

# Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



## Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal May 16, 2024

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Dear Sycamore Families:

I hope you and your family are well. Tonight is our annual Open House (6:00pm-7:00pm). This is such a lovely evening. The teachers and students have been working hard all year and are excited to show you how much they have grown! We hope you are able to join us!

Keep reading for some dates to remember (including some to note for the 24-25 school year), information about lost and found items and some district updates.

### **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

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

### **Lost and Found Items:**

We will have the lost and found items out at Open House. If an item has gone

missing, please be sure to check the tables in the courtyard and on the coat rack.

### **SRVUSD Updates**

#### **Hiring event:**

To serve more and improve meals to students & staff – we need to hire more people. - [Flyer](#)

SRVUSD is hosting an all day hiring event for kitchen positions! Check out the great job opportunities we have, many with partial or full benefits, to serve students delicious meals. Paid training and lots of schedule options. With more staff, we can accomplish our goals to serve more cooked-from-scratch meals and reduced lunch wait times. View our current job openings.

What: SRVUSD Kitchen Positions Hiring Event

When: Tuesday, June 11th, 2024, come anytime from 9am - 3pm.

Where: Service Center, 3280 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon

Questions: Email [SRVUSDEats@srvusd.net](mailto:SRVUSDEats@srvusd.net) or call 925-824-1836

#### **SRVUSD June Board Resolutions:**

##### **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month**

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month. SRVUSD models, advocates and actively supports the inclusive and respectful treatment of all students, employees, family members, and community members. Lack of awareness and understanding of issues facing LGBTQ+ youth has contributed to high rates of school dropout, academic failure, school disengagement, and self-harm. June is a time to celebrate our dynamic LGBTQ+ community, raise awareness of services, and foster dialogue to promote healthy, safe, and fulfilling school climates for all. Flying the progress pride flag at the District office and all District sites during the month of June symbolizes the celebration of diversity and support for the LGBTQ+ community.

**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**

**05/13-05/23 - Chores for a Cause**

**05/16 - Open House 6:00pm-7:00pm - overflow parking on the blacktop**

**05/23 - Spring Concert**

**05/24 - No School - School Recess**

**05/27 - No School - Memorial Day Holiday**

**05/30 - Site Council Meeting - Virtual - 4:00pm**

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# CHORES FOR A CAUSE

**May 13th-23rd**

**Here's the scoop:** By doing simple chores like pulling weeds, drying dishes, or folding laundry, you can help support a cause. You can support the East Bay SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

**Step one:** Give your home team this flyer.

**Step two:** Your home team will decide how much they want to donate per chore (The suggested amount is a dollar per chore).

**Step three:** Bring your donation slip (other side) and cash or check (made out to East Bay SPCA) to the school office and put it in a specially made box. Have fun!



From,  
Sycamore Student Leadership

## 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](#)

Summer Sale = 25% off sitewide

May 21st - June 4th

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or SCAN HERE TO ORDER



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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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**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 : [goscamoslam@gmail.com](mailto:goscamoslam@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: Watch for dates to be announced for the new school year.

### 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/>




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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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## Library Corner

Library books are now past due.

Please return all library books !

We have approx., \$1,800 worth of books outstanding.

If you have any questions about outstanding or missing library books, please contact Mrs. Prindiville at:

[jprindiville@srvusd.net](mailto:jprindiville@srvusd.net)

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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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We would like to do a Sharky Shout Out to all the volunteers that helped set up for open house art gallery!  
The art gallery is beautiful!

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**Mark your calendar:**

**May 30, 2024  
4:00pm**

**The meeting will be virtual.**

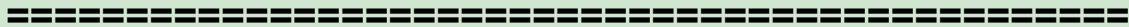
Meeting ID

[meet.google.com/yps-rbjm-qfh](https://meet.google.com/yps-rbjm-qfh)

Phone Numbers

(US) [+1 414-909-4582](tel:+14149094582)

PIN: 625 036 573#



More information about Site Council is available at:

<https://syes.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.



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### **Black Dragon Chess - Spring 2024**

Mar. 14th - May 30th in the School Library

Thursday afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.

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

Grades K - 2nd

April 8 - May 20, 2024

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

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## **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](#)

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