

# Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



## Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal May 18, 2023

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Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. We hope you were able to join us for Open House this evening. It was lovely to see so many families.

We are in the final countdown and have a lot of exciting things happening around campus. Please be sure to read class specific information for details about upcoming events.

Keep reading for some dates to remember (including some for the 2023-2024 school year - it will be here before we know it!), our Bright Lights nominee, a LGBTQ+ Pride Month board resolution, drop off protocols and the recent visit by Buttermilk and Marshmallow.

### **Dates to Remember:**

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

**5/23/23** = TK Parent/Guardian Information Meeting @ 5:30pm

**5/29/23** = No SCHOOL - Memorial Day

**5/30/23** = Clap it Out - Graduating Seniors return to Sycamore

**6/01/23** = Last Day of School - Min. Day Schedule

**6/01/23** = Progress Flag flown in accordance with Board Policy - Pride Month

**8/09/23** = Back to School Night for TK & K @ 5:30pm

**8/10/23** = First Day of School - Min. Day Schedule

**8/10/23** = Back to School Night for 1st - 5th Grades @ 5:30pm

### **Marie Hernbroth is a Bright Light!**

Anyone who knows Marie Hernbroth knows that she is one of Sycamore Valley's very brightest lights - but now it is official!! Marie was nominated and named one of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District's Bright Lights.

The honor goes to SRVUSD employees that serve our special student population and go above and beyond. Marie has consistently shown a deep

commitment to the students she serves and has made a significant impact on their lives, their families and our school community! Congratulations Marie!!



**LGBTQ+ Pride Month Board Resolution:**

June is **LGBTQ+ Pride Month**, which is celebrated across SRVUSD. This resolution was passed and adopted on August 16, 2022 by the Board of Education. It is one of the many **resolutions adopted by the Board**.

SRVUSD celebrates LGBTQ+ Pride Month because:

- The District is committed to creating a safe and welcoming learning environment for every student and staff member. To accomplish this goal, we are engaged in efforts to create practices and initiatives to support students and staff who identify as LGBTQ+.
- June is an opportunity to celebrate our LGBTQ+ community, raise awareness of services, and foster dialogue to further our equity goals, to ensure that all students feel safe, welcome and included at school.
- Progress pride flags will be flown at the District Office and at all school sites for the entire month of June, to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and as a representation of our commitment to support our LGBTQ+ students and staff.

**Drop-Off Pilot Program:**

This week we began piloting a new drop off procedure. We are having some success and will keep this in effect for the remainder of the school year. Once you drive up the hill on Holbrook Drive, pull to the right curb. The line of cars will pull all the way forward to Cone #1 by the fire lane. Once you are stopped at the curb (with a car in front of you) please have your child exit the car on the right side. Students should be ready to get out of the car. Students are allowed to unload from their car between the Cone #1 and the corner near Kids Country entrance. – See map provided: Red line indicates drop off area. There will be adults on the sidewalk to direct drivers to advance forward in line.





**Dairy Assembly this week:**

Buttercup the dairy cow and Marshmallow the calf visited our campus for the TK - 4th grade assembly on Tuesday. This is such an important assembly to share with our students regarding where dairy products come from. So many of our students believe that food comes from the grocery store. Many students are not aware that California produces food not only for California, but also for most of the United States.



Farm Fresh to You



Buttercup



Marshmallow

Thank you for the gift of your child,  
Patricia Kawahara

**GO SHARKS!**

**IMPORTANT DATES**



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**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**

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

**05/23 - Incoming TK Parent/Guardian information meeting 5:30pm**

**05/24 - 8:10am PTA Volunteer Appreciation Social -Snack Shack by the turf**

**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**

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## Attendance Line



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**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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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.



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**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)**

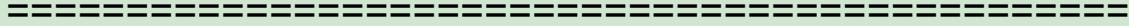
The Sycamore School Site Council (SY SSC) is governed by state guidelines and makes sure the school LCAP goals, School Safety Plan and School Plan for Achievement are completed, reviewed and updated annually.

**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](mailto:Bjones1@srvusd.net)

**As a reminder, parent representatives must be elected  
by the parent community.**

**Bios will be posted in Shark Bites Newsletter  
and an election will be held in August.**



**The next Site Council meeting will be held in:  
In September  
All parents/guardians are welcome!**



More information about Site Council is available at:

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



# SYCAMORE VALLEY SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

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

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**The Battle of the Books took place on Weds, May 10.  
Great job to all these bookworms for reading at least 8 out of 12 books  
and battling it out!**



Aarohan Mishra, Addie Baldwin, Addison Comeau, Alexis Leung, Amaya Fernando, Ariya Torres, Ellie Slivka, Honour Brooks, Irene Kim, Karthik Jayaraman, Koralai Moore, Levi Schmidt, Lorelai Pan, Lucas Acon, Maddie Sjoberg, Rohan Dasgupta, Saanvi Lakhotia, Shanaya Dhamija, Yashika Singh, Yenuka Fernando, Zoya Kaur

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



**Dippin' Dot Calendar:  
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 \$8,500 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](mailto: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 Christy Lucia, Dana Claffey, room parents and  
parent volunteers that hung all the artwork for our  
Open House Student Art Gallery.



**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

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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>

### Job Openings with Child Nutrition Join the School Meals Team

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