

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal August 18, 2022

Dear Sycamore Families:

Bell Schedule REMINDERS:

Regular Bell Schedule starts on Monday, August 22, 2022

TK = 8:00am - 11:30am Monday - Friday

Kinder = Early Sharks 8:00 - 11:30, Late Sharks 9:00 - 12:30
(Wednesday All Kinder = 8:00 - 11:30)

1st Grade = Early Sharks 8:00 - 1:50, Late Sharks 8:40 - 2:30
(Wednesday All 1st Grade = 8:00 - 12:50)

2nd - 5th Grade = 8:00 - 2:30
(Wednesday All 2nd - 5th Grade 8:00 - 12:50)

Site Council -

We are recruiting alternate members for the Site Council. This is a great opportunity to help the Sycamore community. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please submit a brief bio to Barbara by Friday, August 26. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Sycamore Registration for 22-23:

**Now that your child is enrolled in class for the 22/23 school year,
remember to complete the registration process.**

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!

Here is the link to the actual registration site: [Registration Site](#) or scan the



Volunteers:

Parent/Guardian volunteers are key to running many of our school events. **All Parents/Guardians** who would like to volunteer on campus must register with our Be A Mentor site in order to volunteer on campus or in the classroom during the school year.

Please register through [Be A Mentor](#) to become a valued volunteer.

Safety Reminder:

It is of the utmost importance that families utilize the crosswalk at the front of our campus. Please do not cross near the new gate to our playground. Crossing by the gate is NOT safe. Crossing by the gate is backing up traffic as well. Please use the crosswalk when arriving and leaving campus.

Well Being Survey:

- Our students' social emotional health and well-being are at the forefront of everyone's minds, especially as we are beginning a new school year. To that end, Sycamore will be administering a wellbeing survey twice a year.
- Student responses will be used to inform supports and broad interventions to assist with meeting the needs of all of our students.

For more information, please see the [letter attached](#).

If you have any questions or concerns or wish to opt out your child from completing the questionnaire, please do not hesitate to reach out to me by Wednesday, August 24th as we will begin the assessments on Thursday, August 25th.

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

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

08/24 - Dippin' Dots Sales

08/24 - Shark Shop sample sizes available for viewing

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

08/26 - Sip & Spin Social Event 11:30am at Star Cycle

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 - Dippin' Dots Sales

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

09/09 - Spirit Day - Wear Blue or your Sharkwear

09/10 - Street Smart Bike Rodeo - 10:00am - 1:00pm registration required

09/15 - Chess Enrichment Class - 2:35-3:35

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

09/19-9/23 - Book Fair

09/21 - Dippin' Dots Sales

09/22 - Chess Enrichment Class - 2:35 - 3:35

09/26 - No School - School Recess

09/27 - No School - Staff Development

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

09/29 - Chess Enrichment Class - 2:35 - 3:35

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.

[FLYER](#)

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?

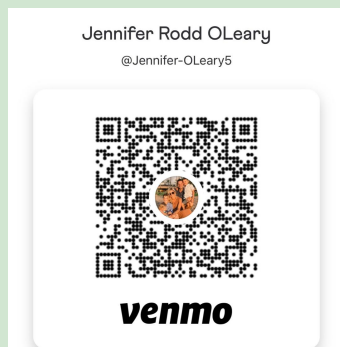
Venmo Jennifer O'Leary @Jennifer-OLeary5

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

ONLINE SHARK SHOP 2022

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ORDER T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS AT:

<https://sharkgear2022-23.itemorder.com/shop>
ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE IN BOTH YOUTH AND ADULT SIZES



ORDER SHARKY BOW & HAT ON FUTURE FUND

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



Already registered? Want to order a bow or hat?

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Contact: Shark Shop at sycamoresharkshop@gmail.com

All orders final as of store close date - no returns or exchanges.

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>

School Picture Day



School Picture Day is Wed. August 31.

You will need to enter your child's student ID# to place an order for the school photos. You can order individual photos as well as a class photo. All students will be photographed. Purchasing photos is not a requirement.

<https://www.ciphotoca.com/sycamorevalley>

Picture Day Volunteers:

Picture day is coming up on Wednesday, August 31st. Volunteers are needed to help picture day run smoothly for our Sharks!

Please sign up if you are able to help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C44ABAB2AABFA7-picture1>



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>



Dippin' Dot Punch Cards are \$25.00 each (Buy 5 get 1 Free!!). Families may share one card, please send child with cash or check made payable to Sycamore Shark Fund to the first event, or Dippin' Dot Dana is usually around before and after school daily - If you would like to purchase your family or child's card before the first event, contact Dippin' Dot Dana 925-407-7178. Dippin' Dot Punch card Tip - Please write family's last name on the punch card, so it can be returned if found.

August - October Dippin Dot Calendar (Weather Permitting)

8/24, 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19

Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our
Dippin' Dot Wednesday Fundraisers!!!!
100% of Dippin Dot proceeds benefit your students:

- **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

TK & Kindergarten Sales @ 11:30am near the Kinder Playground Entrance .
1st – 5th grade Sales @ 12:50pm on the blacktop near the rear entrance of
the MPR

Lost Dippin' Dot Punch Cards or any other Dippin' Dot questions
Dippin' Dot Dana Claffey
925-407-7178
Dana.claffey@gmail.com

Reflections



"Show Your Voice"

REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM

All students are invited to participate and submit original artwork in one of six areas aligned with the theme "Show Your Voice":

- Dance Choreography
- Literature
- Photography
- Film Production
- Music Composition
- Visual Arts

Submission deadline TBD in October. Selected artworks will be judged by Sycamore PTSA, and are then sent on to councils and then districts for consideration. The final artworks submitted to California State PTA by districts are then considered for Outstanding Interpretation, Awards of Excellence or Awards of Merit.

[Official Entry Form and Rules](#)

Contact Kristina Buskirk for more information.

kristinabus Kirk@gmail.com



Back to School Sip 'N' Spin Social Event

Celebrate back to school with a dance party on a bike!! 45 sweaty minutes followed by a celebratory mimosa bar and light bites. First timers welcome and wanted! Grab your friends and come meet some new Sycamore parents! Clip in. Check out. Let's Ride. Go Sharks!

All proceeds will benefit Shark Fund.

When: Friday August 26th at 11:30am

Where: Star Cycle Danville, 155 Railroad Avenue Suite A

Celebrate back to school with a dance party on a bike!! 45

Empowering, sweaty minutes followed by a celebratory mimosa bar and light bites. First timers welcome and wanted! Grab your friends and come meet some new Sycamore parents! Clip in. Check out. Let's Ride. Go Sharks!

Questions and to reserve your bike.

Please reach out to Kali Fama: kalifama@hotmail.com

Tickets: \$45 each



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



Black Dragon Chess - Fall 2022

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

Sept. 15th - Dec. 1

No class on Oct. 6th and Nov. 24th.

See attached flyer to sign up.

Chess Enrichment Class

Sharky Shout Out:

A big thank you to Jen O'Leary and Liz Sorely for all your help in running and managing Shark Shop, and Christine Hoffman for the amazing designs. This dream team has made it easy for Sharks to be stylish for Spirit Days! Shark Shop will be closing on Sept 2nd.

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The school nurse would like to thank the K, 2nd, and 5th grade teachers for their flexibility with vision/hearing screenings on 8/17/22.

138 students were screened and 7 students were referred for a vision issue.

A special thank you shout out to all the parent volunteers who came to help the school nurse with the screenings: Lauren Ghio, Juliana Bello-Polanco,

Kristin Swigert, Hagit Miller, and Jennifer O'Leary.

This important screening could not be completed without your precious volunteer time.

Thank you again. Nurse Anju

## **STREET SMARTS**

Street Smart Bike Rodeo and Festival:

September 10, 2022

10:00am - 1:00pm

Iron Horse Middle School, 12601 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon, CA

**Registration is Required**

**<https://www.street-smarts.com/community-bike-festival/>**



**Street Smarts**

San Ramon Valley



**YOU'RE INVITED  
TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY  
BIKE RODEO AND FESTIVAL!**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022  
10 A.M. – 1 P.M.**

**WHERE: IRON HORSE MIDDLE SCHOOL BLACKTOP  
(12601 ALCOSTA BLVD, SAN RAMON)**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
SEE BELOW FOR SIGN-UP INFORMATION\***

*Enjoy a **FREE, FUN-FILLED EVENT!** At this educational, skills-based training for children using bicycles or scooters, learn lifelong bicycle skills, and increase basic bicycle knowledge in a safe, organized environment.*

**HELMETS REQUIRED!**

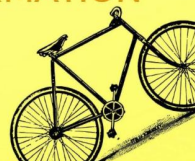
**VISIT:**

**\*STREET-SMARTS.COM "BIKE RODEO"  
FOR SIGNUP & EVENT INFORMATION**



**Space is LIMITED!**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
DPITA@SANRAMON.CA.GOV**



## 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.**

#### **MENUS**

For more information about the meals, please visit the Child Nutrition Website.  
<https://www.srvusd.net/Departments/Business-Services/Child-Nutrition/index.html>

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

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