

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal March 30, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. We are enjoying the break in the rain today as we look forward to Spring Break next week. We have been working hard across the school - trying to maximize every minute of instruction and support the growth of the whole child.

Highlights for me this week include Kinder kiddos monitoring their emotions with their Zones of Regulations chart, fifth graders patiently explaining their problem solving techniques with fractions and geometry, learning about the history of sun-dried tomatoes with fourth graders, checking out the biography dolls the made by third graders, popping in on circle time with TK kiddos and an impromptu sing-along in the 1st grade, and sharing a story with our second graders. This time with students always leaves me feeling proud of our Sharks and proud of the community of adults that support them each day! Fostering the growth of the whole child through connection and rigor is what Sycamore is all about.

Keep reading for some important dates to remember and the Carnival Recap.

Dates to Remember:

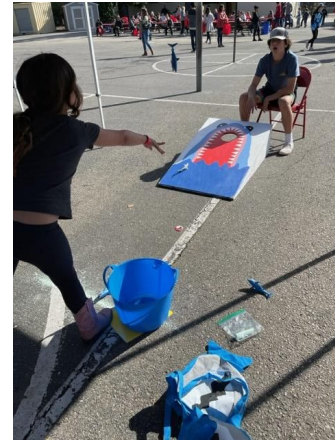
Spirit Day Friday -wear Shark Wear of Sycamore Blue to show your school spirit!

4/03 - 04/07 - No School - Spring Break

Carnival Recap:

Another great example of the community building connections was the Carnival that took place last Friday. A giant thank you to Meghan Gates who coordinated this event, the volunteers who supported the effort and the parents who helped their students develop and host a game. We hope everyone who attended the carnival had a great time! In order to keep this event going, we're

looking for parents to help plan the next Carnival. Reach out to Meghan, meghanmollygates@gmail.com with your interest and she can help pass the baton with all of her info from the current year.



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

03/30 - Chess Enrichment Class Begins - See flyer below

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
04/13 - SLAM Science Fair - 2:30pm - MPR
04/14 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire
04/19 - Dippn' Dots - weather permitting
04/21 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire
04/26 - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal 1:00 - MPR
04/26 - Variety Show - 6:00pm - MPR
04/28 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire
04/29 - Truck Time - San Ramon - 9:00 - 1:00 - See flyer

Classroom Placements:

Parents you are welcome to complete the attached form if you believe your child has specific needs.

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.**

This form is due to the school office no later than March 30, 2023.

2023-2024 Student Class Placement

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**

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Thank you to Sycamore's 22-23
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Sharkwear Sale: 25% off
Sale is extended through 3/31/23
Store Link: <https://1stplace.sale/13542>

Save 25% Sitewide Thru Friday!

The **Sycamore Valley Spring Sale** has been extended to Friday!
Choose from hundreds of designs and garments, all delivered to your home in days. We've added new apparel, including **ultra-soft crew necks** from Bella+Canvas! Check out the new tie-dye options too!

You'll enjoy **savings of 25%** on everything in the store. In addition, shipping is just \$5 and all orders over \$75 will ship free! **Shop Now!**

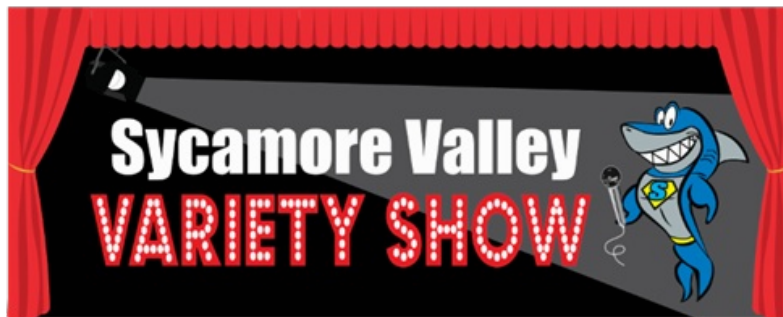
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SYCAMORE VALLEY

SPRING SALE

ORDER AT
1STPLACESALE/13542

SALE ENDS
FRIDAY, MARCH 31st



**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: Wed., 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 (Attached Below)** for all information pertaining to this year's show and how to get your act signed up in time!

Variety Show Handout

If you have any questions, please contact:
Laurie Campbell & Marisa Montierth
Variety Show Directors
dancelm@mac.com
marisamontierth@gmail.com



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

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We are looking for a **SLAM Coordinator** for the
2023/2024 SLAM Program!

SLAM will **only** run next year if we have a coordinator - 2 people can share the role and the positions must be filled by July 1st!

Duties include:

- Presenting at SLAM Info night introducing the programs
- Updating Shark Bites and SLAM website (can do as little or as much as you want)
- Communicating with program volunteers (the volunteers are very self sufficient!) and PTA
- Managing the SLAM budget

Except for the SLAM info night, this is a very behind-the-scenes role.

If you are interested or have more questions, please email
goscymoreslam@gmail.com

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to the 5th grade team who placed 3rd at the Norcal State Championships this weekend and earned themselves a spot at the **Odyssey of the Mind WORLD FINALS!**

Way to go **Julian Awad, Amaya Fernando, Zoya Kaur, Allen Shao, Saina Shetty, Maddie Sjoberg, and Stefan Tekic!!**



Honorable mention goes out to the 3rd/4th team for their outstanding performance at the State Tournament!

Kudos to **Karthik Jayaraman, Saanvi Lakhota, Rohan Dasgupta, Priyansh Kshirsagar, Tvisha Madhav, and Parinaz Mann!!**



RESEARCH

Shout out to **Zoya Kashif, Vanya Dodeja, Renee Kim, Saanvi Lakhota, and Arshan Maharaj** for completing the Women's History Month Research Project. Be sure to check out the library for their tri-folds on display!

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.

We are looking for 2-3 Science Fair judges for the event which should last about an hour. No science background necessary! Ideally your own child is not participating. Please email gosycamoreslam@gmail.com if you, or someone you know, would be willing to check out these amazing projects!!

SUPERSCIENCE

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

Any questions about SLAM?

Please email : gosycamoreslam@gmail.com



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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 Calendar:

4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31

weather permitting

Punch Cards are currently sold out

Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our Dippin' Dot Wednesday Fundraiser. Dippin Dots has raised over \$7,800 since August!!!! 100% of Dippin Dot proceeds benefit your students with:

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- **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.

If you have lost your Punch Card or have any questions, please contact - Dippin' Dot Dana at 925-407-7178 or dana.claffey@gmail.com



Library Corner

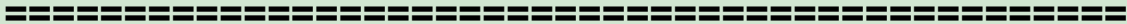
Battle of the books is coming May 10th.
More details to come.

Sharky Shout Out:

A HUGE Thank You to Meghan Gates, Erin Meyer, Allison Stracke, 4th and 5th grade carnival booth hosts as well as the numerous PTA and Shark Fund volunteers that helped kick off spirit week and Carnival. What an exciting week of special events, fun activities, raffles, games, prizes, and treats for our Sharks!



**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 - No Class 5/18/23

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](#)



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.

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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>

Job Openings with Child Nutrition Join the School Meals Team

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