

# Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



## Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal April 11, 2024

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Dear Sycamore Families:

I hope you all enjoyed Spring Break and are well rested for the last stretch of the school year.

We started our week back with the rare experience of a solar eclipse. We scheduled a fire drill shortly before optimal viewing time so would be outside for the viewing. The students and staff were so excited to see the eclipse with our special viewing glasses. A big thank you to Mrs. Cory for ordering the glasses (way back in June of last year!), providing information for teachers to share and coming in on her day off to participate in the viewing.

Keep reading for some dates to remember, information about CAASPP testing, and the April Board Resolutions for your reference.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- 04/15-04/19 - Exceptional Abilities Week
- 04/12 - Day of Silence
- 04/16 - SLAM Science Builder's Challenge
- 04/22 - SLAM Science Fair
- 04/22-04/26 - Staff Appreciation Week
- 05/01 - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal 1:00pm in MPR
- 05/02 - Variety Show - 6:00pm in MPR
- 05/16 - Open House

### **CAASPP Test Information:**

Starting later this month, students in grades 3-5 will begin taking the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Fifth graders

will also be participating in the CAST (California Science Test).

Your child's teacher will be communicating specific testing days, times, and information for your child's class.

However, please note the following CAASPP Testing Date windows for each grade level:

Third Grade: Weeks of 4/22 and 4/29

Fourth Grade: Weeks of 4/29 and 5/6

Fifth Grade: Weeks of 4/29, 5/6, and 5/13

For more information about CAASPP, please visit [CAASPP Parent/Guardian Resources](#) or contact Patricia Kawahara at [pkawahara@srvusd.net](mailto:pkawahara@srvusd.net) or Tiffany Goh at [tgoh@srvusd.net](mailto:tgoh@srvusd.net).

### **April SRVUSD Board Resolutions (Again)**

#### **School Library Month** - April

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the month of April as School Library Month. The school library ensures that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information and contributes to the growth and development of all students. Lifelong learning is enhanced and systematically developed through the school library. The librarian's role is to provide the leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the school library is an integral part of each school's instructional program.

#### **National Day of Silence** - April 12

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes April 12, 2024 as National Day of Silence. During this student-led national event, some students may choose to take a vow of silence to bring attention to the name calling, bullying and harassment that many LGBTQ+ youth face. SRVUSD promotes respect, tolerance and acceptance on all our campuses and believes that all students and staff have a right to a safe and healthy school environment. National Day of Silence will not alter instruction on April 12, but students may voluntarily participate and teachers may discuss and are asked to be thoughtful and sensitive as they create lesson plans. Teachers will be teaching on this day. The pride flag will fly at the District office and at all District sites.

#### **Public School Volunteer Appreciation Week** - April 15-19

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the week of April 15-19, 2024 as Public School Volunteer Appreciation Week. The many devoted and dedicated volunteers in our community provide essential support to our students through generous donations of time, talent, and resources. Volunteers enrich learning experiences beyond what is often available for students and selflessly serve on our boards and committees. They play a key role as our partners in education and in fostering a sense of community and pride within our schools and district.

#### **Environmental Week** - April 21-27

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the week of April 21-27, 2024 as Environmental Week. Schools have the potential to effect positive, tangible environmental change while preparing students, in their careers and civic life, to be stewards of their communities, the earth, and its resources. We support students in becoming aware of the impact of their actions on themselves, others, the environment, and vulnerable communities around the world. SRVUSD also acknowledges April 21 as John Muir Day and April 22 as Earth Day.

**Events Calendar, Shark Fund and PTA information below - keep scrolling!!**

Thank you,  
Patricia Kawahara

## IMPORTANT DATES



**Incoming New TK & K Students Enrollment - Now Open**  
**Incoming New 1st - 5th Grade Students Enrollment - Now Open**

**04/12 - Deadline to sign up for the Variety Show**  
**04/15-04/19 - Exceptional Abilities Awareness Week**  
**04/16 - SLAM Science Builder's Challenge**  
**04/22 - SLAM Science Fair.**  
**04/22-04-26 - Staff Appreciation Week - (Sign ups below)**  
**04/24 - Dippin' Dots**  
**05/01 - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal 1:00 PM in MPR**  
**05/02 - Variety Show 6:00 PM in MPR**  
**05/08 - Dippin' Dots**  
**05/16 - Open House**  
**05/22 - Dippin' Dots**  
**05/24 - No School - School Recess**  
**05/27 - No School - Memorial Day Holiday**  
**06/05 - Last Day of School - Minimum Day Schedule**



**Staff Appreciation Week is coming up April 22- April 26!**  
**Please sign up below to help!**  
**Watch for emails from Room Parents**

for additional volunteer opportunities.

## Staff Appreciation Breakfast - Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0944AAAD2BA1FC1-48986912-staff?useFullSite=true#/>

## Sycamore Staff - Door Poster - Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0944AAAD2BA1FC1-48977762-staff?useFullSite=true#/>

## Staff Appreciation Luncheon - Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EA9AD28A7FB6-48402460-staff>

If you have not done so already, you are welcome to order school photos. Here is the link.

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

You will need to know your child's student number. This can be found in your parent portal.



Did you forget to order school portraits?

It's not too late...  
*Order today!*

925-485-6025  
[www.ciphotoca.com](http://www.ciphotoca.com)

Select your favorite background

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## 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**



**Sign Up genius links:**

General Lunch Recess Helpers, General Morning Recess Helpers.

**Lunch Recess General Volunteers:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DAAFAC25-44467019-lunch>

**Sycamore General Recess Volunteers:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DAAFAC25-44466238-sycamore>

Click here for the [Spiritwear Sale](#)

\$10 OFF FULL-ZIP HOODIES!

Spiritwear

Free Shipping \$75+



**DEAL OF THE WEEK**  
ADD TO CART

**FULL ZIPS**

**\$10 OFF**

1ST PLACE Spiritwear

HURRY! OFFER ENDS APRIL 15TH.

**SHOP AT 1STPLACE.SALE/13542**

**SYCAMORE VALLEY**

SHARKS

Original Gear

The advertisement features a blue background with a repeating pattern of the words 'SALE' and 'DEAL'. On the right side, two hoodies are displayed: a blue one with 'SYCAMORE VALLEY SHARKS' and a grey one with 'SHARKS' and 'Original Gear'. A hand icon points to the 'ADD TO CART' button.



**Variety Show:  
OUR VARIETY SHOW IS BACK FOR 2024  
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 2024 VARIETY SHOW DATES:**

**Deadline to submit Variety Show Act Participation Information and Music: **Friday, April 12th****

**Variety Show Dress Rehearsal:** Wednesday, May 1st at 1:00 PM in MPR  
**Variety Show:** Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 PM in MPR Please read the **Variety Show 2024 Handout (Attached Below)**

for all information pertaining to this year's show and how to get your act signed up in time!

**[Variety Show 2024 Handout](#)**

If you have any questions, please contact:

Laurie Campbell, Marisa Montierth & Kali Fama Variety Show Directors

[dancelm@mac.com](mailto:dancelm@mac.com) [marisamontierth@gmail.com](mailto:marisamontierth@gmail.com) [kalifama@hotmail.com](mailto:kalifama@hotmail.com)

**Truck Time 2024 – Tickets on Sale Now!**

Turn imagination into real life! This fun, interactive, outdoor family festival 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, May 4th, 9:00 am to 1:00pm**

Parking lot of 2700 Camino Ramon, San Ramon

Visit [TruckTimeSanRamon.org](http://TruckTimeSanRamon.org) for additional details and to pre-purchase tickets. Tickets are \$7 per person (age 1 and over) if purchased before April 29, or \$10 at the door on the event day.

This event is presented by the Rotary Club of Dougherty Valley/San Ramon. It benefits the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, the San Ramon Historic Foundation, the Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Rotary Club, and its Foundation.



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## San Ramon Childrens' Makers Market

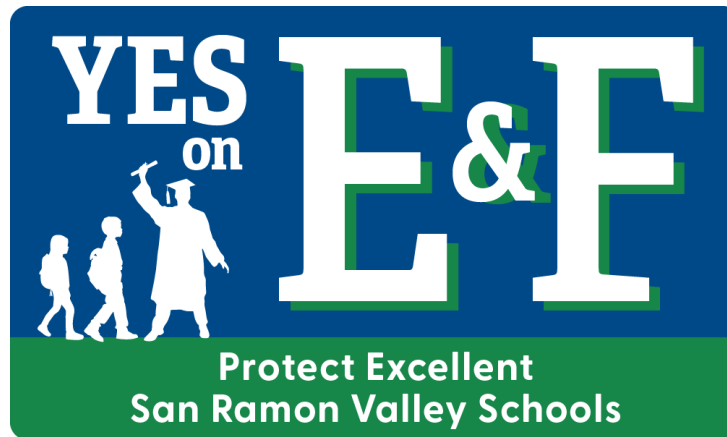
Vidhra, in collaboration with the City of San Ramon, is thrilled to announce the San Ramon Children's Makers Market taking place on May 4th, 2024, 10AM to 2PM at the Dougherty Station Community Arts Center in San Ramon. This unique one-day marketplace empowers children (ages 7 to 17) to explore their entrepreneurial ideas, receiving valuable feedback from genuine customers in a real-world setting. It serves as an excellent platform for young minds to grasp the intricacies of building a business marketplace. For more information, interested children can contact [thevidhra@gmail.com](mailto:thevidhra@gmail.com). Act quickly, as applications will be closing soon.

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## The Measures E & F ballots are arriving in mailboxes the week of April 8th.

If you are a registered voter, please keep an eye out for your ballot. Once it arrives, please open it and complete and return it right away. Measures E and F will provide stable, locally controlled funding that is needed to protect the high-quality education our community expects and our students deserve.

If you have questions about these measures, you're welcome to check out the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the [YesonMeasuresEF.com](http://YesonMeasuresEF.com) website.





# San Ramon Children's Makers Market

One day marketplace for children to create, plan and launch a business

**Dougherty Station Community Arts Center, San Ramon**

**Saturday, May 04, 2024**

**10am - 2pm**

Apply  
today

Calling all youth  
creators, dreamers, artists...

Do you always dream of  
being an entrepreneur?

Are you between  
7 years and 17 years old?  
Then, this is for you!



## Event Sponsors:



For further details,  
contact: [TheVidhra@gmail.com](mailto:TheVidhra@gmail.com)



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**Extracurricular Extension Programs for Grades 1 - 5 in the  
subjects of Science, Language, Arts, Math and Research!**

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## Battle of the Books:

The book list for the 2023/2024 school year is [here](#). A minimum of **9 books** must be read in order to compete in the Battle of the Books tournament being held on **Wednesday, May 8th**, in the library after school.

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## Science Fair:

Mark your calendars for the SLAM Science Fair on **Monday, April 22nd!** Open to all 1st-5th graders, students will answer scientific questions using The Scientific Method and present their experiment and findings in a tri-fold poster board presentation.

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## Science Builder's Challenge:

The Science Builder's Challenge is on **Tuesday, April 16th!** The project goal of this year's challenge is to design, build, and launch a trebuchet/catapult at a target 20 feet away.

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## SRV Passport:

The deadline to submit the completed SRV Passport is **Monday, April 29th**. Please submit completed SRV Passports to the front office SLAM bin with your child's name on it, OR email a scanned copy to [nuq101@gmail.com](mailto:nuq101@gmail.com).

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## Research:

The final research topic for this year is the **SOLAR SYSTEM**. Students can pick any item related to the Solar System (e.g. Stars, Planets, Asteroids, Comets, Galaxies, etc). Presentations should be trifold and/or poster board only. Students may work individually or in pairs. Presentations are due **Friday, April 26th**. Students should submit presentations to the front office to be displayed in the library. Please email [rajiedeol@gmail.com](mailto:rajiedeol@gmail.com) to get SLAM credit.

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## STEAM Art & Play:

The next class is **Tuesday, April 23rd**, at 2:30pm in the MPR. Your child(ren) may only attend if they are signed up via the signup genius. Classes are FULL, so if your child(ren) cannot attend, please delete their signup so that their spot may be offered to someone on the waitlist.

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## SuperSTEM:

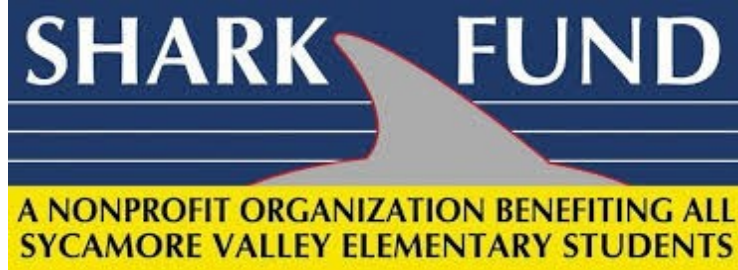
Thank you to those students who turned in work for the February issue. Credit will be given and work returned. The answer key to this issue may be found [here](#). The March/April issue of SuperSTEM is due **Tuesday, April 30th**. Please [download](#), complete, and hand in the skills worksheets at the front office SLAM bin. Please complete the following sections of the current issue in order to receive full credit:

- Recap: Mini STEM Reads
  - Collision Course
  - What's the Main Idea?
  - Expressions: Seaweed Growth
  - How Do Clouds Form?
  - Line Plot: Rainfall Amounts
  - Make a Bar Graph
  - Design a Sidewalk Light
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Any questions about SLAM?

Please email : [gositycamoreslam@gmail.com](mailto:gositycamoreslam@gmail.com)

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## Join Our Shark Fund Graphics Team and Dive into Creativity!



Join Our Shark Fund Graphics Team and Dive into Creativity!



Attention talented graphic designers!



**Are you a wizard with Adobe Illustrator?** We're on the lookout for a creative mind to join our dynamic graphics team for Shark Fund. Your skills will play a crucial role in updating and creating eye-catching flyers and social media graphics for our exciting fundraising events, including Sharky Cinema, Dine-To-Donate, and the Live Auction extravaganzas.

To dive into this fantastic opportunity, please reach out to Christine Hoffman at [christy1a@aol.com](mailto:christy1a@aol.com). Your artistic talents will make a difference, and we truly

appreciate your support in shaping the future of our school community!



#SharkFund #GraphicDesignOpportunity #JoinTheTeam



**Dippin' Dot Calendar:  
4/24, 5/08, 5/22**

**Dippin Dot Pre-pay Punch Cards are Back!**

Punch cards can be purchased for **\$25.00** at all Dippin Dot Wednesday events with cash or check made payable to "Sycamore Shark Fund"

- 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

**Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our  
Wednesday Dippin' Dot Wednesday Fundraiser.**

Dippin dots has sold **over \$8,000!!!!!!**

Kindergarten Sales @ 11:30 am near the Kinder playground  
1st-5th Grade Sales @ 12:50-1:10pm near the back MPR/blacktop entrance  
Lost Punch Cards or any other Dippin' Dot questions please contact  
Dippin' Dot Dana Claffey  
925-407-7178 [Dana.claffey@gmail.com](mailto:Dana.claffey@gmail.com)



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## Library Corner

Our Spring book fair is coming soon! The book fair will be held in the library during the week of April 23rd. Classes will be able to shop during their regular library time, plus there will be a few extra after-school hours as well.

The **BEST** way to ensure independent shopping (and avoid long after school lines!) is to purchase a gift card (book fair credit) for your student(s). No cash is needed!

Purchase here: <https://literati.com/store/gift-cards/>

(P.S. These are great year-end gifts for teachers as well! They don't expire and can be used anytime online!)

You can also start shopping our online companion fair right now:

<https://literati.com/store/gift-cards/>

### Other important dates:

Battle of the Books: May 8 1:00-2:00 in the library

Last week of library checkouts: May 6th

ALL BOOKS DUE: May 17th

The Lost Books fines are due before the last day of school!

Please help your reader find their missing library books, or replace the book/pay the fine and let me know via email at:

[jprindiville@srvusd.net](mailto:jprindiville@srvusd.net).

Take Care,  
Jen Prindiville  
Library Media Coordinator  
Sycamore Valley Elementary

## Sharky Shout Out:

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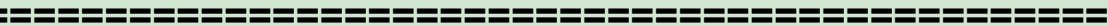


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**Mark your calendar:**

**Date to Be Determined @ 4:00pm**

**The meeting will be virtual.**



More information about Site Council is available at:

<https://syes.srvusd.net/Families/Site-Council/Site-Council/index.html>



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The Lost & Found rack is located at the front of school near the MPR.

**With the change of weather our lost and found is growing!!!**

**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 in their clothing.  
Smaller Lost & Found items are in the Office.  
Water Bottles and Lunch Boxes are on the shelf in the MPR.

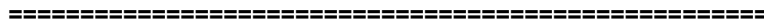


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### **Black Dragon Chess - Spring 2024**

Chess classes will be offered Thursday afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.  
Chess class will be held in our school library.  
Mar. 14th - May 30th  
No class during winter break.  
See attached flyer to sign up.

#### [Chess Enrichment Class](#)



### **Brick Techniques: STEM Basics with Lego - Spring 2024**

**CANCELLED**

**Grades 3 - 5th**  
April 8 - May 20, 2024  
2:30pm - 4:00pm Science Room  
See attached flyer to sign up

#### [Prime Robotics with Lego](#)



### **Brick Techniques: STEM with Lego - Spring 2024**

**Grades K - 2nd**  
Jan. 29 - Mar. 25, 2024  
2:30pm - 4:00pm School Library  
See attached flyer to sign up

#### [STEM with Lego](#)



## **Child Nutrition**

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# 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 Opening at Sycamore

Kitchen Assistant  
Monday - Friday  
10:00am - 1:45pm

# We Are Hiring



Serve students great meals.



**KITCHEN ASSISTANT AT  
SYCAMORE VALLEY  
10AM-1:45PM DAILY**

Competitive wages, paid holidays, school schedule, weekends & evenings off.

**See all jobs here:  
or visit  
SRVUSD.net -  
Child Nutrition**



**Questions?  
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