Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal January 25, 2024

Dear Sycamore Valley Families,

I hope you and your family are well. We are enjoying the sunshine and are very thankful that the much anticipated rainstorms worked around our recess schedules this week.

Our sharks are busy across the campus. TK is busy investigating winter phenomena, Kindergarten is working on True Stories, 1st grade is working on Informational Writing, 2nd grade is reading non-fiction, 3rd grade is developing Informational Posters, 4th grade is digging into Historical Fiction and 5th grade is working on Argument and Advocacy through their Opinion Writing unit. There is a lot of critical thinking going on at Sycamore Valley!

Keep reading for some dates to remember, a drop off reminder and information about a Student Leadership project.

Dates to Remember:

01/25 - Lost & Found will be donated to our Sister School

01/26 - Bookmark Entries Due

01/31 - Dippin' Dot Sales - weather permitting

01/31 - Book Swap - After School

02/01 - School Site Council Meeting - Virtual

02/09 - Family Game Night - MPR

02/13 - Astronomy Night 6-8pm - Blacktop

03/05 - Election Day held in our MPR

Leadership Project:

The Campus Beautification Student Leadership Sub-Committee has been hard at work. Last week they planted beautiful flowers and plants in the courtyard planters. Thank you to the subcommittee for making the school look so special!







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

Thank you, Patricia Kawahara

IMPORTANT DATES



Incoming TK & K Enrollment - Now Open

01/25 - Lost & Found donated to our Sister School

01/25 - Ticket Sales begin for Family Game Night - 7:00pm

01/26 - Book Mark Entries Due

01/31 - Dippin' Dot Sales

01/31 - Book Swap - After School

02/01 - Enrollment for New Students Grades 1st - 5th Opens

02/01 - School Site Council Meeting 4:00pm - Virtual

02/09 - Family Game Night - MPR

02/13 - Astronomy Night - 6:00-8:00pm - Blacktop

02/14 - Dippin' Dot Sales

02/15 - Cyber Safety Class - 6:0pm-7:00pm - District Office

02/28 - Dippin' Dot Sales

03/22 - School Auction - Save the Date!

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.

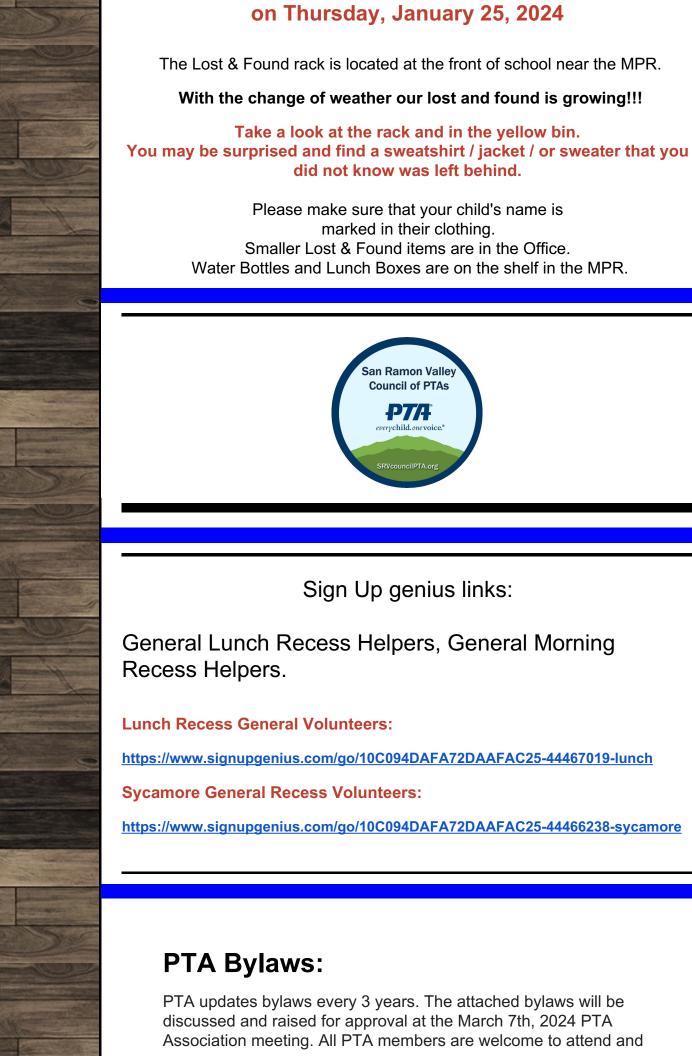
Reminder:

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 will be donated to our Sister School



vote.

If you have any questions, please reach out to: Alison Stracke

BruinAL925@gmail.com or Dana Claffey@gmail.com

BYLAWS

Family Game Night:

Sharky invites your family to Sycamore for an evening of bingo, trivia, prizes, dinner and a ton of fun on **Friday**, **February 9th!** Dinner will be served at 6:00pm and games will begin at 6:30pm.

This is not a drop-off event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets will go on sale 1/25 at 7 PM (they sell out quickly):

https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store

We kindly request that your group is limited to children with a maximum of two adult guardians - this is a popular event and our space is limited to 150 participants. This is not a drop off event, and no tickets will be sold at the door.



Astronomy Night:

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 6:00 - 8:00pm on our school Blacktop



Click here for the **Shark Spirit Shop**

This week only, save 25% on all Sycamore Valley 1/4 zips!
This includes styles from Nike, Adidas and Badger!
Shop Now: Shark Spirit Shop

Free Shipping \$75+



ORDER AT 1STPLACE.SALE/13542

Bookmark Contest Entries

"A Good Book ... (FILL IN THE BLANK)" Bookmark Contest Entries Are available in the Office or attached link below.

Bookmark Contest entries are **due FRIDAY**, **January 26th**. Completed entries should be returned to the office. ONE (1) entry per student. Entries will be judged upon spelling and creativity. Artwork should be done by hand and by the child whose name is on the form (Exception: young children may receive help in writing letters and numbers). Questions? Contact Christy Lucia at ctr2108@gmail.com.

Bookmark Contest Entries

Sycamore Book Swap Help Needed

Our Sycamore Book Swap is coming up on Wednesday, January 31st after school. This is such a cool opportunity to get new books and share favorites with others!

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with collecting books ahead of the book swap and also helping students during the book swap.

Book Collecting Help Needed:

Monday Jan 29th- Collecting books from 7:45-8:05am (in kinder yard and front of school)

Tuesday Jan 30th-Collecting books from 7:45-8:05am (in kinder yard and front of school)

Wednesday Jan 31st-Collecting books from 7:45-8:05am (in kinder yard and front of school)

Book Swap Help Needed:

Wednesday Jan 31st- Help with Book Swap from 11:30am-12:30pm in Kinder yard

Wednesday Jan 31st- Help with Book Swap from 12:30pm-2:00pm in MPR

Please check out the sign up genius below and sign up to help if you are available.

SIGN UP HERE:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CAAAE2CA20-47295026-sycamore#/

FREE Book Swap Wednesday, January 31st

TK & Kindergarten: 11:50-12:50p.m. Kindergarten Playground

All Grades: 1:00-2:00pm MPR

*The Book Swap is a FREE community event sponsored by the Sycamore Valley PTA.

DROP OFF gently used books beginning Monday (1/29), Tuesday (1/30) and Wednesday (1/31) at the front of the school and Kindergarten Playground between 7:45-9:00am. Students will receive one (1) ticket per donated book, maximum five (5) tickets per student.

Rules for the Book Swap:

Books to be swapped should be FROM our students, FOR our students. Encourage your child to bring books they've loved that they think their friends might love too! No preschool books, magazines, sticker books, coloring books, activity books, Young Adult or grown-up books.

Students may swap up to five (5) books but are encouraged to bring additional book donations. All remaining books after the swap will be donated to our Sister School, King Elementary.

Students can trade one (1) ticket for one (1) book at the Book Swap. Bookmark contest winners will be announced Wednesday, January 31st during morning announcements.



Registration for Workshop:

Cyber Safety Parent Education Workshop: 2/15/24 bit.ly

Parent Engagement Workshops with the NAACP

SRVUSD Parents/Caregivers are invited and encouraged to attend these Parent Engagement Workshops, presented by the Hayward Chapter of the NAACP over the coming months.



PARENT ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP WITH NAACP



A PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

In Person Workshop Topics*

- · Awareness and strategies to creating a safe learning space in the home
- · Promoting good citizenship, attendance, and achievement
- · Learn more about parental support and school participation
- · Understanding CAASPP, CAST, and assessments
- · Navigating social media

*Content and topics will be designed for the grade levels being covered in each session

Presented by:

Hayward Chapter of the NAACP



QUESTIONS? email Dr. Hong Nguyen, Director of Educational Equity, at hnguyen2esrvusd.net.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Session for parents with students in grades TK-January. 24, 2024 March 7, 2024

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Session for parents with students in grades 6-8 February 13, 2024 May 2, 2024

HIGH SCHOOL

February 27, 2024
May 16, 2024

SRVUSD District Boardrooms
699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



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: Reminder that our WordMasters students will be taking Word List Test 2 between Jan 29 and Feb 16. Scores will be announced shortly after. Word List Test 3 (final word list) will be available at the end of February.
	Research:
	The research topic for January/February is African Americans in Science . Presentations can be in a trifold or poster board format. For this research topic, we will not be accepting slideshows (ppt), audio, or video presentations as all research presentations will be displayed in the MPR at this year's African American History Museum (AAHM). Students may work individually or in pairs.
	Presentations are due Friday, February 23rd. Students should bring their presentations to the MPR for the AAHM taking place after school on 2/23. Please email rajiedeol@gmail.com to get SLAM credit.
	STEAM Art & Play:
	The next class is Tuesday , February 13th , 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:
	Thank you to those students who turned in work for the September and October/November issues. Credit will be given and work returned. Answer keys to these issues may be found

Video Recording of Social Media & SEL in Middle School Virtual Event is Available for Viewing

On December 6th, SRVUSD and the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs co-

hosted a virtual parent/caregiver education event, *Social Media & SEL in Middle School*, featuring Jamie Nunez from Common Sense Media.

Jamie delved into the Practical Guide for Families, discussing how it's so important for families to talk about their values related to social media use and sharing ideas on how to establish usage guidelines. If you missed the event, you can watch the recording on the SRVCPTA YouTube page.

Further, SRVUSD middle school counselors will be launching a series of important lessons in the new year to encourage self-reflection and finding balance in their social media lives. Please be on the lookout for more information to come from your middle school in the new year.

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!



Sharky Cinema is back!
Join us on 2/7/24 for
Trolls Band Together in the MPR.



Auction: Save The Date-

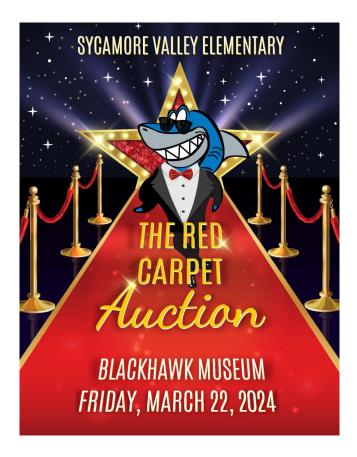
You're Invited to the 2024 Auction, A Night On The Red Carpet

Date: Friday, March 22, 2024 **Location:** Blackhawk Museum

Mark your calendars and prepare to walk the red carpet for an unforgettable evening that will support education and make you feel like a star. Stay tuned

for more details, including sponsorship opportunities, ticket information, and all the exciting highlights of the event.

We look forward to shining with you on the red carpet!



Sycamore Auction 2024

Sycamore's Auction is back and scheduled for: Live Auction – Friday, March 22, 2024 at the Blackhawk Museum Online Auction – Monday, March 18 - Sunday, March 24 2024

Parent Donations Needed:

We want to make it a huge success and are asking our Sycamore Families: what do YOU have to donate? Perhaps you have a getaway experience, sporting event tickets, restaurant gift cards or even a vacation rental home? Some of us have country club contacts for golf or tennis. Wine club members, will your winery donate a tasting, food pairing or bottles? Possibly you own a local company and want to donate your services or showcase your company's name by donating gift cards? Don't forget about asking grandparents or other family members who may want to donate as well! People love a tax-deductible donation & raising money for all of our children. Please view the attached letter for more information. Questions? Contact the Auction Co-Chairs Katerina McCormack and Christine Hoffman, at

sycamorevalleyauction.edfund@srvef.org

Socials - you've heard of the progressive party or boos and booze, which sell out in minutes! Let's get more socials on the calendar for ticket sales during the online auction! Email Adele for information and to get set up!

sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org

How to host a social:

Find some couples to help you host

Choose a theme & date
Set your number of tickets to be sold!
100% of ticket sale proceeds go to Shark Fund

Calling All Auction Volunteers!

Are you interested in helping to make our event a huge success, join us Tuesday at 8am in the MPR for an auction job fair. Meet committee members, ask questions, join the team.

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 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



Dippin' Dot Calendar: 1/31, 2/14, 2/28

To-Donate, and the Live Auction extravaganzas.

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/



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!



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





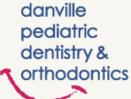


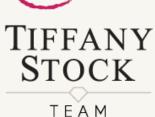
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Library Corner

- Battle of the Books (3rd 5th) --> Program Lead: Christiana at 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:

Shout Out to all the parent volunteers that have helped with all these rainy day recesses.



Mark your calendar:

February 01, 2024 @ 4:00pm The meeting will be virtual.

Meeting ID meet.google.com/cyd-okcu-kni

Phone Numbers (US) +1 484-364-5985

PIN: 396 670 124#

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



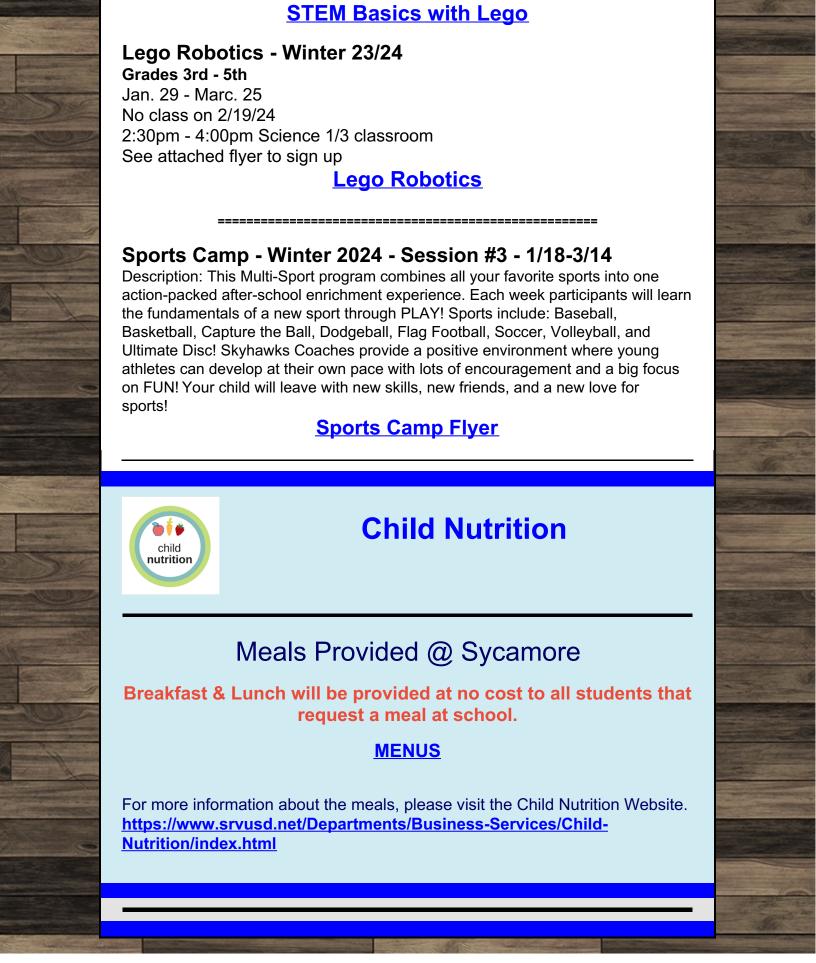
Black Dragon Chess - Winter 2023

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 - Winter 23/24 Grades K - 2nd

Jan. 29 - Mar. 25, 2024 No class on 2/19/24 2:30pm - 4:00pm School Library See attached flyer to sign up



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