

# Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



## Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal May 09, 2024

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Dear Sycamore Families:

By now, I am sure you have seen the communications from the Danville Police Department, SRVUSD school district and myself but I am linking my communication sent at 3:31pm [here](#) for your reference. Please let us know if you have any questions and please note, we will have extra support on campus if your child needs it. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. I have been on both sides of this situation and I know how stressful this is for families. Thank you for your support and patience today.

Now, back to our normal newsletter - please keep reading for some dates to note, information about our May Read Alouds, Open House, and the Instrumental Concert.

### **Dates to Remember:**

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

TK/Kinder = 8:00 - 10:30

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

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

**May Read Alouds:**

The character trait of the month is Responsibility. We will be reading *No David!* By David Shannon and *The Great Paper Caper* by Oliver Jeffers as we explore this trait. Attached is the schedule. [May Read Aloud Schedule](#)

**Open House:**

We are pleased to host Open House on May 16th at 6:00pm. This is such a wonderful community event. Our Sharks love sharing their hard work with you and it is amazing to see how much they have grown! Please join us!

**Instrumental Music:**

We are delighted to host a Spring Concert. I always love this event but I have to say that after the variety show I am even more excited to hear our musicians! Mr. Jennings and the students have worked hard and grown so much this year - it is truly impressive. Please join us!

**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**

**05/15 - Dippin' Dots**

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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**



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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>

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**Click here for the [Spiritwear Sale](#)  
HATS Offer**

This week only, \$10 off all hats!

**Spiritwear**

**Free Shipping \$75+**

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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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### **Research:**

A big round of applause for all of the students that participated in this year's Research projects! It was wonderful to see all of the great work that these students put into their presentations!

### **September/October 2023 - Festival Around the World**

Honour Brooks: Mexico, Audio Recording

Vanya Dodeja: Switzerland, Powerpoint Presentation

Devin Johal: India, TriFold

Zain Kashif: India, TriFold

Zoya Kashif: India, TriFold

Aaria Malhotra: India, TriFold

Kriti Prodhoturi: India, Powerpoint Presentation

### **November/December 2023 - Animals**

Honour Brooks: Bears, Audio Recording

Vanya Dodeja: Panda, Powerpoint Presentation

Devin Johal: Giraffe, Tri-Fold

Zain Kashif: Koala Bear, Tri-Fold

Zoya Kashif: Koala Bear, Tri-Fold

Saanvi Lakhotia: Giraffe, Tri-Fold

Kriti Prodhoturi: Cats, Tri-Fold

Naveen Takyar: Cheetah, Tri-Fold

### **January/February 2024 - African Americans in Science**

Honour Brooks: Otis Boykin, Tri-Fold

Satvik Caplash: Various Scientists, Tri-Fold

Vanya Dodeja: Katherine Johnson, Tri-Fold

Devin Johal: Mae Jemison, Tri-Fold

Zain Kashif: George Washington Carver, Tri-Fold

Zoya Kashif: George Washington Carver, Tri-Fold

Saanvi Lakhotia: Benjamin Banneker, Tri-Fold

Kriti Prodhoturi: Various Scientists, Tri-Fold

Yashika Singh: Katherine Johnson, Tri-Fold

Ahana Singh: Katherine Johnson, Tri-Fold

Naveen Takyar: Katherine Johnson, Tri-Fold

### **March/April 2024 - Solar System**

Honour Brooks: Solar System, Tri-Fold

Satvik Caplash: Solar System, Tri-Fold

Vanya Dodeja: The Sun, Tri-Fold

Devin Johal: The Sun, Tri-Fold

Kriti Prodhuturi: Planets, Tri-Fold

Yashika Singh: Solar System, Tri-Fold

Naveen Takyar: Milky Way Galaxy, Tri-Fold

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## 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.

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

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Any questions about SLAM?  
Please email : [gositycamoreslam@gmail.com](mailto:gositycamoreslam@gmail.com)



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## 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

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**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](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: 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](mailto:Dana.claffey@gmail.com)



**dippin' dots**

**\$5 each**

**cotton candy**

**rainbow**

**cookies 'n cream**

**cookie dough**

**YoDots**

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**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/>




DOUBLE YOUR SHARK FUND DONATION WITH  
**CORPORATE MATCH**

LAST YEAR SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY RECEIVED OVER  
**OVER \$35,000**  
 FROM CORPORATE MATCHES!





- 1 YOU DONATE
- 2 THEY MATCH IT
- 3 DOUBLE THE IMPACT

SEE IF YOUR EMPLOYER WILL MATCH YOUR DONATION  
[HTTPS://WWW.SRVEF.ORG/DONATE/MATCHINGGIFTS.ASPX](https://www.srvef.org/donate/matchinggifts.asp)

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

Sycamore Valley Shark Fund is an affiliate of the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation  
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THANK YOU TO SYCAMORE'S 23-24  
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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**

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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Thank you to our Para's and support staff  
for their help today during dismissal.

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Mark your calendar:

**Will Be Rescheduled !**

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**

Mar. 14th - May 30th in the School Library  
Thursday afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.



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

**Grades K - 2nd**

April 8 - May 20, 2024

2:30pm - 4:00pm in the School Library



**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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