

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal May 04, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. We continue to work our way through State Testing and grade level content while at the same time, beginning to prepare for some end of the year events and activities.

On that note, May 18th is Open House from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Open House is a lovely opportunity for students as they proudly showcase their work.

Please join us!

Keep reading for some dates to remember and a reminder about Parking Lot Safety.

Dates to Remember:

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

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

Open House - May 18th

Parking Lot Safety:

There has been an increase in parking lot drop offs in the mornings. This is extremely unsafe to stop in the middle of the parking lot to drop off your child when other cars are attempting to park. Cars should **NOT** stop at the crosswalk to let kids get out of their car. **Options:**

- 1) Carpool Lane: cars pull up along the curb so the children can exit the car safely on the sidewalk.
- 2) Pull into the parking lot and park in a designated parking spot and walk your child from the parking lot over to the entrance of school.

Thank you for your cooperation as we keep our Sharks safe!

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

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

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

05/10 - Dippin' Dots - weather permitting

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

05/17 - Dippin' Dots - weather permitting

05/18 - Open House - 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Campus Wide

05/29 - No School - Memorial Day

05/30 - "Senior Clap It Out" parade at Sycamore

05/31 - Dippin' Dots - weather permitting

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

06/07 - Lost and Found will be donated to a local charity

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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**Street
Smarts**

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!

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

SIGN UP by Sunday, April 30, 2023!

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



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.

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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).



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...

**Lost and Found will be donated to
local charity on June 7th.**

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.



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

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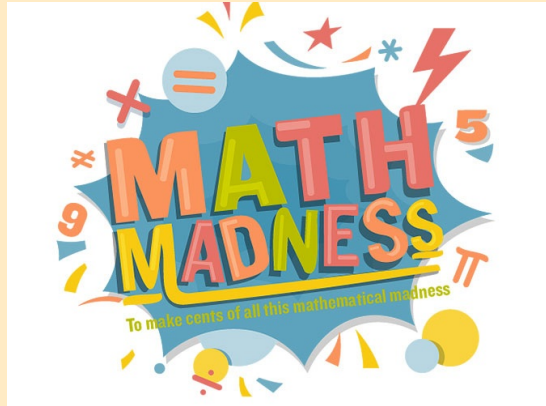


WORDMASTERS

The final WordMasters Challenge took place last week! The top 3 students for
this challenge were **Lucas Acon, Karthik Jayaraman, and Saina Shetty.**

Shout out to all our WordMasters participants this year!

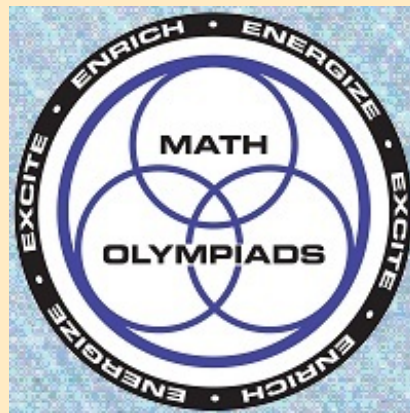
Arya Kanal, Karthik Jayaraman, Lucas Acon, Renee Kim, Saanvi Lakhotia, Saina Shetty, Yashika Singh, Zoya Kaur



MATH MADNESS

Great job to our Math Madness participants this year!

Addison Comeau, Adhira Ganesh, Deklan Barr, Honour Brooks, Karthik Jayaraman, Lucas Acon, Renee Kim, Saanvi Lakhotia, Will Bond, Yashika Singh, Zoya Kashif



MATH OLYMPIAD

Kudos to our Sycamore mathematicians!

Abby Ruszkowski, Addie Baldwin, Alexis Leung, Allen Shao, Amaya Chaudhri, Amaya Fernando, Arav Mudivarthy, Kathryn Wright, Kyle Zamanakos, Levi Schmidt, Logan Ziegenfus, Lucas Acon, Praanvi Chintala, Renee Kim, Shanaya Dhamija, Shayna Pegadaraju, Sophie Ao, Stefan Tekic, Yashika Singh

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

SHARK FUND

A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BENEFITING ALL SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



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!

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: 5/10, 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



Thank you SO much for your support of the library by shopping at our Spring book fair! We will have another fair next fall, so if you have a gift card balance left from Literati it can be used at that time, or for shopping on their website at anytime.

Next week will be the last library visits for the year. ALL books will need to be returned by May 19. ALL fines for missing or damaged books will also need to be received by then as well.

Please note - missing book fines do not disappear at the end of the year. They will stay on your student's account until they graduate from high school so PLEASE clear your fines or replace your missing books.

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville / Library Media Coordinator
<https://syc-srvusd-ca.schoolloop.com/sylibrary>

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to all Laurie Campbell, Marisa Montierth, Joelle Baldwin, Erin Olsen, Kali Fama, Rica Santo, Christine Hoffman, Christy Lucia, Dana Claffey, and all the talented kids and 5th graders for displaying their talents in our annual Variety Show!



**The next Site Council meeting will be held on:
May 11, 2023 @ 4:00pm
All parents/guardians are welcome!**

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

**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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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

Sycamore Valley Elementary | 2200 Holbrook Road, Danville, CA 94506

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