

Sycamore Valley Elementary **SHARK BITES**



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal September 22, 2022

Dear Sycamore Families:

I hope you are well!

We are heading into a busy next few weeks - two days off next week and 5th graders heading to outdoor education for the three days, followed the next week by Parent Teacher Conferences - there is a lot going on! Please be sure to sign up for a conference. This is an excellent opportunity to partner with your child's teacher.

We are looking for a parent representative for the Equity Committee the district is putting together. The rep will represent Sycamore Valley at monthly meetings and partner with the PTA and school leadership to support equity work at the site. If you are interested please reach out to me.

We held our first Shade Committee meeting this Wednesday and are looking forward to a three stage process to bring shade to our playground. More information will be coming soon.

Halloween is fast approaching. Parade and party details will be coming soon. As costume decisions are being made, we ask that costumes which appropriate cultures or might be offensive to others be avoided. Please leave swords and other costume accessories at home. Be mindful of face masks, as these may make it difficult for your child to walk the parade route safely. We want to ensure that everyone has a fun day celebrating!

REMINDERS:

The parking lot at Beth Chaim will not be available to our school during these times:

Mon., Sept. 26, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm (Service begins at 9:30 am)

Wed., Oct. 5, 9:00 am - Noon (Service begins at 9:30 am)

No School - Monday, Sept. 26th - School Holiday

No School - Tuesday, Sept. 27th - Teacher Work Day

Conference Week - October 3 - 7 :

Minimum Day Schedule

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

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

Drop Off:

The drop off and pick up line can be frustrating for everyone but we ask you to keep the following things in mind in order to keep everyone safe!

Crosswalk : Please cross only at the cross walks. It is not safe to cross at the top of the lane by the entrance to the playground. It also slows traffic as cars that are exiting have to stop for pedestrians.

Fire lane: Please do not pull up into the red fire lane. That lane must remain clear in case of an emergency.

Do not cut the line from lane 2 and 3 and pull in front of other cars. It is unsafe as cars are not expecting someone to be pulling in front of them from the left lane as they are trying to pull out from the curb.

Absences / Tardies:

- Illness - please report your child's absence on our attendance line:
925-855-2898
- Remember: your child needs to be - vomit / fever / diarrhea free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Late to school - please report late arrivals on our attendance line:
925-855-2898

Nurse's Report:

The school nurse has completed the state mandated vision/hearing screenings of grades KG, 2, and 5. Referral letters were mailed out as necessary.

Otherwise, students passed their screenings. Nurse Anju would like to thank the following parents for their help this week: Lauren Ghio, Hagit Miller, Juliana Bello-Polanco, and Jennifer Rodd. THANK YOU!

128 students were screened in 2 hours and 7 were referred for vision issues. Thank you to the teachers who were flexible with their time.

Thank you for the gift of your child,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



09/19-09/25 - Giveback @ Dos Coyotes
09/19-09/23 - International Culture Week

09/23 - Spirit Day: Shark Wear or Blue Attire
09/26 - No School - School Recess
09/27 - No School - Staff Development
09/21 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual 6:30 - Zoom
09/28 - Morning Mile - 7:30am - Turf Field
09/29 - Chess Enrichment Class - 2:35 - 3:35
09/30 - Spirit Day: Shark Wear or Blue Attire
10/03-10/07 - Conference Week - Minimum Day Schedule
10/05 - Morning Mile - 7:30am - Turf Field
10/05 - PTA Meeting - 8:00am - MPR
10/08-10/09 - SRVEF Run For Education
10/12 - Morning Mile - 7:30am - Turf Field
10/12 - School Photo Make Up and Retake Day
10/12 - Shark Cinema - 1:00pm - MPR
10/13 - Site council Meeting - 4:00pm - Google Meet
10/19 - Morning Mile - 7:30am - Turf Field
10/19 - Shark Fund Meeting - 6:30pm - Virtual
10/26 - Morning Mile - 7:30am - Turf Field
10/24-10/28 - Red Ribbon Week
10/31 - Halloween Parade - 9:30am - Turf Field

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**

Lunch Time Volunteers - Signups

Interested in volunteering more on campus?

Want to spend your lunch hour with us?

Sign up to help at lunch recess (either 1st-3rd grade time or 4th-5th grade time).

Volunteers are needed on the blacktop and inside the MPR. Sign up for as many days as you'd like!

Please check in at the office every time you come. Note: in order to volunteer, please make sure you have completed the "Be a Mentor" registration with the district.

Sign up here to Volunteer for Lunch Time Helpers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C44ABAB2AABFA7-sycamore1>



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

Thank you to those who joined us at SLAM Info Night on Monday!
Here is the [link to the slideshow](#) that was presented.

[SIGN UPS ARE NOW OPEN!](#)

Please fill out the [Google Form](#) (one per student) and you should hear from the parent leads in about a week.

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>

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

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

School Pictures

Did you miss school picture day? Do you want to retake the photo?

Mark your calendar for School Photo
Retakes and Make-Up day.

Wednesday, October 12th, 2022

If you placed an order for your child's photo, the photo packets will be arriving soon. The photos will be mailed directly to your home.

If you wish to have your child's photo retaken, please return the photo packet to our school office on or before Photo Retake/Make Up day.

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

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



Library Corner

Exciting news from the library!

It has been so much fun welcoming classes back to the library this month! Please keep reading at home, and making sure books are returned to the classroom each week!

Thank you for supporting our author visit with Kelly Yang with your book purchases through Rakestraw Books! Together we are working on more author visits for all grades for this year - stay tuned!

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

SHARK FUND

A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BENEFITING ALL SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

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.

PARENTS - ENJOY AN EXTRA TWO HOURS ON WACKY WEDNESDAY

SHARK FUND PRESENTS

SHARKY CINEMA

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA: TRANSFORMANIA

10/12 1:00-3:00PM MPR

JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL ON A WACKY WEDNESDAY TO WATCH A KID-FRIENDLY MOVIE WITH THEATER SNACKS IN THE MPR! THIS MONTH'S MOVIE IS HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA: TRANSFORMANIA. DROP-OFF EVENT WITH PARENT VOLUNTEERS SUPERVISING.

SIGN-UP NOW: [HTTPS://SYCAMOREVALLEY.FUTUREFUND.COM/STORE](https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store)

SOLD OUT!

Dippin' Dots \$5 each

cotton candy YoDots cotton candy flavored frozen yogurt

rainbow YoDots rainbow frozen yogurt

cookies 'n cream YoDots vanilla brown yogurt with cookies 'n cream

cookie dough YoDots chocolate brown yogurt with cookie dough

Shark Fund is proud to offer Dippin' Dots

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:

10/5,10/19

*****weather permitting*****

Shark Fund would like to Thank You for your support with our Dippin' Dot Wednesday Fundraiser.

In just two events, Dippin dots has raised over \$2,200!!!!

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

**Does your child misplace their water bottles,
lunches boxes or clothing???**

Help keep track of your kids' water bottles, lunchboxes, sweatshirts, sports equipment and more with washable, durable labels from Mable's Labels and they will donate 20% of your order back to Sycamore Valley Shark Fund

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Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for

Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Fund



Morning Mile:

Every Wednesday at 7:30am at the turf field
across the street from the school!

Bring your **WAIVER!**

Come run with your kids or cheer your kids as they run!

Dos Coyotes Border Café



Eat at Dos Coyotes
Crow Canyon Commons
3191 Crow Canyon Pl,
San Ramon
from **11:30am - 8pm**
September 19 - 25, 2022

and **25%** of your bill will be donated to:
Sycamore Valley Elementary School

Please show a physical or
electronic copy of this
flyer when ordering.

Thank you!



Not valid with any other offer



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.

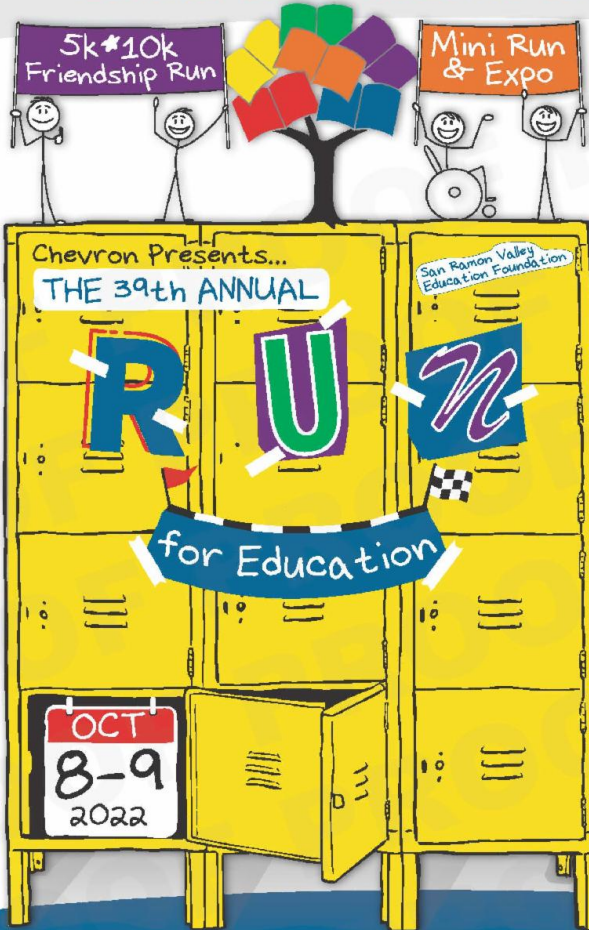
[Official Entry Form and Rules](#)

SUBMISSION LINK: <https://forms.gle/tPQY5TCyDgTDcdXk7>

Contact Kristina Buskirk for more information.
kristinabuskirk@gmail.com

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Oct 9 | 8AM-12PM
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5K & 10K

AUCTION FOR EDUCATION | November 1-9



The Rotary Club of San Ramon is once again proud to partner with the SRVEF to host the Online Auction for Education. This fundraiser benefits the 30,000 students of the San Ramon Valley USD. The funds raised are donated to SRVEF to support all things education! We are currently looking for auction items to be donated. If interested, scan the QR code on the right!





SRVUSD School Board Candidate Forum Sept 27 at 6pm

The San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs is pleased to present a Candidate Forum for the Area 1 SRVUSD Board of Education Trustee seat. All are welcome to attend and learn more before voting, or if not in Area 1, learn more about the candidates, one of whom will be a future board member, representing SRVUSD.

For more information, submit questions in advance or view the SRVUSD Trustee Area Map, visit our website: srvcouncilpta.org



This moderated Forum will take place at the SRV High School Theater at 6pm on Sept. 27. Advanced registration is not required.



Moderated By:



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](#)

Sharky Shout Out:

Thank you Meg Nikilou for cheering our kids and families on
at Morning Mile.

Join in on the fun every Wednesday morning.



Our first Site Council Meeting will be held on
October 13th at 4:00pm. This will be a virtual meeting.

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)

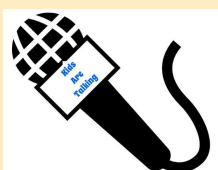
The Sycamore School Site Council (SY SSC) is governed by state guidelines and makes sure the school LCAP goals, School Safety Plan and School Plan for Achievement are completed, reviewed and updated annually.

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://syes.srvusd.net/Families/Site-Council/Site-Council/index.html>



Kids Are Talking



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>

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT TODD STRACKE AT
 TODD.STRACKE@CLOROX.COM OR (510) 219-8589

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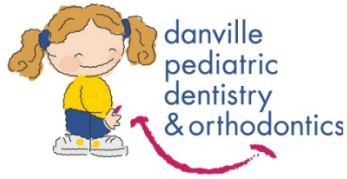
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