

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal May 25, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. We have been busy with end of year celebrations and events while at the same time leaning into routines. Routines are important as transitions, even welcome ones, can be stressful for children. Keep reading for a follow up to Last Friday's Letter, Dates to Remember, and information about the 5th grade dedication project.

Follow Up from last Friday's Letter: As I shared last week, Sycamore Valley has been experiencing issues with divisive and unacceptable language that are making some of our students not feel safe, welcome and included at school. I want to assure you all that I and our district leadership members are taking this matter very seriously. I want to update you on some of the steps that have been taken so far to begin to address this matter. In conjunction with progressive discipline, we are implementing a restorative justice protocol in response to any incident of divisive language. This is aligned with our Response to Discrimination and Hate Handbook Any student who engages in divisive language will participate in a series of restorative practices centered on deepening their understanding of the impact of their words, whether there was an intent to harm someone or not. This work is guided with the support of our SRVUSD's Liaisons. We are collaborating with the NAACP, who are SRVUSD's long standing partners, as we develop a plan to address the underlying issues as to why students are using these divisive and harmful words. There is much work to be done and as we continue this work, we will keep you updated. I deeply appreciate the partnership with our families, the NAACP, and the SRVUSD district leaders who are supporting this work, as we grow to be a truly inclusive community that is safe for all students. As the school year comes to an end, please join me in continued conversations with

your students, as we all partner together to make sure that Sycamore is a welcoming environment for every single student.

Dates to Remember:

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

3rd grade Plays: check with your teacher for date and time.

Park Days: End of year celebration -check with your teacher for date and time.

5/29/23 = No SCHOOL - Memorial Day

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

5/30/23 = Yearbooks will be handed out to students

5/31/23 = 5th Grade Field Day

6/01/23 = Spirit Day - Summer Vacation/Beach Attire (school appropriate)

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

TK/K = 8:00am - 10:30am

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

5th Grade Dedication Project:

Our 5th grade class installed their Locks for Love class project on the fence near the back path. Check it out next time you are near our playground and back path. Thank you to Danielle McKay and Amelyn Ho for heading up this project.



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

05/29 - No School - Memorial Day

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

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05/31 - 5th Grade - Field Day

05/31 - Dippin' Dots - Until SOLD OUT!

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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.**

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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.



**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.**

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

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**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>



Student Leadership:

Sycamore student leadership would like to thank those who participated in Chores for a Cause. Participating students completed chores such as laundry, taking out the trash, mopping, pulling weeds, washing grandma's car and more!

We appreciate your hard work!

Sycamore collected \$221 in donations and will be sending this to Kids Against Hunger.

Thank you for being an everyday hero and helping to provide food for hungry children.



Year-End Spirit Wear Sale

Save 25% on all Sycamore Valley spirit wear during the Year-End Sale! Choose from hundreds of designs and garments, all delivered to your home in days.

New spirit items for the summer include [beach towels](#) and [water bottles](#)! Plus, spirit wear makes for great Father's Day gifts! Order by May 31st to ensure delivery by Father's Day. [Shop Now!](#)

SYCAMORE VALLEY SPIRIT WEAR SHOP

25% OFF
SITEWIDE
FREE SHIPPING \$60+

YEAR-END SALE!



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TOWELS AND WATER BOTTLES!

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Spiritwear



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

Last Friday we celebrated our top SLAM students who earned 5 or more points this year! Their achievements were acknowledged with ribbons, medals and trophies. We hope they will continue to pursue opportunities in all things SLAM

at Sycamore and beyond!

This year SLAM had over 70 individual students participate in 12 different programs. [Click here](#) to view a slideshow of SLAM in 2022/2023 and what an amazing year we had!!

SLAM will be back in 2023/2024 and we hope that students and parents alike will join us!! SLAM is run entirely by parent volunteers and it's only with your time and effort that we can offer these experiences.

There is a role for everyone - please reach out to gosycamoreslam@gmail.com if you can help. We'd love to have volunteers in place early so we can hit the ground running when school starts!

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

This is it! The 5th grade Odyssey of the Mind team is headed to the World Finals in Michigan happening May 24 - 27!
We wish them the best of luck as they represent Sycamore on the world stage!

GOOD LUCK Stefan, Allan, Julian, Amaya, Saina, Maddie and Zoya!!



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



Dippin' Dots

\$5 each

cotton candy

rainbow

cookies 'n cream

cookie dough

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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!

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PUNCH CARD

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- 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: 5/31

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



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 all of our dedicated volunteers. We appreciate your help and commitment to our students and school community.



New Classes will be offered in the fall

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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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