

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal August 24, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you are well. We are back in full swing, with the first week with our standard schedule. This week we rolled out new playground equipment which the children are enjoying! Thank you to Coach Cabrita for taking care of this. This year we are continuing with the implementation of reading programs based on the science of reading. We began with the roll out of the CKLA Reading program last year (grade k-2), and our adding Morpheme for Littles (grade 3) and Morpheme Magic (grades 4-5). These are word work programs and will round out our English Language Arts program.

The Sycamore Valley School registration window remains open until September 1st. Please see additional information below and please reach out with any questions. Additionally, please keep reading for some dates to remember, the School Site Council ballot results, and some information from the district regarding the Facilities Improvement Survey.

Dates to Remember:

08/30 - School Photos

09/04 - Labor Day - No School

09/25 - No School

09/26 - No School

School Site Council 23-24:

I want to extend a big thank you to everyone who ran to be a Parent Representative for the School Site Council. The following people were voted in for the 23/24 and 24/25 school year:

Sarah Cain

Ken Claffey

Laura Cox (Alternate)
Steven Garrett
Asia Plahar (Alternate)
David Suarez

Brittney Page is a returning Parent Representative and will complete her final year of her two year term.

Facilities Planning message from SRVUSD Communications Team:

You likely already saw this but just in case you missed it, here is the message from the Communications Team regarding the Facilities Planning survey:

“Dear SRVUSD Staff and Community,

In Fall 2022, San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) launched the development of a Long Range Facilities Planning in order to plan future improvements across all district school sites. As part of this plan development, we would like to gain insight from our students, staff, parents and caregivers about what is most crucial in supporting educational program needs, district goals, and student achievement. The knowledge and insight we gather in the survey will help to inform the long-range plans and future school facilities improvements.

Your voice matters! Your responses are confidential and will be used anonymously to share findings. All SRVUSD 4th-12th graders will be invited to take a similar survey to answer questions that will help us better understand their needs and interests to inform the long-range plans and future school facilities improvements.

Take the survey today: bit.ly/VisioningSRVUSD.

The survey will remain open until September 15th.

Thank you in advance for your partnership and for completing this survey!
The Communications Team”

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

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<https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/registration>

Registration is different from enrollment. While your student is already enrolled at Sycamore, Online Registration must be completed each August.

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<https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/registration> now is the time to finish!

Have a wonderful week!!
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

08/01 - 09/01 = Online Registration for all new and returning families attending Sycamore: <https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/registration>

08/30 - School Photos will be taken TK - 5th

09/04 - Labor Day - No School

09/06 - PTA General School Meeting - 8:10 MPR (updates from PTA, Principal, and teacher reps)

09/06 - Dippin Dots

09/20 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual - 6:30pm

09/ 20 - Dippin Dots

09/21 - Festival Around the World 5:00pm - 7:00pm - Blacktop

09/25 - No School

09/26 - No School

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**



<https://www.ciphotoca.com/sycamorevalley>

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, August 30th during school hours. This photo will appear in our yearbook. You are welcome to order school photos. Here is the link. You will need to know your child's student number. This can be found in your parent portal.



Increase sales, support your community, and get a tax deduction! It's the easiest advertising decision you'll make all year.

Become a Sycamore Corporate Sponsor 2023-2024!

Would you like to get your business noticed at school events, bring sycamore supporters into your business, get a write-off, and get us to our fundraising goal? Become a corporate sponsor today!

See the **attached flyer** for all the details.

Contact Katerina McCormack katerinitsa@aol.com
and Christine Hoffman mrschristinehoff@gmail.com



WHY JOIN?

SYCAMORE PTA NEEDS YOU!



#1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT

Help your child perform better academically by being an active participant and role model in the community that helps raise your child!



#2 OUR SCHOOL BENEFITS

Help create a positive, caring, and engaging community by supporting the teachers and administration!



#3 CREATE CONNECTIONS

Develop powerful relationships with teachers and staff while making life-long friends with other parents!



#4 YOU BENEFIT

Volunteering your time, talents, and energy while socializing with other parents is fun, healthy, and rewarding!



READY
TO SIGN UP?

Contact PTA President Dana Claffey at dana.claffey@gmail.com or join us for one of our monthly meetings, held every first Wednesday. Info in Sharkbites

Official Back to School Sale

Save 30% on all Sycamore Valley spirit wear during the Back to School Sale!
Choose from hundreds of designs and garments, all delivered to your home in days.
New spirit items ! Order by Sept 7th.

[Shop Now!](#)

SYCAMORE VALLEY

THE OFFICIAL ONLINE STORE



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE



**30% OFF
SITEWIDE!**

FREE SHIPPING
ORDERS OVER \$75



or SCAN HERE
TO ORDER

1ST PLACE
Spiritwear

SALE RUNS: AUG 8th - SEP 7th

ORDER AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/13542

Festival Around the World

(Thursday Sept 21st 5-7 pm)

The Black Top at Sycamore Valley Elementary



Come join us in celebrating the traditions, food, and fun of the many countries and culture that make up the Sycamore community.

Sycamore is excited to be hosting our annual Festival Around the World on September 21st on the black top. We are looking for families to host booths which would require a poster board with information about the country or culture and a few items for the students to see (e.g. art, clothing, tools, flags, etc.), and a hands on activity (eg. Small art project, game, toy to try). We will be hosting a recorded zoom information session 8/31 at 6:00pm which will be announced on constant contact. We will also be needing volunteers on Sept. 21st to assist with set up, take down, and raffle prizes. Please sign up under sign up genius or email sukhdeepsull@gmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DAAFAC25-festival>

Calling All 5th Grade Artists! Directory Cover Art Contest

Attention all 5th Grade Students! Your drawing could be on the cover of Sycamore's School Directory! It's time for the Annual Sycamore Directory Cover Drawing Contest exclusively for 5th graders. Entry forms will be sent home from your teacher, or can be downloaded from Shark Bites. They can be returned to the office by Wednesday, September 13th (or scanned and emailed to christy1a@aol.com).

Contact Christine Hoffman at christy1a@aol.com with any questions. Good luck!!

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADERS!
GET **YOUR DRAWING** ON THE **COVER** OF THIS YEAR'S
SYCAMORE VALLEY DIRECTORY



Cover Suggestions



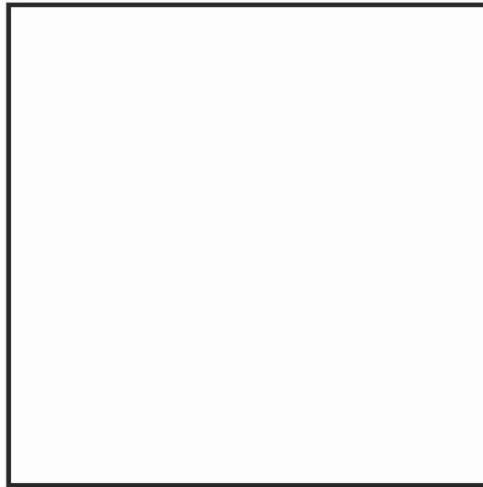
- Dark Ink and Black & White drawings with clean lines show up best.
- Dimensions: 4 ½ in x 4 ½ in
- Show how we "Stay Connected" at Sycamore!

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

RETURN ENTRIES TO THE OFFICE BY: **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13TH**

Questions? Call Christine Hoffman at (925) 575-7076 or email: christy1a@aol.com



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

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



Online Registration for Sycamore Valley Elementary

August 1, 9:00am - September 1, 2023, 11:30pm

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Registration includes: important student event waivers, parent volunteer opportunities, Directory contact information updates/preferences/orders, Yearbook orders, spirit wear, etc. As well as providing support for your students' classroom (materials and technology), PTA membership, our wonderful art program, and Shark Fund contributions to our award-winning programs for your students.

Set your Sharks up for success this year by donating to SHARK FUND at [registration](https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/registration):

- Para-educators for every classroom, working with students individually, in small groups and supporting each teacher.
- Reading Intervention for all grades.
- Supplementing funds for a librarian to enable all students to visit the library weekly.
- Fund the Rainbow Room to provide social development support for TK-3 students.
- Fund Physical Education classes for TK & Kindergartners.
- Supplemental office administration hours to better support Sycamore's community

Have questions about registration?

Contact: Rebecca Betzina at rebecca.betzina@gmail.com

COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY

We need your help
to ensure 100% of
Sycamore students
are REGISTERED!

sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/registration
REGISTRATION CLOSSES SEPT 1ST
CHECK YOUR RECEIPT TO VERIFY YOUR SUBMISSION

EVERY FAMILY MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION BY SEPT 1ST



COMPLETE YOUR
CONTACT DETAILS



SET DIRECTORY
PREFERENCES



ORDER DIRECTORY
& YEARBOOKS



SIGN ACTIVITY
WAIVERS



VOLUNTEER
SIGN-UPS



CLASSROOM
SUPPORT



SHARK
FUND SUPPORT



PTA
MEMBERSHIP

YOUR SHARK FUND SUPPORT

Set your child up for success this year by donating:

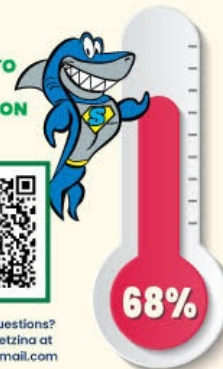
- ✓ **PARAEDUCATORS** for every classroom, working with students individually, in small groups & supporting each teacher.
- ✓ **READING INTERVENTION** for all grades.
- ✓ **LIBRARIAN** Supplementing funds for a librarian to enable all students to visit the library weekly.
- ✓ **RAINBOW ROOM** Fund the Rainbow Room to provide social development support for TK-3 students.
- ✓ **PHYSICAL EDUCATION** Fund Physical Education classes for TK & K
- ✓ **OFFICE ADMINISTRATION** Supplemental office administration hours to better support Sycamore's community

WE NEED
100% OF
STUDENTS TO
COMPLETE
REGISTRATION
BY SEPT 1ST



Have registration questions?
Contact: Rebecca Betzina at
rebecca.betzina@gmail.com

sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/registration



As we kick off the school year, there will be so many ways to get involved on campus. In addition to supporting Shark Fund through registration, if you are interested in donating some time and seeing what Shark Fund is all about - please reach out to us anytime. We will have so many events throughout the year and there are all different ways to help, even if you only have an hour or two to spare!

Next up is Sharky Cinema on 9/13. Tickets will go on sale soon, so watch Shark Bites for that info. [Sign up to help with any of our Sharky Cinema events here.](#)

Do you need a way to keep track of all of your students' items at school? Buy personal labels for your kids at campaigns.mabelslabels.com Choose our organization from the list, **Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Fund**, and we'll earn 20% from it!



BACK at SCHOOL You get labels, we raise funds.

mabel's labels FUNDRAISING

Buy personal labels for your kids at campaigns.mabelslabels.com

Choose our organization from the list **Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Fund** and we'll earn 20% from it!

Keep your things out of the lost and found!

QR code and cartoon shark mascot.



**Dippin' Dot Calendar:
9/6 & 9/20**

*****Punch Cards can be used this school year*****

Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our Dippin' Dot Wednesday Fundraiser. Dippin' Dots has raised over \$8,500 during the 22-23 school year. 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

Library visits will begin soon!

I am so excited to welcome all of our Sharks to the library this year!

Your Shark Fund donations make it possible for me to have enough time in the week to see each and every class. Thank you for your generosity and support!

If you are interested in being a library volunteer and missed the Back to School sign ups, please reach out to your room parent, and they will forward the information to me.

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville / Library Media Coordinator

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to Joelle Kaskanlian for all your efforts in organizing all the room parents for our wonderful teachers!



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.

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

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

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More information about Site Council is available at:
<https://syes.srvusd.net/Families/Site-Council/Site-Council/index.html>



Black Dragon Chess - Fall 2023

Chess classes will be offered Thursday afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.

Chess class will be held in our school library.

Aug. 24 - Nov. 02, 2023

See attached flyer to sign up.

Chess Enrichment Class



The Lost & Found rack is located at the front of our school near the MPR.

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.



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**

Sycamore Valley Elementary | 2200 Holbrook Road, Danville, CA 94506

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