

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal March 02, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you are well.

Last Friday we enjoyed the annual African American History Museum. It was so lovely to see all of the beautiful artwork and hear the presentations by students. The author Angela Dalton shared an inspirational story and the Monte Vista Jazz Band literally set the tone for a very cool event! A giant thank you to our art teacher Toby Silvestri, event coordinators Asia Plahar, Liz Sorley, Jaevina Fisher, Christy Lucia and to all the parent volunteers who spent Friday setting up the museum! Check out pictures below.

Another giant thank you to all the rainy day recess volunteers! Your willingness to watch the weather and jump in is very much appreciated. Keep reading for some dates to remember, information about March conferences.

Dates to Remember:

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

03/17/23 - No School - Teacher Work Day

03/20-03/26 - Online Auction

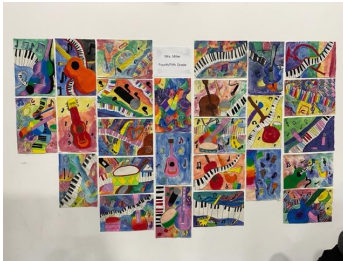
03/22-03/24 - Parent Conferences

March Parent Conferences:

Conferences will be held March 22-24. These are minimum days for all students. Please be on the lookout for more information from your teacher.

- All students Grades 1st - 5th = 8:00am - 12:00pm
- All students Grades TK - K = 8:00am - 10:30am

African American History Museum photos:



Thank you for the gift of your child,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



Enrollment for NEW 1st - 5th graders Opens - 23/24 School Year
Enrollment for NEW TK/K continues -23/24 School Year

03/01 - Ticket sales begin for the Carnival

03/06-03/10 - High Tech Burrito Giveback Event

03/06-03/10 - Words Matter Week

03/09 - Site Council Meeting - 4:00pm - Virtual - see flyer below

03/10 - Family Game Night - SOLD OUT

03/15 - Dippin' Dots - After School

03/20-03/26 - Online Auction

03/24 - Carnival - Blacktop - 3:00-5:30pm

03/29 - Dippin' Dots - After School

04/12 - Math Placement Exam -for 5th graders that are entering Middle School

04/29 - Truck Time - San Ramon - 9:00 - 1:00 - See flyer

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**



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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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.**

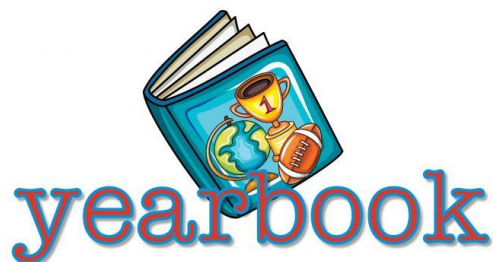
- Do you own a small business that can donate items or a gift certificate?
- Do you have a rental property that a lucky family can bid to stay at during a weekend?
- Do you have season tickets for a sports team or theater where you can donate tickets for one game or performance?

- Do you have a connection to secure merchandise or other great items?
- Do you have unused gift cards to donate?

If you have property, season tickets or other connections to share, please fill out the [Auction Donation Google Form](#) or email sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org so that we can feature them in the online auction.

Thank you for supporting our Sharks!

Special thanks to a few of our 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!



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:

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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!



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

We are looking for VOLUNTEERS for the 2023/2024 SLAM Program! No experience necessary!!

The SLAM Program is run entirely by parent volunteers. We have a role for everyone. If you're great with kids or talented in math or science, we have a role for you. If you want to sit behind your computer and send emails, no problem!! We have one time events as well as school year programs.

Please check out the [Volunteer tab](#) on our website for programs that need volunteers next year or email gosycamoreslam@gmail.com

RESEARCH

Shout out to **Vanya Dodeja, Zoya Kashif** and **Renee Kim** for completing the Feb project for African American History month! You can view Zoya and Renee's trifold in the library for the next few weeks.

Our last research project is Women's History due **Fri, March 24th**. Please view the [Research](#) tab for more details.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND



Major kudos to Sycamore's 5th Grade team who won 2nd place at the Regional Qualifying Tournament this past Sat!!

Julian Awad, Amaya Fernando, Zoya Kaur, Allen Shao, Saina Shetty, Maddie Sjoberg, and Stefan Tekic

They will advance to the Norcal State Tournament on **March 25th**. We wish them the best of luck!!

Sycamore's 3rd/4th grade team will be competing in their Regional Qualifying Tournament on March 4. We know **Karthik, Saanvi, Rohan, Priyansh, Tvisha, and Parinaz** will make Sycamore proud!!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Sycamore's science experts are preparing for their competition on **March 18th**. Good luck!

SUPERSCIENCE

Feb issue due **March 6, 2023**

SCIENCE FAIR

Get ready for the 2023 Science Fair which will happen on **Fri, April 14th** @ 2:30pm in the MPR.

Open to all 3rd - 5th graders, students will answer scientific questions using The Scientific Method and present their experiment and findings in a tri-fold poster board presentation. If you haven't already, you can [sign up for the Science Fair here](#).

Any questions about SLAM?
Please email : goscymoreslam@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.

Carnival Volunteer Opportunities!

Our Sycamore Valley school carnival is quickly approaching on March 24th and I bet you are wondering how can I get involved? Here are 4 easy ways!

1. Follow this link to the Sign Up Genius to help with planning and day of events!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4da9aa28abf85-shark#/>

2. Sponsor a booth! It's as easy as visiting our Future Fund Site and making a donation! We will even hang your name on our booth as a sponsor!

3. Help your 4th or 5th grader host a booth! A letter will be sent home next week!

4. Buy your Carnival and dinner tickets starting March 1st on Future Fund and support this wonderful event!

Every penny goes back to our awesome school and its amazing programs!

Email Meghan Gates at:

meghanmollygates@gmail.com with any questions

SHARK FUND PRESENTS

★ THE SYCAMORE ★

24
MAR

3-5
PM



★ FAMILY | MARCH 24 | SYCAMORE ★
★ EVENT | 3:00-5:00 PM | BLACKTOP ★

COME ONE, COME ALL!

- ★ TICKETS WILL BE PRESOLD ON FUTURE FUND FOR \$25.
- ★ DINNER TICKETS SOLD SEPARATELY FOR \$10. INCLUDES A SLICE OF PIZZA, CHIPS AND A DRINK.
- ★ NOT A DROP OFF EVENT. PARENTS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE.



SYCAMOREVALLEY.FUTUREFUND.COM/STORE

Dippin' Dots

\$5 each

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cotton candy flavored frozen yogurt
cotton candy

rainbow
YoDots
rasberry yogurt
rainbow

cookies 'n cream
YoDots
vanilla frozen yogurt
cookies 'n cream

cookie dough
YoDots
chocolate frozen yogurt
cookie dough

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!



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 825-407-7178

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 **\$7,100** 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



Library Corner

Battle of the books is coming May 10th.
More details to come.

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

Turn imagination into real life! Join us for a fun, interactive outdoor family festival that encourages children (and their adults) to explore the trucks and vehicles they see around them all the time, and maybe some they've never seen before.

Saturday, April 29, 2023, 9:00 am to 1:00pm
2700 Camino Ramon, San Ramon

Visit www.TruckTimeSanRamon.org for additional details and to pre-purchase tickets. Tickets are \$4.99 per person (age 1 and over) if purchased in advance, or \$7 on the event day.

This event is presented by the Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Club.
It benefits the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation,
the San Ramon Historic Foundation,
the Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Club and its Foundation.





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 Asia Plahar, Christy Lucia, Liz Sorley, Tarana Chapple, La Jaevina Fisher, Toby Silvestri, Kim Eves, Ed Pan and Vasavi Mudivarthy, SRVHS Jazz Ensemble and our students for bringing Harlem Renaissance to Sycamore's African American History Museum.

This fun and interactive school wide event showcased our student's artwork, writing, music and other exhibits.



**The next Site Council meeting will be held on:
March 9th @ 4:00pm via Google Meet.**

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/aeh-cnrk-afr

Phone Numbers

+1 832-821-6669

PIN: 277 056 956#

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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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Basketball - Winter 2023 - Postponed

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](#)

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Pickleball - Winter 22/23 - Cancelled

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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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