

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal May 02, 2024

Dear Sycamore Families:

I hope you and your family are well. We are looking forward to a very exciting Variety Show this evening!

This week our 3rd graders are fishing up their CAASPP testing, and the 4th and 5th graders are starting theirs. So far, we have not had any major glitches - fingers crossed that that continues.

Keep reading for some dates to remember (including dates for next year!), back path safety expectations, drop off and pick up expectations, information about our instrumental Spring Concert and SRVUSD updates.

Dates to Remember:

05/02 - Variety Show - 6:00pm - MPR

05/16 - Open House - 6:00pm-7:00pm -Overflow Parking available on the blacktop

05/23 - Spring Concert - 6:00pm - MPR

05/24 - No School

05/27 - No School - Memorial Day Holiday

06/05 - Last Day of School - Minimum Day Schedule

08/13 - TK/K Back to School Night - 5:30pm - 6:15pm

08/14 - First Day of School All students arrive at 8:00am - Min. Day Schedule

TK/K = 8:00am - 9:30am

1st - 5th = 8:00am - 12:00pm

08/14 - 1st - 5th Grade Back to School Night

4th - 5th - 5:30pm - 6:15pm in the classroom for the teacher presentation

All Grades - 6:20pm - 6:40pm in the MPR for Principal Kawahara's presentation

1st - 3rd - 6:45pm - 7:30pm in the classroom for the teacher presentation

Back Path:

Please be sure to follow all safety/road rules for bikes and scooters (whether manual or electric) when on the back path. Thank you for helping to keep our

students safe.

Drop Off and Pick Up protocol's reminder

1. Please be sure to have students exit the car when you stop in the drop-off lane - it is not necessary to have them wait until you are at the front of the car line (this backs up traffic all the way down Camino Tassajara).
2. Please do not drive up the middle lanes and then pull to the curb. This is dangerous as cars are trying to pull away from the curb.
3. Please drop students off in the car line. It is not safe for students to be dropped off in the parking lot.

Thank you for your cooperation. Following these expectations helps keep our students safe and our neighbors happy!

Spring Concert :

Please join us for our Spring Concert on Thurs. May 23 at 6:00pm in the MPR. Concert Band and String Orchestra students will be performing some classic selections to show off what they have been learning this year! Hope to see you there!

SRVUSD Updates:

SRVUSD's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Every five years SRVUSD partners with Contra Costa County to submit a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The draft of our current plan is now available and is open to public comment until May 31st.

Please see the [flyer to learn about local hazards](#) and for additional details. Got to

<https://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/> to learn how to prepare! Information is also available on our website at srvusd.net/District/Emergency-Preparedness

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

Thank you,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



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

05/02 - Variety Show 6:00 PM in MPR

05/09 - School Site Council Meeting 4:00 - Virtual - see link below.

05/15 - Dippin' Dots

05/16 - Open House 6:00pm-7:00pm

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05/24 - No School - School Recess

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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](#) Baseball Tees Offer

This week only, all raglan-style baseball tees are \$10 off! This puts them at just \$17.99! We've made a special ad for you. A direct link to baseball tees is: <https://1stplacespiritwear.com/collection/13542/?style=Baseball+Tees>

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DEAL OF THE WEEK

ADD TO CART



BASEBALL SHIRTS

\$10 OFF

1ST PLACE Spiritwear

HURRY! OFFER ENDS MAY 6TH.

SYCAMORE VALLEY



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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](https://www.1stplace.com/trucktime) 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.



San Ramon Children's 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. Act quickly, as applications will be closing soon.

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



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

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.

Science Fair:

Wonderful job to all the participants of this year's SLAM Science Fair! Great presentations on a variety of scientific topics were on display from *Shanaya Dhamija, Vanya Dodeja, Saanvi Lakhotia, Jax Lee, Dylan Leong, Richard Li, Theo Rapp, Levi Schmidt, Ahana Singh, Yashika Singh, and Calvin Sjoberg.*

Congratulations to **Theo Rapp** (Creativity, The Lifecycle of Butterflies), **Richard Li** (Presentation, How Does My Eye Work), and **Ahana Singh** (Most Unexpected Results, Egg in a Bottle!) who won awards in the 1st-3rd grade group, and **Calvin Sjoberg** (Creativity, Perfect Paper Planes), **Shanaya Dhamija** (Presentation, Bridgetastic Design Showdown), and **Levi Schmidt** (Most Unexpected Results, Height of Basketball Bounce at Different Pressures and Conditions) who won awards in the 4th-5th grade group!

Science Builder's Challenge:

The Science Builder's Challenge was this past Tuesday, April 16th. The project goal of this year's challenge was to design, build, and launch a bean bag using a trebuchet/catapult at a target 20 feet away. The kids had a great time testing their trebuchets! Congratulations to **Matthew Deneys** who won 1st place and **Emerson Schebella** who won 2nd place! A huge shout out to all the kids who spent time building and launching their trebuchets: *Abhinav Mummaneni, Xander Chu, Arshan Maharaj, Emerson Schebella, Matthew Deneys, Nachiketh Iyengar, Saanvi Lakhotia.*

Math Olympiad:

Great job to our Math Olympiad team! Our team scored in the top 25% of all elementary schools around the world that participated in Math Olympiad. We had 2 kids that scored in the top 2%!! Great job **Kyle Zamanakos** and **Levi Schmidt!**

WordMasters:

Our Wordmasters 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders recently completed the 3rd and final challenge at the end of April. Congratulations to 3rd graders **Daniel Kim, Griffin Rapp, and Aria Alok**, and 4th/5th Graders **Karthik Jayaraman, Zoya Kashif, and Lauren Eves** for the highest scores this round. Great job to everyone who participated!

SuperSTEM:

Thank you to those students who turned in work for the March/April

issue. Credit will be given and work returned. The answer key to this issue may be found [here](#).

STEAM Art & Play:

The last class of the year is **Tuesday, May 14th**, 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.

We are recruiting for SLAM for the 2024-2025 school year! Please read up on volunteer opportunities and fill out an interest form [here](#).

Any questions about SLAM?
Please email : goscymoreslam@gmail.com



Congrats to the new Shark Fund Board Members for the 2024-2025 School Year!

President: Adele Young
Vice President: Rebecca Betzina
Treasurer: Tabatha Morrison
Financial Secretary: Jenny O'Leary
Secretary: Doug Merian

Join Our Shark Fund Graphics Team and Dive into Creativity!



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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. 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: 05/15, 5/29

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

dippin' dots

\$5 each

cotton candy
YoDots
cotton candy flavored frozen yogurt

rainbow
YoDots
rainbow frozen yogurt

cookies 'n cream
YoDots
vanilla frozen yogurt with cookies 'n cream

cookie dough
YoDots
chocolate frozen yogurt with cookie dough

Shark Fund is proud to offer Dippin' Dots

Double the impact of your school donations with Corporate Match!
Follow these simple steps: <https://srvef.org/matching-gifts/>

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT TODD STRACKE AT
TODD.STRACKE@CLOROX.COM OR (510) 219-8589

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Library Corner

Thank you for visiting our book fair last week and
supporting our library fundraiser!

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Other important dates:

Last week of library checkouts: **May 6th**

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

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.

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville
Library Media Coordinator

Sharky Shout Out:

Shout out to our Variety Show Committee: Rob and Marisa Montierth,
Laurie Campbell, Christy Lucia,
and all 5th grade finale parents!
And all the performers!!



Mark your calendar:

May 9th @ 4:00pm

The meeting will be virtual.

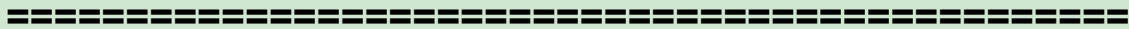
Meeting ID

meet.google.com/ynu-hurs-opr

Phone Numbers

(US) [+1 321-351-6698](tel:+13213516698)

PIN: 672 110 934#



More information about Site Council is available at:

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



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.



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**](#)

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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**](#)

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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**](#)

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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>

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