

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal May 30, 2024

Dear Sycamore Families:

I hope you and your family are well. It is hard to believe that this is the final Shark Bites of the school year! It has been a wonderful year with so much learning. When I reflect on the year my highlights are always the conversations with students. Whether they are explaining math problems, sharing details of a book they love, talking sports or showing off hula huts - the students are thoughtful and energetic. It is a privilege to share in their learning!

As the year winds down, I want to thank all the parent volunteers whose donations of time, treasure and talent have helped to make the year a success! Whether you popped in for rainy day recess, helped with class parties and field trips, supported the art docent and library programs, volunteered with PTA and Shark Fund events or served on committees - please know your support is vital and so very much appreciated!

Following are some dates to remember (including important dates for next year!!), club updates, information about lost and found items and a thank you to the girls scouts.

Dates to Remember:

06/05 - Last Day of School - Minimum Day Schedule

TK/Kinder = 8:00 - 10:30

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

06/05 - PTA Assoc. Meeting - MPR - 8:10am

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

Club Updates:

This year we had two student clubs (Student Leadership and No Place for Hate) that worked to support our community and improve our school. Student Leadership was run by teachers Kim Cory and Amy Smoller. 32 fifth graders participated in the club and worked on beautification, lost and found, spirit and blacktop clean up committees. The students also planned a Positive Message Campaign and raised money to donate to the East Bay SPCA through Chores for a Cause. Thank you Leadership Team! The No Place for Hate Club was coordinated by the school counselor, Mrs. Reardon, our liaison, Mrs. Inkabi, and parent advisor, Mrs. Wondolowski. 24 4th and 5th graders participated in the club. Students met throughout the school year and worked on schoolwide activities related to empathy and recognizing different strengths. The No Place for Hate Club partnered with the PTA and the school administration to shape the Words Matter Week activities. Thank you to all the club participants and we look forward to continuing both club opportunities next year!

Lost & Found:

We will have a Lost and Found walk through for each class tomorrow so students have an opportunity to claim lost items. If you know your kiddo has misplaced a sweatshirt, etc. please remind them what they are looking for. All Lost and Found will be donated to a local charity on June 12th.

Thank you:

A giant THANK YOU to Girl Scout Troop #32651! The troop repainted our state map on the playground, and it looks great! Students in all grade levels are enjoying the map at recess.



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

06/05 - Last Day of School - Minimum Day Schedule

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

06/05 - PTA Assoc. Meeting - MPR - 8:10am

06/12 - Lost & Found Donated to local charity

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08/13 - TK/K Back to School Night - 5:30pm - 6:15pm

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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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Extracurricular Extension Programs for Grades 1 - 5 in the subjects of Science, Language, Arts, Math and Research!

Thank you to all of the students that participated in the SLAM program this year!

A special shout out to all the parent volunteers that ran programs:
Kristina Buskirk, Vipula Dhamija, Rachita Dodeja, Nik Johal, Raj Johal, Deepa Kannan, Christiana Leung, John Leung, Jen Prindiville, Nida Qadeer, Katherine Rapp, Jyoti Rekhi, and Melody Schmidt
We appreciate your time and commitment to our kids!

Odyssey of the Mind:

Arnav K., Daniel K., Ethan K., Jaxon L., Zoe L., and Rohan S showcased their creative talents at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals held in Iowa, May 21-24, 2024. The team's original performance centered around their interpretation of a Rock Band on tour that is transported to outer space while having to sing and dance their way back to their tour. The team also showcased their quick thinking and problem-solving abilities during the World Finals' "spontaneous" round.

With over five hundred teams in competition across three divisions, our Sycamore team had an opportunity to get to know other teams from all over the U.S. and the world, including but not limited to teams from China, Poland, and Germany. Aside from the excitement of the competition, they also braved a tornado evacuation during the early morning hours on the day of their spontaneous competition.

Congratulations to the team for all their hard work and accomplishments!



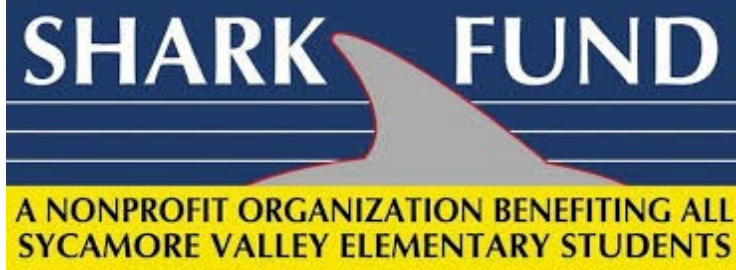
WordMasters:

Competing in the Blue Division of the WordMasters Challenge, third graders **Daniel Kim and Griffin Rapp** each earned a perfect score of 20 on the 3rd and final challenge. Nationally, only 25 third graders achieved this result. Other students from Sycamore Valley Elementary who achieved outstanding results in the meet include fifth grader **Karthik Jayaraman**.

Third grader **Griffin Rapp** also earned Individual Highest Honors in the overall competition with a cumulative score of 58 out of a possible 60 points. Highest Honors are reserved for students who place among the top 10-15 students in their division.

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 : gosycamoreslam@gmail.com



**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



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT TODD STRACKE AT
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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

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Other important dates:

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.

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville
Library Media Coordinator

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to all the recess and lunch volunteers!



Mark your calendar:

May 30, 2024
4:00pm

The meeting will be virtual.

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/yps-rbjm-qfh

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 414-909-4582

PIN: 625 036 573#

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



Lost and Found will be donated to a local charity on June 12th.

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.



Black Dragon Chess - Spring 2024

Mar. 14th - May 30th in the School Library
Thursday afternoons 2:35pm - 3:35pm.

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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.**

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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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