

Sycamore Valley Elementary SHARK BITES



Message from Patricia Kawahara - Principal September 28, 2023

Dear Sycamore Valley Families,

I hope you and your family are well. This short week is lovely in many regards but always throws me off a bit - Wednesday felt like Monday and today feels like Friday. When adults are impacted by schedule adjustments, I imagine that some of our Sharks are a little off kilter too! I am thankful that we have a staff that meets students where they are and supports them to be successful. Keep reading for some dates to remember, a friendly reminder regarding drop off protocols, conferences, Read-Alouds, some happenings around campus and district updates.

Dates to Remember:

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

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

10/11 - Sharky Cinema

10/31 - Halloween Parade

Drop Off Procedures:

Please remember that anyone crossing from the parking lot to the playground needs to cross at the crosswalk. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

Read-Alouds:

Starting in November I will be doing monthly Read-Alouds in alignment with the character trait of the month. November's character trait is Resilient. The books I will be reading are *Hama Hashimoto*, *Sixth Violin* by Chieri Uegaki and *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae. For the day and time for each classroom please see this link: [November Read Alouds](#)

Happenings Around Campus-

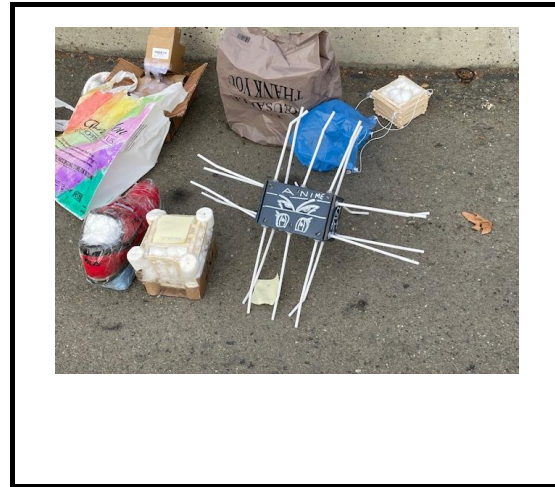
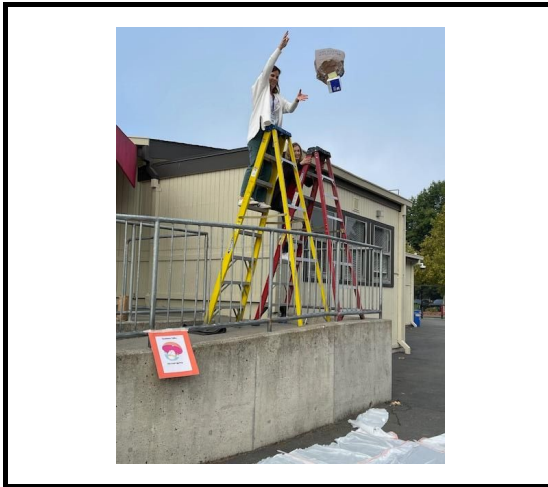
Festival Around the World:

Last Thursday evening the PTA hosted the Festival Around the World. This was a fun community event where the diversity of our community was celebrated. A giant thank you to Christy Lucia and all the other volunteers who worked to make it a success!



Egg Drop:

Mrs. Cory's 4th grade science students participated in the Egg Drop. It was amazing to see the different designs the students came up with. One student shared that his egg remained uncracked through the egg drop in the morning, and the entire school day. Only to break when the container fell open on his way off campus - the cruel irony!! I love the thought that goes into the designs, the process of learning through doing and trial and error. The process is as important as the product.



District Updates:

Board Resolutions for the Month = OCTOBER RESOLUTIONS- Safe Schools Month -

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the month of October as Safe Schools Month. Safe schools provide an environment where teaching and learning can flourish and creating a safe environment for all students to thrive is the priority of our district and each of our schools.

We will continue to work with a broad spectrum of local community partners, law enforcement, mental health professionals, parents, students, teachers, and staff to take any threats of violence seriously and to develop, implement and monitor policies and programs that foster and support a positive school climate, free from harassment and violence.

National Bullying Prevention Month -

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the month October as

National Bullying Prevention Month. Bullying is physical, verbal, nonverbal or written conduct, sexual or emotional harm, or intimidation with respect to sex, gender, ethnicity, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, physical or mental disability, marital or parental status, age, sexual orientation, or physical and social characteristics intended to cause harm.

SRVUSD, schools, classrooms, teachers, students, parents, and the broader community are encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities and curriculum designed to make our community safer for all children and adolescents.

School Administrator Week - Oct 9-13

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the week of October 9-13 as School Administrator Week. Our administrators are dedicated and passionate lifelong learners who believe in the value of quality public education. SRVUSD appreciates our administrators and the incredible impact they make on the lives of our students. During this week we show appreciation for all school administrators and education leaders including principals, assistant principals, special education leaders, school business officials, classified leaders, the Superintendent, and assistant superintendents.

Red Ribbon Week - Oct. 23-31

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the week of October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, smoking, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign. SRVUSD's students, parents/caregivers, faculty, staff members, and administrators can symbolically honor their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by displaying red ribbons on their clothing and/or personal items, and by encouraging a drug-free lifestyle during the week of October 23 - October 31.

K-12 Student Applications for Shark Tank -

Contra Costa Shark Tank student applications due November 15!
All Contra Costa County students in grades K-12 may apply.

C.O.P.E. Parent/Caregiver Seminar Series -

This fall, through our partnership with **C.O.P.E. Family Support Center**, SRVUSD parents/caregivers can attend a series of virtual seminars. The first seminar, *Overcoming Avoidance*, will be on Monday, October 2. **Learn more and register today**

FBI Safe Online Surfing (SOS) Internet Challenge -

The FBI Safe Online Surfing (SOS) Internet Challenge is a free, educational program for children in **grades 3-8** that teaches cyber safety and digital citizenship in a fun and engaging way. The program covers cyberbullying, passwords, malware, how to be safe on social media, and more. The website is available in both English and Spanish: **sos.fbi.gov**.

Thank you,
Patricia Kawahara

GO SHARKS!

IMPORTANT DATES



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- 09/28 - Sharky Cinema Ticket Go On Sales- 7:00pm
 - 09/29 - Spirit Day - Wear Sharkwear or blue clothing
 - 10/02 - 10/06- Conference Week - Min. Day Schedule
 - 10/04 - Dippin Dots
 - 10/05 - Monster Mash Tickets Go On Sales - 7:00pm
 - 10/06 - Family Game Night
 - 10/08 - Run for Education
 - 10/08 - Lego Robotics and STEM Basic w/ Lego Enrichment begins
 - 10/11 - School Photo Retakes
 - 10/11 - Sharky Cinema - MPR - 12:50pm - 2:30pm
 - 10/18 - Dippin Dots
 - 10/18 - Shark Fund Meeting
 - 10/26 - Recess with Danville P.D.
 - 10/27 - Monster Mash - Blacktop & MPR - 5:00pm - 6:30pm
 - 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**



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Family Game Night

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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
- 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 : goscamoslam@gmail.com



Run For Education Sunday October 8, 2023

Click on this link to register:

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

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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>

October Sharky Cinema:

Join us for the October Sharky Cinema after school on Wednesday, October 11th from 12:50-2:30pm 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 7:00pm!

(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!



Monster Mash:

Sharky invites your family to Sycamore for a Halloween-themed night of fun on October 27th from 5-6:30pm. Join your friends for games, pizza and other refreshments, BYO pumpkin decorating and carving, prize drawings, cupcake walk, glow-stick dance party and more! Bring your own pumpkin and Shark Fund will provide the supplies. Tickets on sale 10/5 at 7 PM (they sell out quickly): <https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store>.

Ready to get involved and help make this event a success?! [Sign up here.](#)

Bring your own pumpkin and Shark Fund will provide the supplies.

Tickets on sale 10/5 at 7 PM (they sell out quickly):
<https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/store>

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TICKETS GO ON SALE 10/5 AT 7:00PM

FAMILY
EVENT

OCT 27
5-6:30 PM

SYCAMORE
BLACKTOP

Join your friends for Halloween-themed games, pizza and other refreshments, BYO pumpkin decorating and carving, prize drawings, cupcake walk, glow-stick dance party and more! **Bring your own pumpkin** and Shark Fund will provide the supplies.

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

\$20 per person; children must be accompanied by an adult and each member of the family is required to purchase a ticket



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



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

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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 the volunteers that helped with our
4th Grade Egg Drop Science Experiment today.**



The next Site Council meeting will be announced soon.

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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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Lego Robotics - Fall 2023

Grades 3rd - 5th

October 9 - Nov. 18, 2023

No class on Nov. 20th

2:30pm - 4:00pm School Science 1/3 Room next to the Library

See attached flyer to sign up

[Lego Robotics Enrichment Class](#)

Brick Techniques: STEM Basics with Lego - Fall 2023

Grades K - 2nd

October 9 - Nov. 18, 2023

No class on Nov. 20th

2:30pm - 4:00pm School Library

See attached flyer to sign up

[STEM Basics with Lego](#)

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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>

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