

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal September 21, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. Yesterday we had our first smokey school day. Thank you to the volunteers who jumped in to help at the last minute. While we did not need to call indoor recess we did open an indoor space for children who wanted or needed an indoor option. Everyone's flexibility on this was greatly appreciated! (More information on smoke day protocols below).

Keep reading for some dates to remember, information about the Facilities Visioning Town Hall Meeting, clubs opportunities for 4th and 5th grade students, smoke day protocols, job opportunities, seconds at lunch and district updates.

Remember - No School for students on Monday and Tuesday next week, September 25th and September 26th.

Dates to Remember:

09/21 - Festival Around the World

09/25 - No School

09/26 - No School

10/02-10/06 - Conference Week - Min. Day Schedule

10/11 - Photo Make-Up / Re-Take Day

10/11 - Sharky Cinema

Town Hall Meeting:

This past Thursday the district hosted a Facilities Visioning Town Hall for schools in our area. Each school brought a team, comprised of staff, parent and student representatives. The team was charged with considering a first draft proposal for long range plans to update campuses and provide

feedback. More information will be shared as we work through this process. I want to extend a big thank you to Stephanie Polyzos, Steve Hewett, Barbara Jones and Ed and Roben Pan for attending the meeting and providing thoughtful feedback.



Club Opportunities:

We are delighted to be able to offer three club opportunities for our 4th and 5th grade Sharks.

4th Grade:

No Place for Hate (meetings will held at lunch)

Information Presentation: October 4th between 11:20am and 11:40am

5th Grade:

No Place for Hate (meetings will be held at lunch)

Student Leadership (meetings will be held at lunch)

Yearbook (meetings will be held after school)

Information Presentation: October 3rd from 10:15am - 10:45am

Student Leadership will be run by Kim Cory and Amy Smoller. No Place for Hate is a new club for us. The club centers on student-led initiatives to positively impact school climate and is affiliated with the Anti-Defamation League. Sarah Reardon and Katie Inkabi will run the club in conjunction with Mrs. Wondolowski as our parent consultant. Yearbook is run in partnership with PTA. In accordance with district protocols, additional information regarding the time commitment, types of activities, sign-up processes and an opt-out link will be shared with parents on October 3rd (5th Grade) and October 4th (4th Grade).

Smoke Day Protocols:

We are in the midst of the wildfire season and, unfortunately, our air quality is impacted. Sycamore Valley Elementary follows the guidelines set forth by the School District. The following is information provided from the San Ramon Valley Unified School District website.

SRVUSD has chosen to use [AirNow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov) to measure air quality because it is considered the most precise measurement for accurate readings and is considered the gold standard.

AirNow's Air Quality Index (AQI) data is based on the EPA standards and is calculated using a complex algorithm that uses longer averages during periods of stable air quality and shorter averages when air quality is changing rapidly.

AirNow's sensors are state regulated and regularly maintained to ensure the

quality of the data as compared to other measurements. Decisions about Air Quality levels and school activities in SRVUSD are normalized on an [Air Quality Guidelines Chart \(PDF\)](#) that is provided to every school site and very much aligns with what our partners in education use to make their decisions.

[View the SRVUSD Air Quality Guidelines Chart \(PDF\)](#)

Air Quality Index - Particulate Matter	
301 – 500	Hazardous
201 – 300	Very Unhealthy
151 – 200	Unhealthy
101 – 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups
51 – 100	Moderate
0 – 50	Good

Job Opportunities:

We have been fortunate to welcome new team members to our staff this year and we still have a few more openings. Please help us by spreading the word.

Substitute Paras: This year we are able to request coverage when one of our para team members are out. If you are interested in being in the sub pool, please complete an application through EdJoin.

Vocal Music Para (grades TK-2nd: Do you know someone who loves to sing? If so, please send them our way.

Rainbow Room Para Support: This part time position focuses on individual student Social Emotional support through a play based approach.

I am happy to discuss these positions with anyone who might be interested so please feel free to send folks my way. Thank you for spreading the word!

Meal Information:

If your child has been enjoying the hot meals here at school. Please check out this link for more specific information about the meal program.

<https://www.srvusd.net/Departments/Business-Services/Child-Nutrition/index.html>

District Updates:

SRVUSD is one of the highest performing school districts in the nation. However, over the next two years both a local voter-approved funding measure will expire and the District will have exhausted \$6 million in State funds that have been supporting our schools. These funding sources are currently used to support core academic programs, small class sizes, and programs that help ensure students are prepared for college and careers. To learn more about steps the District is taking to supplement and replace the loss of this funding and maintain high student achievement, please visit

www.srvusd.net/HighQualityEd.

Advocacy Day:

Register today for [Advocacy Day 2023](#)! Our goal is to help our families and schools come together so we can all help our children thrive. Because after all...it's about the kids. Hear from California State Superintendent Tony Thurmond and a Superintendent's panel, including Dr. John Malloy. Students, parents and community members are all welcome to register and attend.

Exchange Club 9/11 Essay Competition:

The Exchange Club of the San Ramon Valley invites students in grades 1-12 to participate in their essay contest in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

Essays are due by September 29, 2023.

See all details in their [2023 application](#).

Innovation Tri-Valley's 13th Annual DreamMakers and RiskTakers Award Nominations:

The event will take place on November 7th, 2023. The application is now open and will close on Friday, October 6, at 5:00 p.m. Students can self-nominate, or parents/educators can nominate a student. Please review all details in the [nomination portal](#).

Child Nutrition Department Job Opportunities:

SRVUSD is hosting a hiring and interviewing event for kitchen positions! Check out the great job opportunities we have to serve students delicious meals. Paid training and lots of schedule options. With more staff, we can accomplish our goals to serve more students cooked-from-scratch meals and reduce lunch wait times. [View our current job openings](#).

What: SRVUSD Kitchen Positions Hiring and Interviewing Event

When: Monday, September 25, 2023, come anytime from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Where: 3280 Crow Canyon Road, San Ramon

Questions: Email SRVUSDEats@srvusd.net or call 925-871-8503

Thank you,

Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



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

09/21 - Family Game Night Tickets go on sale at 7:00pm

09/22 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or blue clothing

09/25 - No School

09/26 - No School

09/28 - Sharky Cinema Ticket Sales

09/29 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or blue clothing

10/02 - 10/06- Conference Week - Min. Day Schedule

10/04 - Dippin Dots

10/06 - Family Game Night

10/11 - School Photo Retakes

10/11 - Sharky Cinema

10/18 - Dippin Dots
10/18 - Shark Fund Meeting
10/26 - Recess with Danville P.D.
10/31 - Halloween Parade
10/31 - Adjusted Wednesday Schedule

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**

HOME OF THE **SHARKS** 

**SYCAMORE VALLEY
CORPORATE SPONSOR**

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!



WE NEED 3 MORE SPONSORS TO REACH OUR GOAL!

WE CAN DO THIS!

Monday 9/25 is the final day to confirm your sponsorship and ensure your logo on the 2023 Fun Run Shirt & Water Bottle, as well as an ad in the Directory!

We are 3 Sponsors away from reaching our \$25K goal for Sycamore!

Join us in making the upcoming school year exceptional!

Become a Corporate Sponsor

- Get your business noticed at school events
- Bring Sycamore supporters into your business
- Enjoy a valuable tax write-off
- Help us reach our goal

\$25,000 GOAL

WE NEED YOU!



DETAILS/FORM > tinyurl.com/Sycamore-Corporate-Sponsorship



Katerina McCormack at:
katerinitsa@aol.com



Christine Hoffman at:
mrschristinehoff@gmail.com

For all the exciting details, check out the [attached flyer](#).

To become a corporate sponsor, contact Katerina McCormack katerinitsa@aol.com and Christine Hoffman mrschristinehoff@gmail.com

Let's make this school year unforgettable, together!



Sycamore is excited to be hosting our annual Festival Around the World on September 21st on the black top.

If you have questions: email sukhdeepsull@gmail.com.

Family Game Night

Tickets will go on sale September 21st at 7:00pm

Sharky invites your family to Sycamore for an evening of bingo, trivia, prizes, dinner and a ton of fun on Friday, October 6th! Dinner will be served at 6:00pm and games will begin at 6:30pm. This is not a drop-off event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets will go on sale 9/21 at 7 PM (they sell out quickly):

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

Please note: this is a limited 150 person capacity event -
Please limit your party to immediate household members only.
No tickets will be sold at the door



GAMES FUN PRIZES

FAMILY EVENT | **OCT 6 6-8 PM** | **SYCAMORE MPR**

6:00 PM CHECK-IN & DINNER, 6:30 PM GAMES BEGIN
COST IS \$15 PER PERSON (INCLUDES
PIZZA, CAESAR SALAD, WATER & COOKIE)



TICKETS GO ON SALE 9/21 AT 7:00PM
SYCAMOREVALLEY.FUTUREFUND.COM/STORE

*\$15 per person. 150 person capacity event. NO tickets will be sold at the door
Register on future fund and sign PTA waiver before Thursday October 5th.*



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

Thank you to those that attended our SLAM Info Night! If you missed it, you
can check out the presentation [here](#) and get all the information you need about
SLAM on our [website](#).

SLAM Program signups are now open!
Please sign up your students [here](#).

Most SLAM programs are best suited for 3rd-5th graders, however, several programs this year are open to students from grades 1-2 also (if there is enough interest and we have enough parent volunteers).

We are still looking for parent volunteers and coaches to help lead the following programs:

- Odyssey of the Mind
- Research
- Science Builder's Challenge
- Science Olympiad

All SLAM volunteers are required to have level 1 clearance through the district (level 2 or 3 may be required in certain circumstances). Please see the district's [volunteer requirements](#). Learn more about the open roles in SLAM and sign up to volunteer [here](#).

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



Run For Education

Click on this link to register:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2023/64853/the-2023-run-for-education-san-ramon>

FLYER

Last Chance for Best Pricing! Register for the Run for Education Today!



Don't miss out on a popular community event and tradition spanning 40 years and the largest run that supports education in Northern California: The Run for Education on Sunday, October 8 at 2700 Camino Ramon in San Ramon, adjacent to City Center. **Catch the best pricing by registering today! Prices go up after September 15.** Events include:

- 8 am: **10K**
- 8:30 am: **5K** walk/run/stroll
- 11 am: **Mini Run** for 2-6 years olds - participants receive our signature Mini Run cape and post-race treats
- 1 pm: **Friendship Run** for participants with special needs and their supporters
- All participants receive a shirt and medal!

[Register Here](#)

Once your registration is complete, you will receive a unique referral link. Get 4 friends to sign up using your link and receive a **\$5 Menchie's gift card!** Plus, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a pair of **ASICS GEL-NIMBUS 25 shoes!**

In addition to selecting a school fundraising team when you register, you may also sign up to walk/run/roll/stroll with a team of your choice. Grab your team, club, troop, or pack and join the San Ramon Police Department and other local organizations signing up as a team. Add to the team fun by dressing up and entering our [Centipede Competition!](#)

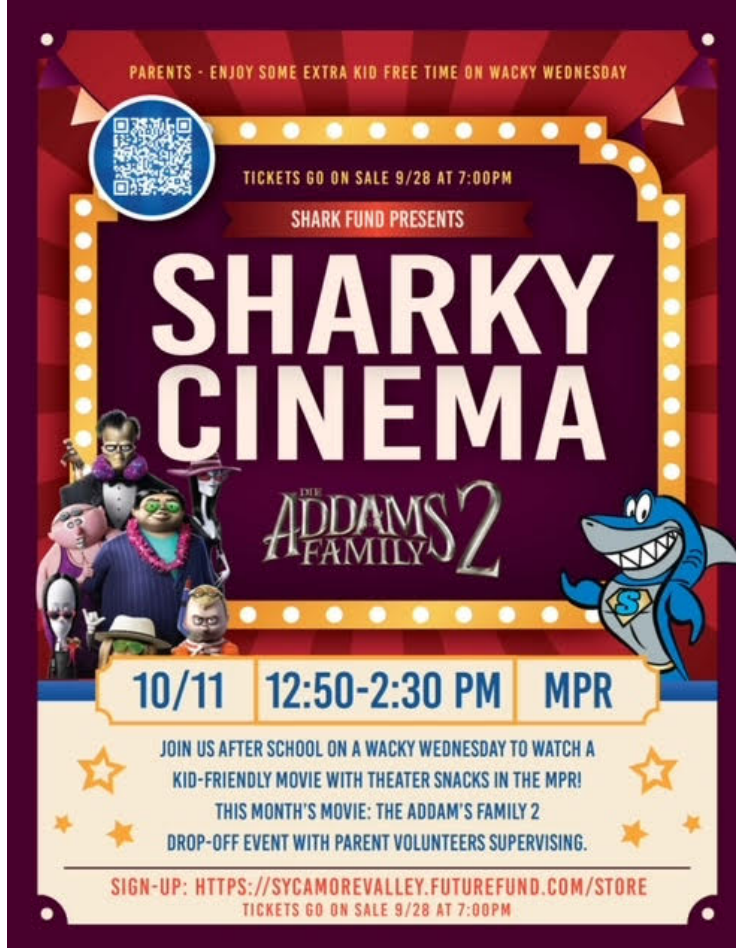
Looking for an easy and fun way to get involved in a community event? Join us as a volunteer: <http://bit.ly/2023rfevolunteers>

Sharky Cinema:

Join us for the October Sharky Cinema after school on Wednesday, October 11th from 12:50-2:30 pm to watch the movie, The Addams Family 2, with theater snacks in the MPR! Tickets for this fantastic event will be available on the Future Fund Store beginning 9/28 at 7pm!

(Tickets sellout quickly) <https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store>

Additionally, you can guarantee your child a spot and get involved by volunteering for an event. Sign up as a volunteer on [SignUpGenius](#) and be part of the fun while ensuring a memorable experience for your child and their friends. Don't miss this opportunity to make the event even more special!



**Dippin' Dot Calendar:
10/04 , 10/18**



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.**

In just two events, Dippin dots has sold **over \$2,800!!!!!!**

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

dippin' dots

\$5 each

cotton candy
YoDots™
cotton candy flavored frozen yogurt
cotton candy

rainbow
YoDots™
frozen yogurt
rainbow

cookies 'n cream
YoDots™
vanilla frozen yogurt
cookies 'n cream

cookie dough
YoDots™
chocolate frozen yogurt
cookie dough

Shark Fund is proud to offer Dippin' Dots

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 to 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!



Library Corner

Your students have been so happy to be back checking out books, and I am so happy to see them in the library each week! We are (mostly) back to our routine of returning books, but please do remind your students before their library day each week to return their book(s).

There are still several missing books from last year, and those reminders will be coming home this week. Missing books will impact your student's ability to check out new books until the book is found. replaced or the fine is resolved.

Our first book fair will be in the late fall, but in the meantime if you are looking for new books for your home library, or have Literati credits left over, you can shop here and help our library earn new books:

<https://literati.com/classroom?extAffiliateCode=SJG8YK>

Take Care,
Jen Prindiville
Library Media Coordinator
Sycamore Valley Elementary

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you to Jean Lee and Jyoti Rekhi and other SLAM volunteers for putting on a great info night for our kids!



The next Site Council meeting will be announced soon.



More information about Site Council is available at:

<https://sy.es.srvusd.net/Families/Site-Council/Site-Council/index.html>



You are welcome to order school photos. Here is the link.

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

You will need to know your child's student number. This can be found in your parent portal.

If you missed school photo on August 30th, we will have a **make-up day / retakes on October 11th.**



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](#)

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Sports Camp - Fall 2023 - Start Date Sept. 21st

Description: This Multi-Sport program combines all your favorite sports into one action-packed after-school enrichment experience. Each week participants will learn the fundamentals of a new sport through PLAY! Sports include: Baseball, Basketball, Capture the Ball, Dodgeball, Flag Football, Soccer, Volleyball, and Ultimate Disc! Skyhawks Coaches provide a positive environment where young athletes can develop at their own pace with lots of encouragement and a big focus on FUN! Your child will leave with new skills, new friends, and a new love for sports!

[Sports Camp Information](#)

[Sports Camp Flyer](#)



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

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