

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal March 16, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope this email finds you well and with the lights on!

What a crazy weather week we have had. The storm over the weekend swept away the tan bark under the play structure and washed mud over a portion of the black top. Facilities and Maintenance were out early Monday cleaning the blacktop and it has been open since Tuesday. The tan bark for the play structure is due to be delivered this Friday and we are hoping to have it open for play next Monday. There is a minimum level of tan bark required as a safety measure.

The windstorm coupled with a brief power outage (about an hour) was quite exciting. The staff and students handled the situation with flexibility and ease. Everyone stayed calm as we proceeded with business as usual (we ran a rainy-day recess - which, at this point, feels like business as usual!). Thank you to the Sycamore team and the Sycamore community for stepping up and helping to ensure a smooth day for our Sharks!

That same day we had the pleasure of honoring Barbara Jones as the Sycamore Valley Employee of the Year at a district wide celebration. It was a lovely event to honor the nominees. Well deserved, Mrs. Jones!! Thank you for your ongoing support of our community!

Keep reading for some dates to remember and an upcoming road closure that may impact some of our families.

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 Opens

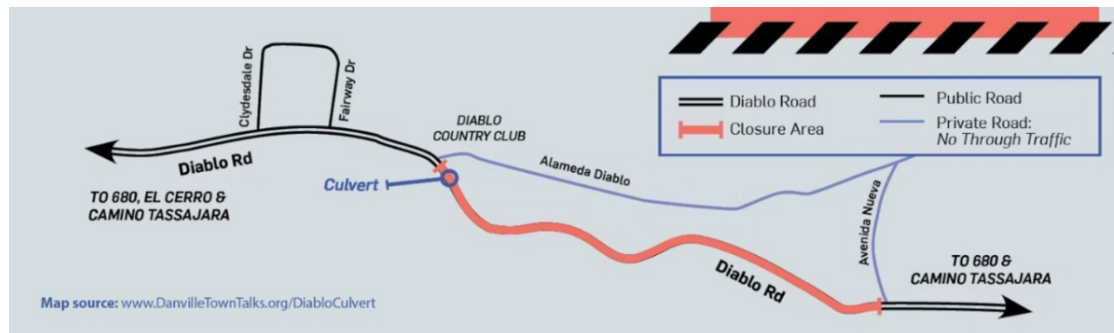
03/22-03/24 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - Minimum Day Schedule

Road Closure:

Due to the Diablo Road Closure, there may be more traffic along Camino Tassajara since families that usually take Diablo Road to reach Monte Vista will more than likely take Camino Tassajara instead. Please plan accordingly and allow for extra traffic in the morning.

We are sharing this important notice from the Town of Danville about a [public safety road work project](#) and a short-term closure of Diablo Road from Alameda Diablo to Avenida Nueva, from **March 23 - April 13**. This may affect travel to Green Valley, Vista Grande, Los Cerros and Monte Vista.

Please plan to allow extra time to get to school during this time frame and note that the middle week of the time frame is SRVUSD's spring break. We are so appreciative to our Town of Danville partners for prioritizing public safety with this project to ensure safe travel on Diablo Road. We encourage you to check out additional details at www.DanvilleTownTalks.org/DiabloCulvert, where you can also sign up to receive updates and ask questions.



Leprechaun traps:

Our 1st graders enjoyed a fun day celebrating St. Patrick's day with their Leprechaun traps.



Thank you for the gift of your child,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



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

03/09-03/29 - Food Drive for Sister School

03/13-03/27 - Shark Wear Sale - see flyer below 25% off sitewide

03/17 - No School - Teacher Work Day - Happy St. Patrick's Day

03/20-03/26 - Online Auction

03/20 - Spirit Day - Wear Grade Level Color Attire

03/21 - Spirit Day - Sports Day - Favorite Jersey or Sport Attire

03/22 - Spirit Day - Wear anything USA / Red, White or Blue

03/23 - Spirit Day -Miss-Matched Outfits

03/24 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire

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

03/29 - Dippin' Dots - After School

03/31 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire

03/31 - Deadline to sign up for the Variety Show

04/03-04/07 - Spring Break - No School

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

04/26 - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal 1:00 - MPR

04/26 - Variety Show - 6:00pm - MPR

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**

Elite Corporate Sponsors

Thank you to Sycamore's 22-23 Platinum Corporate Sponsors



SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ONLINE AUCTION

MARCH 20-26, 2023



Sycamore Valley's Auction 2023 starts next week!

All proceeds benefit Shark Fund education programs like classroom paraeducators, weekly library, student intervention, TK/K PE and more. Here is the link to our [Online Auction Guide](#). Read below for all the important details.

Online Auction:

March 20-26. Hundreds of great items can be previewed at www.sycamore-auction.com. Fancy a week in Mexico? A day with MLB star Jose Canseco? Field-level access to the 49ers? A day with friends in wine country? Search the catalog to find the perfect experience for you and your family, all while supporting Sycamore.

Raffle Tickets:

Buy raffle tickets for \$20 each for a chance to win a Danville date night, Six

Flags family fun, or a magical day at Disneyland! There is no limit on the number of raffle tickets you can purchase, and every dollar raised goes right back to our kids! Purchase online at www.sycamore-auction.com.

Spirit Week:

March 20-24. Do you have spirit? YES YOU DO!!! Next week is FULL of fun spirit activities - including dress up days and after school activities where students can earn participation tickets!!! Drawing will be held on Friday, 3/24 at the Carnival but your student does not need to be present to win. Spirit Week activities also include Dippin' Dots Wednesday, 3/22 after school on the Sycamore blacktop. Look for the printed Spirit Week Fun Guide, which will be sent home with students this week.

Teacher/Staff Raffles:

Brightly colored Teacher/Staff raffle forms are coming home with students this week! Enter your child(ren) to win a chance to hang out with our beloved teachers and staff! Experiences are 100% donated by teachers and staff and raise several thousand dollars for our school each year! Be sure to turn your order form and check (payable to Shark Fund) in to the office by the 3:00 pm deadline on Friday 3/24.

Sycamore Socials, Amazing Race and Camp Shark:

These popular items will sell out in minutes! Bidding begins at 9 AM on Monday, March 20. Register in [Auctria](#) before then so you're ready to bid when the clock strikes 9!

Next week is our Online Auction, from March 20-26. Every dollar of profit from the auction will bring critical programs and services to all students at Sycamore. There are so many great items to consider including Warriors and 49ers tickets, vacation rentals, the famous Sycamore parking spot and even Mayor for the Day!

SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ONLINE AUCTION

MARCH 20-26, 2023



DON'T MISS OUT!

Sycamore Socials, Amazing Race and Camp Shark
on sale Monday, March 20 at 9:00 AM.

Act fast as these items will SELL OUT!!



Grades 2-5
Friday, April 21, 6-9 pm
Compete in team
challenges on campus to
earn the title of 2022
Amazing Race champions!



Grades TK-1
Friday, April 21, 5-7 pm
Play games, do crafts,
and enjoy dinner and a
movie at school!



Sycamore Socials for
Parents and Kids!
Join Sycamore friends
new and old at socials
sponsored by Shark
families

www.sycamore-auction.com > Sycamore Items

Don't miss these other exciting items:

Golden State Warriors Tickets * A Day with Jose Canseco * Mayor for the Day
Private Tastings in Wine Country * Restaurant Gift Cards * Summer Camps
Barre and Yoga Classes * Zoo Passes * Financial Planning * Sycamore Specials
and more!

Donations to Shark Fund are tax-deductible and proceeds fund critical educational programs such as classroom paraeducators, TK/K kindergarten PE, library visits, and intervention services

SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ONLINE AUCTION

MARCH 20-26, 2023

WWW.SYCAMORE-AUCTION.COM



SNEAK PEEK

GET READY TO BID ON THESE AMAZING ITEMS:

A Day with MLB's Jose Conseco!
2-hour baseball training session for
up to 4 kids, or a round of golf for up
to 3 adults!



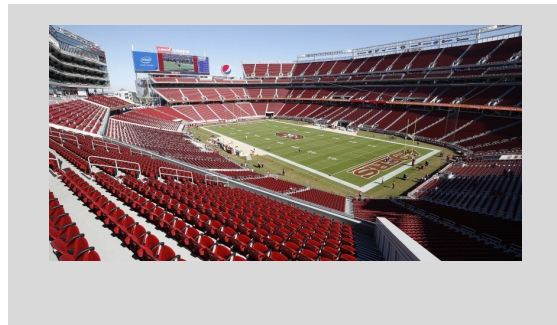
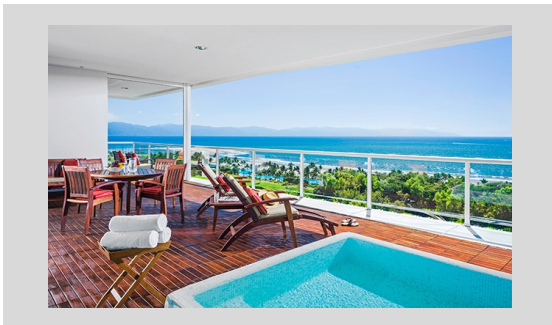
Tickets to the
Amazing Race
(grades 2-5)



2-night cabin stay in the StoneHaus
in Arnold – sleeps 10 guests! Enjoy
hiking, wine tasting or skiing at this
beautiful destination.



EVERY DOLLAR OF PROFIT FUNDS SALARIES FOR CLASSROOM PARAS, LIBRARY, TK/KINDER PE, RAINBOW ROOM, OFFICE SUPPORT, AND READING INTERVENTION



SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ONLINE AUCTION

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW!

www.sycamore-auction.com



FAMILY FUN!



DATE NIGHT!



DISNEYLAND!



EVERY DOLLAR RAISED THROUGH RAFFLE TICKET SALES GOES DIRECTLY TO SALARIES FOR CLASSROOM PARAS, LIBRARY, TK/KINDER PE, RAINBOW ROOM, OFFICE SUPPORT, AND READING INTERVENTION!

SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ONLINE AUCTION MARCH 20-26, 2023



SNEAK PEEK

GET READY TO BID ON THESE AMAZING ITEMS:

Club access for 4 to see the reigning NFC champion 49ers, with exclusive pre-game field access!



VIP parking spot at school!



5-Diamond Vidanta Resort week-long splurge at the Grand Luxxe in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico!



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Sycamore Carnival

If you have the ability to volunteer, that signup can be found [here](#).

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!

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**

CARNIVAL

★ **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.

TICKETS **VOLUNTEER**

SYCAMOREVALLEY.FUTUREFUND.COM/STORE



Sharkwear Sale:

Store Link: <https://1stplace.sale/13542>

SYCAMORE VALLEY SPRING SALE



SCAN TO ORDER

**SAVE 25%
SITEWIDE**
VALID MARCH 13TH-27TH

**NEW DESIGNS
NEW PRODUCT LINES**

ORDER AT
1STPLACE.SALE/13542

 
BELLA+CANVAS





OUR VARIETY SHOW IS BACK FOR 2023 AND WE ARE SO EXCITED!!!

Does your child love to perform on stage? Would they like to present an entertaining act of their choice in front of an audience? Solo or as a group, we would love to see your rising star showcased in this year's **Sycamore Valley Variety Show!**

IMPORTANT 2023 VARIETY SHOW DATES:

Deadline to submit Variety Show Act Participation Information and Music: Friday, March 31st

Variety Show Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday, April 26th at 1:00 PM in MPR

Variety Show: Thursday, April 27th at 6:00 PM in MPR

Please read the attached [Variety Show 2023 Handout](#) for all information pertaining to this year's show and how to get your act signed up in time!

FLYER

If you have any questions, please contact:

Laurie Campbell & Marisa Montierth

Variety Show Directors

dancelm@mac.com

marisamontierth@gmail.com

**Supporting the Child You Have:
A conversation with author Debbie Reber**

Join us virtually in a conversation with Debbie Reber, author of "Differently Wired" and Creator of the "Tilt Parenting Podcast". Please register in advance for this Zoom event which will take place on March 28, 7:00 to 8:00 pm. One out of five kids is "differently wired:" dealing with ADHD, autism, anxiety, dyslexia, giftedness--and sometimes more than one neurodiversity. Debbie speaks to parents/caregivers of these kids as well as to all parents/caregivers and staff in offering practical advice to support kids, manage parenthood and find community.

Register via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvd-yoqjkjHN0HfHadilJyXyJOHe8oxwMf>

Interested in reading the book? Check out your local library or any bookstore! In anticipation of this event, Rakestraw Books in Danville has additional copies available for purchase.

Questions? Please contact our SRV Council of PTAs VP for Family Engagement, Krista Glaser at familyengagement@srvscouncilpta.org

JOIN US VIRTUALLY IN
CONVERSATION WITH

Debbie Reber

*Author of 'Differently
Wired' and Creator of the
'Tilt Parenting' Podcast*

This event is sponsored by the
San Ramon Valley Council of
PTAs.

Register www.srvcouncilpta.org



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Extra copies of 'Differently Wired'
available now at Rakestraw Books



Sister School Program

San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs

Sign up to donate food items for our Sister School - King Elementary

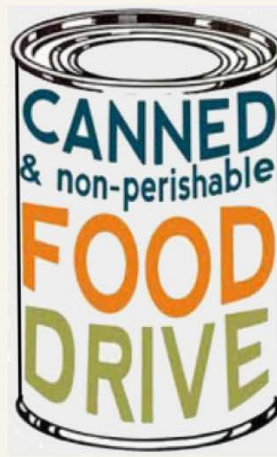
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Flyer

Sycamore Valley Elementary

We "Can" Do It!

MARCH 9-29



Sign Up [HERE](#) to
donate food items for
our Sister School,
King Elementary,
in Richmond.



Please put donated items
in the bin in front of
the school entrance or
porch drop at
626 Ambience Way

Items needed:
Canned soup, beans, meat
(tuna or chicken),
vegetables, fruit, rice,
pasta, cereal, and snacks

For more information, contact kimberlyeves@yahoo.com



**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!!

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

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Sycamore Science Sharks are competing on March 18th!

GOOD LUCK to **Shanaya Dhamija, Amaya Chaudri, Adhira Ganesh, Yashika Singh, Sophia Ao and Renee Kim!**



ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Sycamore's 3rd/4th and 5th grade teams will be competing at the Norcal State Tournament on Sat, March 25th!

3rd/4th grade team: **Karthik Jayaraman, Saanvi Lakhota, Rohan Dasgupta, Priyansh Kshirsagar, Tvisha Madhav, and Parinaz Mann!!**

5th grade team: **Julian Awad, Amaya Fernando, Zoya Kaur, Allen Shao, Saina Shetty, Maddie Sjoberg, and Stefan Tekic**

RESEARCH

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

DYNAMATH

The March/April issue will be due on **Mon, April 10th**.

SCIENCE FAIR

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

SUPERSCIENCE

The March/April issue will be due on **May 1st**.

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](#)



\$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!

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 **\$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

925-407-7178

Dana.claffey@gmail.com



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>

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you Dana Claffey, Erin Meyer, and Kristina Buskirk for putting on another family fun night filled with pizza, bingo, games and prizes.

After spring break, teachers will meet with Principal Kawahara to begin building balanced classes for the 23/24 school year. Parents and students will be notified of teacher and classroom placement on August 9th, 2023.

Careful consideration is given to the class placement of each student. The primary factors considered in class placement are:

1. Current year's teacher assessment of the student's needs;
2. Input from support staff - resource, speech, school psychologist, reading specialists;
3. Class balance: academic performance, test scores, behavior, and boy/girl ratio;
4. Physical, medical, emotional and social development of the child;
5. Parent information regarding student's specific needs.

This form is **not required**, however if you believe your child has specific needs and/or excels in a particular type of classroom environment that the staff should consider when placing him/her, you are welcome to complete and return the attached form. **Please do not request specific teachers. Letters that state a specific teacher's name or that tries to describe a specific teacher will not be considered.**

2023-2024 Student Class Placement



**The next Site Council meeting will be held on:
Date to be Determined**



We hope you will consider joining
our Site Council.

If you are interested in becoming part of our Site Council,

**We will have several openings for
the 23/24 school year
Site Council Committee.**

Positions Open:

**Parent Representatives (4) &
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 - Spring 2023

Chess classes will be offered **Thursday** afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.
Mar. 30 - May 25, 2023
See attached flyer to sign up. (flyer will be available soon)

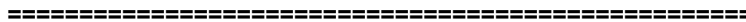
[Chess Enrichment Class](#)



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](#)



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](#)

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.



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

Sycamore Valley Elementary | 2200 Holbrook Road, Danville, CA 94506

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