

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal February 02, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope all is well with you and your families.

This week we are back to bundling up and are looking at rain in the forecast again. I know that kids run hot but I do recommend that sweatpants and sweatshirts be considered on these frigid mornings. I get cold just looking at the kids running around in shorts.

A big "thank you" to Christy Lucia and the volunteers who helped coordinate the Book Swap as well as to the families that donated books. It was a great success! The kids enjoyed picking up new titles and I am sure they will spend many hours curled up with their new books.

This past week we welcomed Bailey Schultz as a library intern. Bailey is a former Sycamore Valley student and is currently enrolled in the DVC Library program. We are excited to have Bailey join our team this semester. It speaks volumes about what a special place Sycamore Valley is when former students want to return.

We are back in full swing with a lot to note so keep reading for some dates to remember, information on Open House, Safety protocols and a reminder about being a good neighbor.

Dates to Remember:

Spirit Day Friday - wear Shark Wear of Sycamore Blue to show your school spirit!

02/08/23 - Teen Esteem Parent Education Meeting 6:00pm - MPR

02/20/23 - No School - Presidents Day

02/21/23 - No School - Staff Development Day

Open House:

Open House has been scheduled for May 18, 2023 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. This is one of the most exciting school wide events we have each year. Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us.

Safety Protocols:

The gates around campus are a primary safety measure in place at Sycamore Valley. It is important that gates are not propped open. Also, please do not invite other adults in with you when you are buzzed in. Thank you for helping to keep our students and staff secure.

Good Neighbors:

It is important that we are good neighbors to the people living adjacent to the school. We have received complaints regarding litter on the hill behind the fire lane. In addition to the litter being unsightly it flows into the drain which causes the water to back up and run into our neighbors' yards. They have also found the drain completely covered by leaves and dirt. Please do not permit your children to play on the hill or in the gully near the fire service lane. The playground is open after school and everyone is welcome to play there. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Teen Esteem Parent Workshop:

Mark your calendars. **The parent workshop is scheduled for 02/08 at 6:00pm in the MPR.** The focus of the workshop will be Parenting in the *Social Media Age*. The assembly topics will also be previewed. Thank you for your help in keeping our community safe.

Thank you for the gift of your child,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



**Enrollment for NEW 1st - 5th graders Opens -
Enrollment for TK/K continues -**

02/03 - Spirt Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire

02/06-02/12 - Dos Coyotes giveback - See Flyer Below

02/08 - Spirit Day - Sports Day

02/08 - Sharky Cinema

02/08 - Teen Esteem Parent Education Meeting - Time TBD

02/09 - Site Council Meeting - Virtual 4:00 - See Flyer for Google Meet
02/10 - Spirt Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire
02/13 - Family Game Night Tickets go on sale @ 7:00pm
02/15 - Dippin Dots (weather permitting)
02/17 - Spirt Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire
02/20 - No School - Presidents Day
02/21 - No School - Staff Development Day
02/24 - Spirt Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire
02/24 - African American History Museum - MPR 2:30-4:30pm
03/10 - Family Game Night

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.**



Rainy Day Recess – Friday 2/3/23

Tomorrow the forecast is for RAIN !

Please consider signing up to volunteer for Lunch Recess. We need one (1) parent per classroom.

Rainy Day Recess Sign up:

[Rainy Day Recess Sign up](#)

Sycamore Shade Solutions Committee

Are you interested in being part of the solution for shade on our blacktop? Please fill out the following form with contact information if you are interested in being on a committee with a few Sycamore teachers to discuss and map out shade solutions for our blacktop. Please note: there may be some meetings after school, please plan to be flexible in the teachers' schedules.

Shade Screen Committee Form: [Shade Screen Committee Form](#)



Lunch Time Volunteer Helpers:

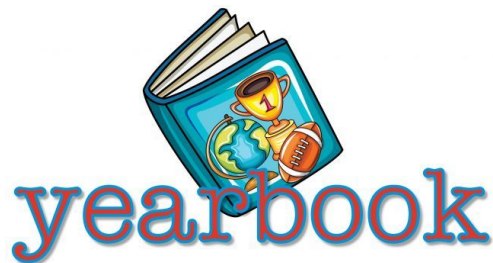
We have updated the sign up genius for lunchtime helpers (not the rainy day one, just general for people who would like to come up and help out on the blacktop.

lunch volunteers sign up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C44ABAB2AABFA7-sycamore1>

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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



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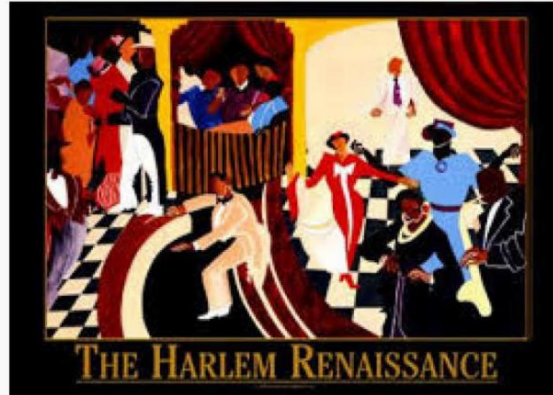
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*While we cannot guarantee that all shared photos will be published,
if you don't share your great pictures, it can't even be considered!*



COME JOIN US AT
THE
**AFRICAN AMERICAN
HISTORY MUSEUM**

Friday, February 24, 2:30PM-4:30PM
Sycamore Valley Elementary MPR



The students will interact with exhibits that feature the contributions of African Americans from the Harlem Renaissance

. The museum will showcase-

- Sycamore Valley students dressed up as live statues of African American Harlem Renaissance Musicians, Artists, and Writers
- Live music from the San Ramon Valley High School's Jazz Ensemble
- Book Corner with Angela Dalton, Author of *To Boldly Go*
- Harlem Renaissance themed Dress up/Picture Taking Station
- Interactive Scavenger Hunt

All are welcome to attend and participate! Sign Up Genius will be shared next week!

Here is the link to preorder Angela Dalton's book

[-https://www.harpercollins.com/products/to-boldly-go-how-nichelle-nichols-and-star-trek-helped-advance-civil-rights-angela-dalton?variant=40371661439010](https://www.harpercollins.com/products/to-boldly-go-how-nichelle-nichols-and-star-trek-helped-advance-civil-rights-angela-dalton?variant=40371661439010)

Spring Family Game Night is back!!!

Tickets on Sale 2/13 at 7:00pm. Capacity Limited to 150 attendees.

*******Please note: maximum of TWO adult chaperones per family.*******



GAMES FUN PRIZES

FAMILY | **MAR 10** | **SYCAMORE**
EVENT | **6-8 PM** | **MPR**



TICKETS GO ON SALE 2/13 AT 7:00PM

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



NEW Sycamore Valley Spirit Wear Online Shop!

SALE EXTENDED

Sale is continuing through February 6th!

Save 25% sitewide with code: **SPIRIT129!**
and free shipping on all orders over \$75.00!

Shop Here: <https://1stplace.sale/13542>.

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Grand Opening Sale



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[1STPLACE.SALE/13542](https://www.1stplace.com/13542)
SALE RUNS JAN 16TH - 29TH



SCAN TO ORDER

1ST PLACE
Spiritwear



Sycamore Valley Elementary's ONLINE AUCTION

**DONATIONS
NEEDED!**

Attention parents! Help us raise \$30K during our Shark Fund Online Auction!

We're planning for our biggest fundraiser of the year - the Shark Fund Online Auction, March 20-26. Each year the auction helps us fund part of our \$250K budget for para salaries and critical school programs, and we need YOUR help.

- Do you own a **small business** that can donate items or a gift certificate?
- Do you have a **rental property** that a lucky family can bid to stay at during a weekend?
- Do you have **season tickets** for a sports team or theater where you can donate tickets for one game or performance?
- Do you have a connection to secure **merchandise** or other great items?

- Do you have **unused gift cards** to donate?

Physical items including gift cards can be dropped off at the Sycamore parking lot on the turf field side on February 6, 8 and 10 between 7:45-8:05 am. Look for the auction signs!!!

If you have property, season tickets or other connections to share, please email sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org so that we can feature them in the online auction.

Thank you for supporting our Sharks!

A few generous donors from the 2022 auction:

Steele and Guglielmelli families donated 49ers tickets which raised \$2,030!

Gates family donated San Jose Sharks tickets which raised \$1,600!

Fernando family donated a 2-night stay at their Arnold cabin which raised \$1,100!



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

Check out the [SLAM website](#) for the latest updates!

SUPERSCIENCE

Dec/Jan issue Due **Feb 3, 2023**

RESEARCH

Our next research project is African American History Month

Due **Fri, Feb 24th, 2023.**

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

Any questions about SLAM?
Please email : goscamoseslam@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.

Shark Cinema:

Join us for the next Sharky Cinema after school on Wednesday, February 8th, from 1-3pm to watch the movie, Lightyear, with theater snacks in the MPR!

Tickets will be available on the Future Fund Store began 1/26 at 7pm.

Tickets sellout quickly. <https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store>

These types of events are only possible with parent volunteers, so if you have the ability, we'd love your help! Check out the Sharky Cinema volunteer sign-up [here](#). Your student(s) can attend free if you volunteer to help during this event.

PARENTS - ENJOY AN EXTRA TWO HOURS ON WACKY WEDNESDAY



TICKETS GO ON SALE 1/26 AT 7:00PM

SHARK FUND PRESENTS

SHARKY CINEMA



Disney · PIXAR
LIGHTYEAR



2/8

1:00-3:00PM

MPR

JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL ON A WACKY WEDNESDAY TO WATCH A
KID-FRIENDLY MOVIE WITH THEATER SNACKS IN THE MPR!
THIS MONTH'S MOVIE IS THE LIGHTYEAR.
DROP-OFF EVENT WITH PARENT VOLUNTEERS SUPERVISING.

SIGN-UP: [HTTPS://SYCAMOREVALLEY.FUTUREFUND.COM/STORE](https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store)
TICKETS GO ON SALE 1/26 AT 7:00PM

This is our last chance to support Shark Fund through Amazon Smile - this program is ending on February 20th. For any Amazon purchases now through 2/20/23, please do so through Amazon Smile to earn funding for Sycamore! See the attached graphic for instructions.

How To Support Shark Fund with

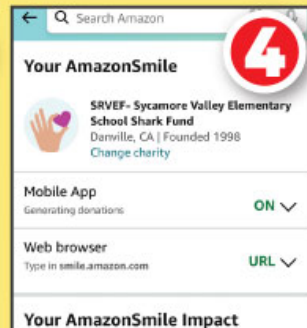
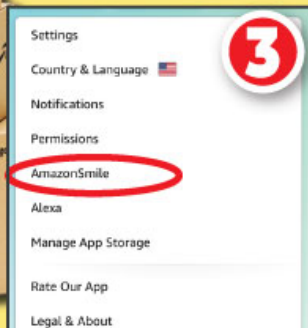
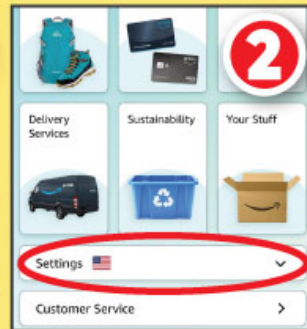
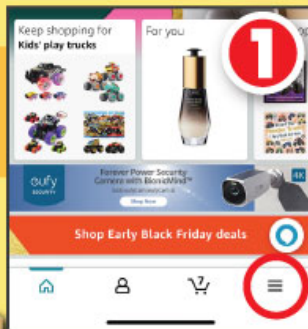
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\$5 each

Shark Fund is proud to offer Dippin' Dots

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!

- 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 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:
3/1, 3/15, 3/29 (last day to purchase punch cards)
*****weather permitting*****

Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our
Dippin' Dot Wednesday Fundraiser.

"Dippin Dots has raised over **\$5,800** 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



Library Corner

Thank you for your support of our library!

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



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.

Smaller Lost & Found items are in the Office.
Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes are on the shelf in the front quad near the MPR.

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you so much Christy Lucia, Lauren Ghio, Erin Meyer, Kim Eves, Joelle Baldwin, Catherine Sjoberg, Phyllis Acon and fifth grader leadership students: Lucia Fama, Cambria Claffey, Chloe Li, Maddie Sjoberg and Emily Klas for all your help setting up and running another successful fun shopping event for our students and families. Happy reading!



The next Site Council meeting will be held on:
Thursday, February 9, 2023 @ 4:00pm via Google Meet.

Meeting ID:

meet.google.com/vob-grdo-zau

Phone Numbers

(US) +1 402-683-0059

PIN: 793 127 099#

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If you are interested in becoming part of our Site Council,
**We need two parents for the current school year
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>



Black Dragon Chess - Winter 2023

Chess classes will be offered **Thursday** afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.

Jan. 19 - Mar. 16, 2023

See attached flyer to sign up.

[Chess Enrichment Class](#)

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Soccer - Winter 2023

Soccer is offered **Monday** afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm

See attached flyer for sign up

[Soccer Enrichment Class](#)

Basketball - Winter 2023

Basketball is offered **Tuesday** afternoons 2:40pm - 3:40pm

Feb. 07 - March 28, 2023

See attached: One on One Hoops flyer for sign up

[Basketball Enrichment Class](#)

Pickleball - Winter 22/23 - Cancelled

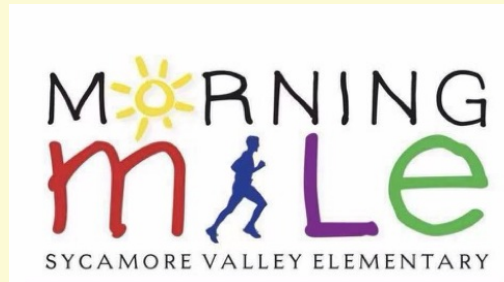
Volleyball - Winter 2023

Basketball will be offered on **Thursdays** 6:15pm - 8:15pm

January 12 - March 16, 2023

See attached flyer for sign up

[Volleyball Enrichment Class](#)



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!

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

Shark Fund - Corporate Match

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT TODD STRACKE AT
 TODD.STRACKE@CLOROX.COM OR (510) 219-8589

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