out to "Sycamore Valley PTA"
- 3. Your student's first and last name
- 4. Your email address

You will receive an email confirmation in a few days!



Shark Shop will close on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND at midnight.

Orders will be processed, packaged, and distributed during the last week of September.

Now through 9/2 is the ONLY time Shark Shop will be open for the entire school year.

You will not be able to order after the deadline and we will not have extras.

Questions? Email sycamoresharkshop@gmail.com



Sycamore Valley Online Registration is OPEN!

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open on FutureFund! Thank you in advance for registering! Your support during registration is vital to

our school, Shark Fund, and PTA to ensure our Sycamore students have the very best classroom support, materials, and technology equipment. Registration ensures your directory preferences are up-to-date, provides information about volunteer opportunities, and allows you to purchase items such as a yearbook and spirit wear.

Please note that all registration is being conducted online at this link: https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/registration.

There is no onsite registration.

You may also scan this QR Code to register.





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



Please join us for the first Shark Fund meeting of the school year on Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 pm. Meet our 2022-2023 Executive Board, hear about the fundraisers and activities planned, and learn how you can volunteer your time and talents to support our Sharks.

Click here to join the Google

Meet: https://meet.google.com/ndg-whur-bzy



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

We are looking forward to opening our school library for students to check out books and do research.

Students will visit the library every week.

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



Extracurricular Extension Programs 3rd - 5th Grade
Stay tuned for details regarding our SLAM program







Way to go, Sycamore SLAM!

For complete Sycamore SLAM program updates, please refer to the SLAM page - https://sycamoreslam.shutterfly.com / or email -

GO SLAM

Sharky Shout Out:

A huge thank you to Christine Hoffman, Catherine Sjoberg, Ashley Wochok, and Rica Santo for organizing our New Family Orientation, TK/Kinder Ice Cream Social and Parent Coffee.



Kids Are Talking

Stay Tuned for the Next Issue!



Child Nutrition

Meals Provided @ Sycamore

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

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

SHARK FUND CORPORATE MATCH REMINDER!

It's not too late to submit your corporate match from registration or other donations.

Sycamore Valley Elementary received over \$35,000 from corporate matches this past school year. See if your employer will match your donation!

https://www.srvef.org/donate/matchinggifts.aspx



If you need help with corporate matches, reach out to Jeff Aitken at jeff73@gmail.com







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