

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal September 01, 2022

Dear Sycamore Families:

I hope you are well and that you are looking forward to the three day weekend!

September has arrived with the usual hot temperatures, reminding us that it is still, technically, summer. We have umbrellas out for the students and are encouraging them to take breaks and stay hydrated as we navigate the next few days of heat. This is the time of year when I anxiously await sweater weather!

Following are some important dates to note and information to keep in mind:

REMINDERS:

No School - Monday, Sept. 5th - Labor Day

Covid Reporting:

Health and safety remain a priority for our district. As such, we ask that parents/caregivers continue to report all positive student cases to your school office. All reported cases will be tracked on the District's COVID-19 Dashboard and reported in the County.

More Safety Updates:

• Fire Lane Gate:

The fire lane gates will be open from 7:45-8:10 each morning and again at dismissal. The gates will be secured during the school day, evenings and weekends.

Please note, we strongly encourage parents to use the front and the back path entrance to the black top. We do not provide supervision on the fire

lane. Supervision is only provided on the black top and at the front of school during arrival and dismissal. Children should not be playing in the ditch next to the fire lane as it is unsafe. We are asking that parents provide appropriate supervision if you choose to use the fire lane. Should issues arise around the use of the fire lane then we will revisit the topic.

- **Kids Country Parking Lot:**

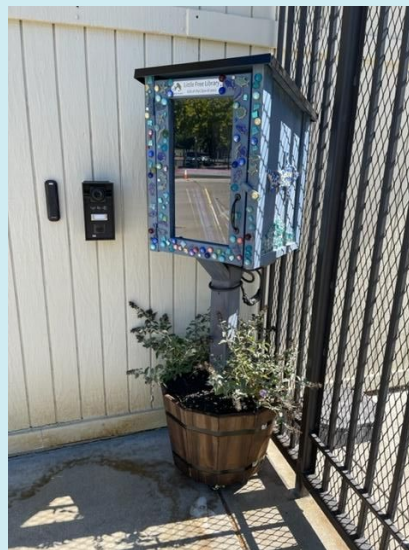
Starting Tuesday, Sept. 6th, the Kids Country parking lot will have cones to close off the entrance, starting at 2:00pm. If you are parking in the synagogue parking lot, near the kindergarten playground, you must turn right when exiting the parking lot. We are initiating this procedure again this year as many cars have not been following signage to turn right when exiting the Kids Country parking lot. Cars have tried to drive straight across traffic which is not safe.

Jobs Posted:

Consider joining our team!! We have a number of opportunities currently available. We are looking for help with Vocal Music Instruction in Grades TK-2nd. Finally, we are looking for an Instrumental Music teacher. If you are interested, please check out the postings on EdJoin. If you are not interested, please spread the word!!

Lending Library:

We have a new lending library at the entrance to our school, courtesy of our 2021/2022 5th grade class. You are welcome to take a book to read and leave a book for other students to read.



Thank you for the gift of your child,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS

IMPORTANT DATES



Annual Update Open - online through your parent portal

08/02 - 09/02 - Sycamore Valley Elementary Online Registration

09/02 - Shark Shop Orders Due - Shop Closes

09/02 - Spirit Day - Wear Blue or your Shark wear

09/05 - No School - Labor Day

09/07 - PTA Association Meeting 8:10am - MPR

09/07 - Dippin' Dots Sales

09/07 - Shark Cinema - 1:00 - 3:00 - MPR

09/09 - Spirit Day - Wear Blue or your Sharkwear

09/10 - Street Smart Bike Rodeo - 10:00am - 1:00pm registration required

09/14 - Vision and Hearing Grades K/2/5

09/15 - Chess Enrichment Class - 2:35-3:35

09/19 - SLAM meeting 6:00pm - MPR

09/19-9/23 - International Culture Week / Festival Around the World

09/19-9/23 - Book Fair

09/21 - Dippin' Dots Sales

09/22 - Chess Enrichment Class - 2:35 - 3:35

09/26 - No School - School Recess

09/27 - No School - Staff Development

09/21 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual 6:30 - Zoom

09/29 - Chess Enrichment Class - 2:35 - 3:35

Attendance Line



**Please call the attendance line
to report an absence:
925-855-2898**

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. It is recommended that your child stay home for 5 days.

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**



School Pictures

You will need to enter your child's student ID# when placing an order for the school photos. You can order individual photos as well as a class photo. All students will be photographed. Purchasing photos is not a requirement.

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



Shark Shop 2022!

Get your Sycamore spirit wear today!

Shark Shop is open to get all your Sycamore Spirit wear!
Shirts, and sweatshirts, Sharky hair bows and hats available.

ORDER YOUR SYCAMORE SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS AT:

<https://sharkgear2022-23.itemorder.com/shop>

ORDER SHARKY BOW & HAT AT:

https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store/store_categories/1961-pta-fund-events

Shark Shop will close on **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND** at midnight.
Orders will be processed, packaged, and distributed during the last week of September.

***Now through 9/2 is the ONLY time Shark Shop
will be open for the entire school year.***

You will not be able to order after the deadline and we will not have extras.

Questions? Email sycamoresharkshop@gmail.com

ONLINE SHARK SHOP 2022

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ORDER T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS AT:

<https://sharkgear2022-23.itemorder.com/shop>
ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE IN BOTH YOUTH AND ADULT SIZES



ORDER SHARKY BOW & HAT ON FUTURE FUND

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



Already registered? Want to order a bow or hat?

Venmo Jennifer O'Leary @Jennifer-OLeary5 or drop an envelope labeled "Shark Shop" at the office with:

1. Quantity of each item: Sharky bow \$18, Sharks Hat \$35 (10% is donated back to the school)
2. Check made out to "Sycamore Valley PTA"
3. Your student's first and last name
4. Your email address

You will receive an email confirmation in a few days!



Contact: Shark Shop at sycamoresharkshop@gmail.com

All orders final as of store close date - no returns or exchanges.

Sycamore Valley Online Registration is OPEN!

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open on FutureFund!

Thank you in advance for registering! Your support during registration is vital to our school, Shark Fund, and PTA to ensure our Sycamore students have the very best classroom support, materials, and technology equipment. Registration ensures your directory preferences are up-to-date, provides information about volunteer opportunities, and allows you to purchase items such as a yearbook and spirit wear.

Please note that all registration is being conducted online at this link: <https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/registration> .

There is no onsite registration.

You may also scan this QR Code to register.



Library Corner

Hi Sharks!

We are looking forward to opening our school library for students to check out books and do research. Students will visit the library every week.

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville / Library Media Coordinator
<https://syc-srvusd-ca.schoolloop.com/sylibrary>

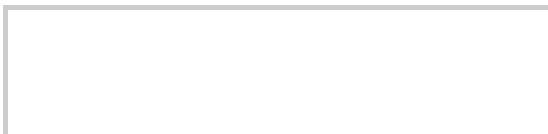
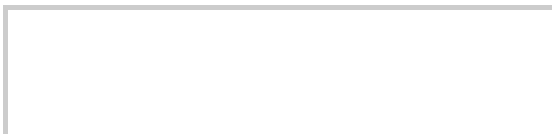


Get Involved with Shark Fund -

Continued parent support is crucial to sustain the valuable programs that make Sycamore an exceptional learning community!

We hope you will consider donating money, time, and/or talents to Shark Fund. Please visit the [Shark Fund page](#) for future meeting dates, events and volunteer opportunities.

If you have any questions or would like to get more involved, contact Shark Fund President Alison Stracke at sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org.





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!

DIPPIN' DOT PREPAID PUNCH CARD



- 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 Punch Cards are back!

Punch Cards can be purchased for \$25.00 at all Dippin' Dot Wednesday events or from Dana Claffey with cash or check made payable to "Sycamore Shark Fund."

- Save time in line and get free Dippin Dots
- No need to bring money to school
- Prepay for 5 Dippin Dots get 1 Free
- Each punch card is \$25.00 (families can share one card)
- All proceeds benefit Sycamore Shark Fund
- Punch Cards will be sold at all events until Spring Break

Dippin' Dot Calendar:

9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19

weather permitting

Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our Dippin' Dot Wednesday Fundraiser. Our first event raised over \$1,600.00!!!! 100% of Dippin Dot proceeds benefit your students with:

- **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

Lost Dippin' Dot Punch Cards or any other Dippin' Dot questions

Dippin' Dot Dana Claffey

925-407-7178

Dana.claffey@gmail.com



Black Dragon Chess - Fall 2022

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

Sept. 15th - Dec. 1

No class on Oct. 6th and Nov. 24th.

See attached flyer to sign up.

[Chess Enrichment Class](#)



Reflections

"Show Your Voice"

REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM

All students are invited to participate and submit original artwork in one of six areas aligned with the theme "Show Your Voice":

- Dance Choreography
- Literature
- Photography
- Film Production
- Music Composition
- Visual Arts

Submission deadline TBD in October. Selected artworks will be judged by Sycamore PTSA, and are then sent on to councils and then districts for consideration. The final artworks submitted to California State PTA by districts are then considered for Outstanding Interpretation, Awards of Excellence or Awards of Merit.

[Official Entry Form and Rules](#)

Contact Kristina Buskirk for more information.

kristinabus Kirk@gmail.com



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

Check out our new SLAM website to read about the projects, learn how to volunteer, and check out pictures from last year's SLAM program!

<https://sites.google.com/view/sycamoreslam/home>

Watch this space for details on Information Night and Sign Ups!!

SCIENCE ALLIANCE

Science Alliance is an after-school enrichment program sponsored by the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation created to pair curious and motivated 5th grade students (buddies) with high school students (mentors).

There will be a parent meeting at each of the four comprehensive high schools on **Tuesday, September 13 at 7pm.**

Registration opens on September 20 at 7pm.

Please visit this site for more information: <https://www.srvef.org/Science-Alliance/Science-Alliance-After-School-Program>

RESEARCH

Even though we haven't had sign ups yet, you can start prepping for the first Research project. **Make an informative tri-fold poster board, slide show or video about a COUNTRY for Sycamore's Festival Around the World!** See examples on the front page of our SLAM site. Projects are due by Thurs, Sept 22nd.

Information Night and Sign Ups will be on Monday, September 19th at 6:00pm in the MPR.

We are still seeking parent volunteers!

Please email goscymoreslam@gmail.com to see how you can help.



Way to go, Sycamore SLAM!

For complete Sycamore SLAM program updates, please refer to the
SLAM page - [SLAM Site](#)
GO SLAM

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you Rebecca Betzina for all your help and assistance with Sycamore's Registration.

Thank you to all of the parents that helped with School Photos. We were able to photograph the students ahead of schedule.



If you are interested in becoming part of our Site Council,
**We need two parents for the upcoming
Site Council Committee.**

Positions Open:

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.

We will hold a special election this fall once we have received

the parent bios.

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



Kids Are Talking

Stay Tuned for the Next Issue !



Child Nutrition

Meals Provided @ Sycamore

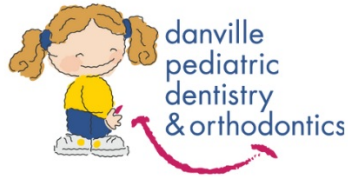
Breakfast & Lunch will be provided at no cost to all students that request a meal at school.

[MENUS](#)

For more information about the meals, please visit the Child Nutrition Website.
<https://www.srvusd.net/Departments/Business-Services/Child-Nutrition/index.html>

Shark Fund - Corporate Match

Thank you to Sycamore's 21-22 Platinum Corporate Sponsors



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