

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal May 11, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well.

This week we have continued with testing. We are excited to report that 3rd grade is completely done with their CAASPP tests!! 4th and 5th grade students are finishing up this week with make-ups to be completed next week. Additionally, all grade levels are completing district benchmark assessments. Students and teachers are also busy prepping for Open House. We hope you are able to join us! It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all the growth that has taken place over the past ten months. Keep reading for some dates to remember, a friendly reminder to be a good neighbor, some information about how best to handle frustrating situations with our students and families, and the implementation of AB 988.

Dates to Remember:

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

Spirit Day: Crazy Socks Day - May 17th.

Open House: May 18th 6:00pm - 7:00pm. We will have the blacktop open for overflow parking.

Be a good neighbor. We are getting reports of Sycamore families turning left into the neighborhood across from Holbrook in an effort to avoid the turn lanes. This is disruptive to the families that live there as they, too, are trying to leave for the day. Please be considerate and wait in the turn lane. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Model Behavior We Expect to See From our Children

Interacting with school age children and navigating the parking lot can be stressful at times. It is important to remember that we are models for our

students. Should you notice our Sycamore Sharks or families behaving in a way that needs to be addressed, please be sure to bring these issues to my attention so that I may address them. Managing these situations, especially when you are frustrated, can inadvertently undermine the safe and inclusive community we are building. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Implementing AB 988: The Innovative San Ramon Pilot (COMMS)

The May 11th 988 Panel - Families here is the [information](#) for the May 11th 988 Panel. As the implementation of the 988 system takes form, advocates and mental health supporters must stay alert to what counties, cities, and towns are doing to put a non-police crisis response system in place.

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

05/11 - Site Council Meeting - Virtual link listed below. 4:00pm

05/11 - The Innovative San Ramon Pilot - 6:00pm

05/17 - Spirit Day - Crazy Sock Day

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 - 5th Grade - Field Day

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!

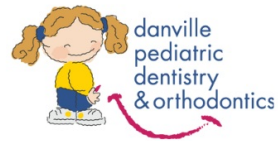
Thank you.

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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Thank you to Sycamore's 22-23
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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).



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.



WARNING!!!!!!!

**Hacker emails are going out from an account claiming to
be Erin Meyer (PTA president)
wanting to "talk" and "looking for gift cards
for committees and teachers"
Please delete and do not respond to the email.**



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



MATH OLYMPIAD

Sycamore is proud of our top scorers for this year!!

First Place:

Kyle Zamanakos - top 2% nationwide!

Second Place:

Lucas Acon - top 10% nationwide!

Third Place:

Allen Shao and Stefan Tekic - top 20% nationwide!

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DynaMath

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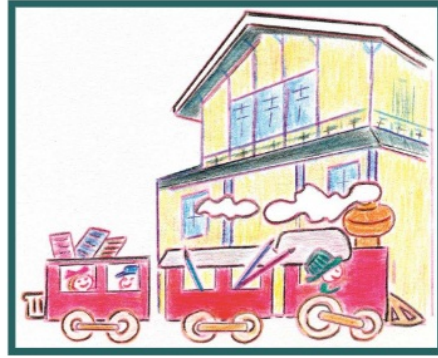
SuperScience

DYNAMATH/ SUPERSCIENCE

Shout out to the participants who completed Dynamath and/or SuperScience magazines throughout the year!

**Adam Cabreros, Addison Comeau, Deklan Barr, Emmett Montierth,
Eva Kapoor, Honour Brooks, Karthik Jayaraman, Koralai Moore,
Levi Schmidt, Lucas Acon, Natalie McLean, Nicholas Mochizuki,
Renee Kim, Rohan Dasgupta, Saanvi Lakhotia, Siyaa Puri,
Sophie Ao, Vanya Dodeja, Yashika Singh, Zoya Kashif,
Aarohan Mishra, Emerson Schebella, Lucas Mesic, Shanaya Dhamija**

Passport to the San Ramon Valley



SRV Passport

Congrats to **Yenuka Fernando**, **Karthik Jayaraman**, and **Honour Brooks** for completing the SRV Passport.

Any questions about SLAM?

Please email : goscamoseslam@gmail.com



Dippin' Dots \$5 each

- cotton candy
- rainbow
- cookies 'n cream
- cookie dough

Shark Fund is proud to offer Dippin' Dots

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!

- 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:

5/17, 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 \$8,300 since August!!!! 100% of Dippin Dot proceeds benefit your students with:

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- **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



Library Corner

It's hard to believe, but this is our last week of library visits!

We currently have 108 students, missing 161 books worth a HUGE grand total of \$1829.00! There is NO library budget to replace these books (many of them were brand new!) so it is VERY important that you help your student look for their books if they receive a missing book notice.

If the book is gone forever, **it will need to be paid for or replaced before the school year ends.**

*Please note - these fines stay on their account in the district until they graduate from high school. They will also be on their student account at the beginning of the next school year which will prevent them from being able to check out books. Thank you for your help in dealing with missing school materials!

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

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to the 5th grade student yearbook team, parent coordinators Jung Kim, Mai Vu and Mrs. Miller for all the hard work on our yearbooks.



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.



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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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

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