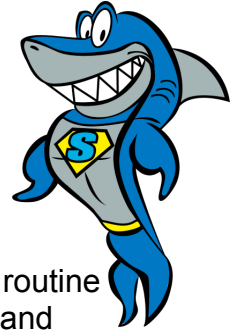


Message from Principal Kawahara

August 29, 2024



Dear Sycamore Valley Families,

I hope you and your families are well. We have been settling into a normal routine and enjoying the burst of summer weather! Assessments are wrapping up and classes are digging into the curriculum. This week I have popped into the upper grades for math lessons and the lower grades during writing (most grade levels start with personal narratives which are always great stories!). I also got to see Mrs. Matejka's second Sharks doing directed drawings of sharks - how very appropriate!!

Keep reading for dates to remember, information about job openings and district updates.

Dates to Remember:

08/29 - School Site Council Ballot due

09/02 - No School - Labor Day

09/13 - "A Day to Be Brave" virtual presentation

10/09 - School Picture Makeup/Retake Day

10/13 - Run for Education - District Wide

Job Opportunities

We still have some job opportunities. We are looking for a five hour a week noon supervisor and an Instrumental Music teacher for the 4th and 5th grade. If you are interested in joining our team or know anyone who might be, please reach out to me for more information.

District Updates

Run for Education:



Our district's biggest fundraiser, the Run for Education, is coming up on October 13th. It's a morning we come together with all the schools in our district for the benefit of our schools. There is a 5K walk or run, a 10K, a Friendship Run for participants with special

needs, and Mini Run for 2-6 year olds. Every participant receives a shirt and medal. Plus, enjoy a kids' zone, inflatable games, face painter, balloon artist, photo booth, and more. 100% of The Run proceeds support your education here at Sycamore! Check out the signs outside to register and get more info. I will be participating and would love to see some Sharks out there. If you are interested in putting together a team, please reach out.

Updated Board Policies and Administrative Regulation:

At the August 13, 2024 Board of Education Meeting, the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulation were revised and approved by the Board.

- [BP 1113: District And School Websites](#)
- [BP 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements](#)
- AR 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements, this AR was rescinded due to redundancy
- [BP 7214: General Obligation Bonds](#)
- [AR 7214: General Obligation Bonds](#)

SEPTEMBER

National Literacy Month

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the month of September as National Literacy Month. The schools of SRVUSD stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic, professional, and personal success. We are committed to providing the highest quality evidence-based instructional materials, screening and diagnostic tools, interventions, and supports so that every student becomes a proficient and engaged reader, writer, speaker, and listener.

SRVUSD encourages engagement with parents and caregivers so they can support literacy at home and enhance opportunities for exploration, fun, and in support of academic achievement.

Citizenship Awareness Month

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the month of September as Citizenship Awareness Month. It is important that our students understand the basic principles of democracy and what it means to be an American citizen. Young people can play a critical role in our democracy by helping to choose the people who will lead us and by voicing their opinions on the issues that are important to them.

Students are encouraged to participate in the democratic process through voter education programs and involvement in civic engagement activities. District schools are encouraged to celebrate Constitution Day on September 17 and participate in California High School Voter Education Weeks during the last two weeks of September.

National Hispanic Heritage Month: Sept 15 - Oct 15

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes September 15 - October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic and Latino Americans have made so many social, artistic, linguistic, and intellectual contributions to our society, the State of California, and our community. Their influence and rich history enrich our nation and our schools through their entrepreneurship, commitment to community service, deep value of justice and liberty and social and cultural life.. As stated in the Multicultural Education Policy of the California State Board of Education, each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people.

Meals for Students for 24-25:

SRVUSD’s meal program will continue to provide meals to all students **at no cost** for the 2024-25 school year! For more information, reach out to Child Nutrition at SRVUSDEats@srvusd.net.

Thank you,
Patricia Kawahara



Important Dates to Remember

- 08/30 - Spirit Day – Wear your shark clothing or blue**
- 09/02 - No School - Labor Day**
- 09/04 - Dippin’ Dot**
- 09/06 - Spirit Day – Wear your shark clothing or blue**
- 09/13 - Spirit Day – Wear your shark clothing or blue**
- 09/13 - “A Day to Be Brave” virtual presentation**
- 09/18 - Dippin’ Dot**
- 09/20 - Spirit Day – Wear your shark clothing or blue**
- 09/27 - Spirit Day – Wear your shark clothing or blue**
- 10/02 - Dippin’ Dot**

10/09 - School Picture Makeup/Retake Day
10/16 - Dippin' Dot
10/30 - Dippin' Dot

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

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).

School Pictures:

Makeup/Retake Day will be on October 9th

Click here to order school pictures:

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

Click here for the [Spiritwear Sale](#)

Shark Spirit Clothing

As you prepare for the holiday weekend, we've made a new ad! The new "In My Era" design has quickly become the top seller

Don't forget to place your orders for the Sycamore Valley back-to-school sale! You'll save 30% off the entire site. These are the lowest the prices will be all year. In addition, all orders over \$75 will receive free shipping. [Shop Now!](#)

Sale Details -

- Sale Dates: 8/6/2024 - 9/10/2024
30% off all merchandise
Free shipping on orders over \$75
\$5 shipping on orders under \$75
No code is needed!



PTA Updates

Vision and Hearing Volunteers Needed for August 30th:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DAAAFAC25-50848973-vision>

Vision and Hearing Volunteers Needed for September 6th:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DAAFAC25-50849295-vision>

Be A Mentor: Volunteer Clearance - Reminder

We ask all of our parents/guardians to register w/ Be A Mentor for level #1 - general volunteer. This clearance will allow you to be on campus and/or in the classroom with the children.

Here is the link to sign up. [Be A Mentor](#) Click on the New Volunteers Apply Now on the bottom right side of the page. A TB test is a new requirement. The risk assessment form is to be completed by your doctor. You will need to upload, to your Be A Mentor account, either the completed risk assessment form or the negative TB test result form from your doctor.



Shark Fund Updates

Thank you to all of our families who have completed Sycamore's online registration! 456 students registered so far - thank you!

Registration closes **TOMORROW, Friday, August 30** at 11PM!

Sycamore Valley Elementary's online registration includes items to complete on behalf of the school, Shark Fund, and our PTA. The registration process will only take about 15 minutes and will give you the opportunity to enter your contact information for the school online directory, join the PTA, complete important forms and waivers so your child can participate in campus events, order a yearbook and more!

Click on the following link or on the QR code to complete your 24/25 Sycamore registration.

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



Dippin' Dot Calendar:

Sept. 4, 18, 27 Oct. 2, 16, 30

Dippin Dot Pre-pay Punch Cards are Back!

Punch cards can be purchased for **\$25.00** in the [Future Fund](#) Store.

- 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

Sharky Shout Out:

**Thank you parent volunteers that helped
with School Photo this week!!**



School Site Council

Site Council Ballot closes 8/29/24.



After School Enrichment

Please refer to Peachjar for after school enrichment opportunities that are offered for Sycamore students.

[Sycamore Peachjar](#)

Lost & Found

With the change of weather our lost and found will grow!!

Take a look at the Rack and in the Yellow Bin.

You may be surprised and find a sweatshirt / jacket / or sweater that you did not know was left behind.

Please make sure that your child's name is marked on their clothing.

Smaller Lost & Found items are in the Office.

Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes are on the shelf in the MPR.



Child Nutrition

Meals Provided @ Sycamore

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

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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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