

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal June 01, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

Happy Summer!! I cannot believe how quickly this year has flown by. I hope you all have a relaxing and joy filled summer.

This past week students reflected on their year, signed yearbooks and closed out the year with various celebrations. Classes headed to the park, hosted parent breakfasts, held grade level parties, had one final class meeting, and one class did a conga line out to the playground. The fifth grade enjoyed the annual field day. A big thank you to Lauren Ghio and Megan Gates for heading up the event and to all of the volunteers that ensured it ran smoothly and fun was had by all.

Thank you also to Erin Meyer (PTA President), Alison Stracke (Shark Fund President) and Ed Pan (School Site Council President) for their dedication to Sycamore Valley and their partnership in helping to shape and support programs and resources that build community and help students grow. And thank you to all the classroom, library, art, special events, recess and inclement weather volunteers that have helped to keep our school running smoothly and built community.

Looking toward next year, the School Site Council has a number of openings for the upcoming year. Please submit your bio to Barbara for the ballot if you are interested in running for a slot. We will have the ballot out for consideration in August.

Finally, I know some of you are moving on and we wish you the very best in your new adventures. Whether starting middle school or moving to a new community, please know that you are always part of our Sycamore community

and we will miss you!

Keep reading for some dates to remember and information about the updated volunteer clearance requirements.

Dates to Remember:

08/08 - New Family Orientation

08/09 - TK/K Back to School Night - Parents Only @ 5:30pm

08/10 - First Day of School - Min. Day Schedule

08/10 - 1st - 5th Grade Back to School Night - Parents Only

5th grade @ 5:30 - 6:15 for BSTN and Outdoor Ed in MPR

1st - 3rd grade @ 5:30pm - 6:15pm - classroom for the teacher presentation

All Grades @ 6:25pm - 6:35pm in the MPR for Principal Kawahara's presentation

4th - 5th grade @ 6:45pm - 7:30pm - classroom for the teacher presentation

08/30 - School Photos

Information from the District Office:

Volunteer Requirement Document.

Attached is a letter that was recently sent to you from our district office regarding some updates to volunteer clearance protocols. We are including the letter for your reference. [letter to families](#)

SPED Teacher Recruitment Fair - June 12, 2023

SRVUSD is hosting a Special Education Teacher Recruitment Fair on Monday, June 12, 2023. On-site interviews will be available. Walk-ins welcome! More information can be found [here](#).

2023 Summer Music Bootcamp:

The San Ramon Valley Unified School District is offering a wonderful summer music opportunity for rising 5th-grade and 6th-grade band and orchestra students. This Bootcamp is made possible by a donation received from the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. Check out the details in the [flyer](#), and register by June 21st.

Who: Rising 5th-grade and 6th-grade SRVUSD students

Where: Charlotte Wood Middle School

When: June 26 through June 30, from 9:00 to 11:00 am

Deadline to Register: June 21, 2023

Click [here](#) to register.

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

06/01 - Spirit Day - Summer Vacation/Beach Attire (school appropriate)

06/01 - Last Day of School - Minimum Day Schedule

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

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

06/07 - Lost and Found will be donated to a local charity

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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.

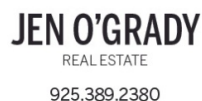
Note: Even if you have notified your child's teacher, please call the attendance line to record the absence!

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.
(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 a
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 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.

**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>



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!](#)

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TOWELS AND WATER BOTTLES!

1ST PLACE
Spiritwear



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

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

Congrats to the 5th grade team for their amazing performance at the Odyssey

of the Mind World Finals in Michigan last week! They placed in the top 25 of 50+ teams competing from all over the US and the World.
Great job **Zoya, Maddie, Saina, Amaya, Stefan, Julian** and **Allen!**



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



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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- Buy 5 get one FREE
- 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:

Punch Cards can be used next 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 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 Lauren Ghio, Meghan Gates, and all the parent volunteers who helped organize the 5th grade field day.



New Classes will be offered in the fall



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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