

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal April 13, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. Spring has finally sprung, and we are loving the warm weather! We are excited to offer outside lunch seating to the 3rd and 4th graders starting this week (2nd and 5th will have the opportunity to sit outside during May). When the weather turned cold, we had to move everyone inside and agreed that if it was over 60 degrees and not rainy, etc. students could sit outside. We had no idea we would have to wait until April for warmer weather. At this point, we do not have the sunshades up so students are welcome to sit inside if they would prefer not to be in the sun. Once we feel more certain that the unpredictable weather is behind us, we will work on putting up the shade tents. Hopefully within the next few weeks!

Keep reading for some dates to remember, information about CAASPP testing, job openings, character traits of the month and accompanying read-alouds, Holocaust Day of Remembrance film screening, and open enrollment information for summer school.

Dates to Remember:

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

CAASPP Testing Window: April 17th- May 20th(depending on your grade level)

CAASPP Testing: It's that time of year again! All 3rd - 5th graders will be taking the state test. 3rd and 4th grade will take the ELA and Math and 5th grade will also take the Science exam. Individual grade levels have set their schedule to best accommodate their schedules over the next month. Please be on the lookout for information from your classroom teacher. Please be sure your child is well rested and here on time.

Job Openings: We have a few vacancies that will carry over into the next school year and we would love your help in filling them! The following positions are open:

- TK-2nd Vocal Music Para
- Instrumental Music
- 3 Para positions
- Noon Supervisor positions

These positions are posted on EdJoin. Feel free to reach out for more information and to spread the word among your friends and family!

Character Trait of the Month:

This month we are considering what it means to be **Grateful**. I have three books that explore the concept of gratitude that I will be sharing with students. The first is *Thank You, Omu!* By Oge Mora. This book shares a story about Omu who makes a delicious stew and shares it with the community. The second is *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig. This classic tells the story of a donkey who finds a magic pebble that grants a wish with unintended consequences. The final book is *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt De L Pena. This book tells the story of a little boy who is grumpy about his usual routine until his grandmother helps him to see it with new eyes. Please reach out to me with any questions.

Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan Holocaust Remembrance Day Film Screening (COMMS):

Assembly member Bauer-Kahan and the California Legislative Jewish Caucus will be hosting a film screening on April 19th in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day. Prior to the screening, the Assembly member will be talking about the work that is being done in California to respond to antisemitism and hate as well as her work as a member of the Governor's Council on Holocaust and Genocide Education. The Assembly member would like to invite our young people and our school community to this event in particular in order to foster a conversation for Holocaust Remembrance Day. [See flyer for more information.](#)

Open Enrollment for Summer School (ES):

Reminder: Open enrollment for summer school will be open after March 31st. Here is the enrollment [Google form](#) for any elementary families that would like their student(s) to attend summer school. Deadline to submit the form is Friday, April 14th. Confirmation of summer school enrollment and site location will be communicated to families by Friday, May 5th, as space is limited. Please remind staff and share in your newsletters.

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

04/13 - SLAM Science Fair - 2:30pm - MPR
04/14 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire
04/19 - PTA Meeting - MPR - 8:00am
04/19 - Spirit Day - Dress Up as Your Favorite Character
04/19 - Dippin' Dots - weather permitting
04/21 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or Blue attire
04/24-04/29 - Staff Appreciation Week
04/27 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon - See sign ups below!
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
05/03 - Dippin' Dots - weather permitting
05/17 - Dippin' Dots - weather permitting
05/31 - Dippin' Dots - weather permitting

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 Platinum Corporate Sponsors 





Staff luncheon sign up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EA9AD28A7FB6-staff3>

Sharkwear Sale: Baseball Tees On Sale \$22.00

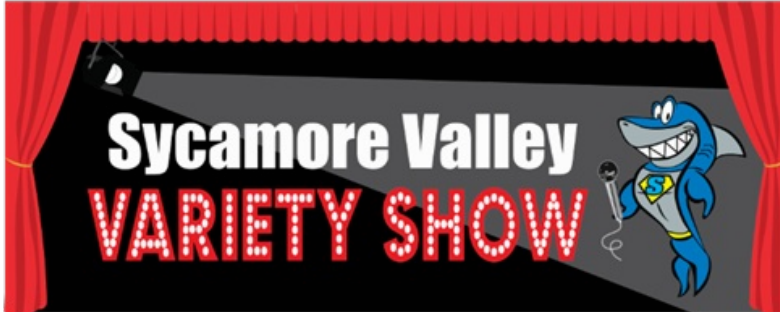
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**OUR VARIETY SHOW IS BACK FOR 2023
AND WE ARE SO EXCITED!!!**

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:

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!
This role needs to be filled by JULY 1!
**All Volunteers will need to meet Level 3
volunteer clearance.**

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

The 5th grade Odyssey of the Mind team is going to the WORLD FINALS!

The team will be representing Sycamore Valley at this huge event which includes teams from all over the US and over 20 countries!

Please reach out to goscymoreslam@gmail.com with any questions on how you can support the team.



SCIENCE FAIR

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

Even if you are not participating, please stop by to see Sycamore Science Minds at work!

SUPERSCIENCE

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

SLAM would like to recognize our amazing parent volunteers who give their time and effort to run the SLAM programs for our students!

Vipula Dhamija: SuperScience, Science Olympiad

Reshma Shetty: Science Fair, SRV Passport

Jyoti Rekhi: Odyssey of the Mind

Deepa Kannan: Odyssey of the Mind

Christiana Leung: Battle of the Books

Nirup Shetty: WordMasters, SRV Passport

Kristina Buskirk: Reflections Art Program, STEAM Art and Play

Rachita Dodeja: Dynamath

John Leung: Math Olympiad

Lisa Bond: Math Madness

Any questions about SLAM?

Please email : goscymoreslam@gmail.com



Dippin' Dots
\$5 each

cotton candy
YoDots
cotton candy
cotton candy

rainbow
YoDots
rainbow
30

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cookies 'n cream

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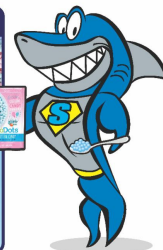
Stay cool, save time, and don't miss out on Sharky's favorite frozen treat with your very own Dippin' Dot Prepaid Punch Card!

DIPPIN' DOT PREPAID PUNCH CARD

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.clafey@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

Spring Book Fair April 24 - 29, 2023

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>

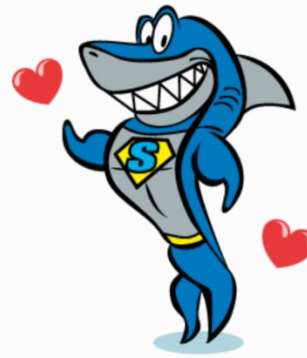
Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to our 2023 Auction Team:

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Without your dedication and hard work,
Sycamore's auction would not be possible!

Meghan Gates
Lisa Guglielmelli
Christine Hoffman
Gaurav Kapoor
Erin Meyer
Erin Querio
Denise Roberts
Celia Schebella
Alison Stracke
Caitlin Vonnegut



Thank you to the Sycamore families who donated Sycamore Socials to our Auction this year:

Betzina Family
Buskirk Family
Comeau Family
Diaz Family
Dorshkind Family
Eves Family
Fama Family
Fama Family

Hermon Family
Hutchins Family
Mitchell Family
Morrison Family
Nastro Family
Olsen Family
Santo Family

Savage Family
Sorley Family
Stock Family
Sullivan Family
Wilson Family
Wochok Family
Young Family



**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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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**

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