

# Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



## Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal April 27, 2023

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Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your families are well. We have been enjoying some Sycamore Valley traditions this week. The 2nd graders presented their hero information to proud teachers and parents and, in some cases, upper grade buddy classes. Everyone was duly impressed with their knowledge, costumes and composure. 3rd graders enjoyed trips to the One Room School House and the 5th graders worked hard on the Variety Show finale. Keep reading for some dates to remember, information about May's Character Trait of the Month and the accompanying read-alouds, the Street Smarts Bike Rodeo and Staff Appreciation Week.

### **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)

**Responsibility - May's Character Trait of the Month:** In May we will consider the importance of being Responsible. We will read *David Gets in Trouble* by David Shannon, *The Pigeon Wants a Puppy* by Mo Willems, *What if Everybody Did That* by Ellen Javernick, and *The Paperboy* by Dav Pilkey. These titles showcase a range of different ways to be responsible and take responsibility.

### **Street Smarts Bike Rodeo:**

Yesterday we sent a constant contact message regarding registering for the Street Smarts Bike Rodeo but in case you missed it...

**Street Smarts is excited to host the**

2nd Annual Community Bike Rodeo!  
Saturday, May 6, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

At Iron Horse Middle School Blacktop  
(12601 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon)

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!**

**SIGN UP by Sunday, April 30, 2023!**

VISIT [BIKE RODEO SIGN-UP](#) FOR REGISTRATION AND EVENT INFORMATION!

**Staff Appreciation:**

The staff would like to extend a big thank you for all the fun door decorations, breakfast and lunch goodies, flowers, coffee and support during staff appreciation week!



**5th Graders Sunshine Studies:**

Mrs. Crosthwait's 5th graders enjoyed the beautiful weather this week while studying outdoors.



Thank you, as always, 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**

**04/24-04/28 - Staff Appreciation Week**

**04/24-04/30 - Giveback - Pia's Kitchen - See information below.**

**04/27 - 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**

**05/01-05/12 - Chores for a Cause**

**05/03 - Dippin' Dots - weather permitting**

**05/06 - Street Smarts Bike Rodeo 10:00 - 2:00 in San Ramon**

**05/11 - Site Council Meeting - Virtual link listed below.**

**05/17 - Dippin' Dots - weather permitting**

**05/29 - No School - Memorial Day**

**05/31 - Dippin' Dots - weather permitting**

**06/01 - Last Day of School - Minimum Day Schedule**

## 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  
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Dolores Pita  
San Ramon Valley Street Smarts Coordinator  
City of San Ramon  
7000 Bollinger Canyon Road  
San Ramon, CA 94583



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**Student Leadership:**

May 1st - May 12th - Chores for a Cause

Help Sycamore support Kids Against Hunger, a non-profit humanitarian organization with a mission to help feed children. Encourage your children to do chores around the home. Once chores have been completed, choose a dollar amount to donate (for example \$1 per chore). Bring donations into the office (cash or check made out to Kids Against Hunger). Your student has now completed "Chores for a Cause." There will be a collection box in the office. All money will be donated to Kids Against Hunger at the end of Chores for a Cause.

**FLYER**

# CHORES FOR A CAUSE

DO CHORES & EARN MONEY TO DONATE TO A WORTHY CAUSE!



DATES: MAY 1ST - MAY 12TH



BE AN EVERYDAY HERO TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED OF YOUR SUPPORT.

Sycamore Valley Leadership students are raising money to donate to Kids Against Hunger, a non-profit humanitarian organization with a mission to provide fully nutritious food to impoverished children and families.

Please do chores at home and ask your parent/caregiver to donate money for each chore (The suggested amount is \$1 per chore.).

Bring your donation slip and cash or check (made out to Kids Against Hunger) to the school office and put them in the specially marked box.

At the end of "Chores for a Cause," Sycamore will donate the money to Kids Against Hunger ([kidsagainsthunger.org](http://kidsagainsthunger.org)).



## Variety Show

**Please NOTE:**

**We have 37 performances this year!**

**We kindly request ONLY immediate household family members attend.**

**Please be prepared to stand as seating is limited.**

**2023 VARIETY SHOW DATES :**  
**Variety Show:** Thursday, April 27th at 6:00 PM in MPR



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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.





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

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**SCIENCE FAIR**

Last Friday was the Sycamore Science Fair! We were blown away by all the varied topics and extensive research of the student presentations. The trifold will be in the library for the next few weeks for all students to see.

Thank you to our guest judges Dima Jarjour and Jean Lee!

Congrats to the following students who earned awards at the Science Fair.

**Most Creative: Addie Baldwin**

**Best Presentation: Shanaya Dhamija**

**Most Unexpected Result: Saanvi Lakhota**

And thank you to all the participants for their hard work!

**Maddie Sjoberg, Calvin Sjoberg, Vanya Dodeja, Will Bond, Yashika Singh**



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**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](mailto:goscymoreslam@gmail.com) if you'd like to help support the team.





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## **SUPERSCIENCE**

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

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**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

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Any questions about SLAM?

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

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***Pia's Kitchen***  
Indian Cuisine

### **GIVEBACK:**

April 24 - April 30 Pia's Kitchen will give back to Sycamore. When you order your meal, please let them

know you would like to participate in the Sycamore Giveback.

9000 Crow Canyon Road, Suite J  
Danville, CA 94526

The advertisement is split into two panels. The left panel shows four bags of Dippin' Dots: cotton candy, rainbow, cookies 'n cream, and cookie dough. A cartoon shark character is at the bottom right. Text includes '\$5 each' and 'Shark Fund is proud to offer Dippin' Dots'. The right panel features a 'FREE DIPPIN' DOTS!' banner, a 'DIPPIN' DOT PREPAID PUNCH CARD' image, a list of benefits (Buy 5 get one FREE, Save time in line, Each durable punch card \$25), a 'DIPPIN' DOTS CALENDAR' for August through October with dates 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, and contact information for Dana Claffey.

**Dippin' Dot Calendar:  
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:

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.

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](mailto:dana.claffey@gmail.com)



**Library Corner**

# Spring Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair will be next week, 4/25, 4/27, and 4/28. Students can shop during their class' regular library time, and the book fair will also be open after school, 2:30-4pm on Tuesday 4/25 and Thursday 4/27.

**Please sign-up to volunteer at the book fair:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45ADAB29A3FD0-sycamore3>

**Volunteers will receive a \$10 credit off your purchase.**

The book fair will take place in lieu of the typical library visit, so there will not be check-in/out and reshelving next week. You are welcome to signup for your class' usual time (the book fair slots are 1 hour if you don't mind serving 2 classes), and we especially need volunteers during the after school times.

## **Book fair dates & times:**

Tuesday 4/25: school day and 2:30-4pm

Thursday 4/27: school day and 2:30-4pm

Friday 4/28: school day only

Location: Sycamore Library

**Online shopping counts towards the fair total!**

<https://efairs.literati.com/books/?school=sycamore-valley-elementary-school-danville-ca>

**Gift cards** enable kids to shop independently (like e-wallet).

<https://efairs.literati.com/product-category/gift-cards/>

This book fair helps fund books and supplies for our Library, and it's a great opportunity to get ready for summer reading. Thank you for your support of the Sycamore Library!

Take Care,

Jen Prindiville / Library Media Coordinator

<https://syc-srvusd-ca.schoolloop.com/sylibrary>

## **Sharky Shout Out:**

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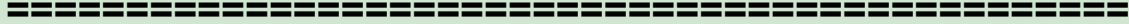
**Thank you Laura Savage, Robin Bonaso, Avanthi Bandaranaike, Jenna Mesic, Lisa Comeau, Kamey Brooks, Lin Swenson, room moms, and parent volunteers that helped make our teachers and staff feel special!**



**The next Site Council meeting will be held on:  
May 11, 2023 @ 4:00pm**

Meeting ID:  
meet.google.com/udk-qyua-duj

Phone Numbers(US)  
+1 916-836-2583  
PIN: 742 939 231#



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](mailto: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](#)**



**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

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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 Openings with Child Nutrition  
Join the School Meals Team**

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