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Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Bites Newsletter

**Message from Principal Kawahara
May 28, 2026**



2nd Grade Art - Parker's Class

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. We are looking forward to the last few days of school and also getting ready for a great year starting in August (it will be here before we know it). I want to thank you for all you do to support your child's success. We are so proud of all the growth we have seen in each student.

Friendly Reminder:

We continue to have close calls in the parking lot and the cross walk in front of school. It is imperative that students are **not** dropped off in the parking lot. Please park and walk your child across the crosswalk. I also need to remind you to remain vigilant and drive carefully once you drop your child off at the curb and be mindful of staff and students in the crosswalk. Thank you!

Lost and Found: Our lost and found is still overflowing. Items that have not been claimed will be donated on June 8th to local charities.

Keep reading for some dates to note and information on special events and happenings with the PTA and Shark Fund.

Thank you,
Patricia Kawahara



Important Dates to Remember

TK/K - Enrollment Open for New Students Grades TK - 5th.

- 06/02 - Senior Clap it Out - 1:30pm - MPR
- 06/04 - Last Day of School - Min. Day Schedule
TK/K 8:00 - 10:30
1st - 5th Grades - 8:00 - 12:00
- 06/08 - Lost & Found Will Be Donated
- 08/11 - New Family Orientation/Tour 5:30pm
- 08/12 - Classroom/Teacher Assignments posted in Parent Portal - 12:00pm
- 08/12 - TK/K Ice Cream Social - 1:00pm - TK/K playground
- 08/12 - TK/K Back to School Night - 5:30pm - Parents Only
- 08/13 - First Day of School for 26/27 School Year
- 08/13 - 1st - 5th Grade Back to School Night - Parents Only
4th - 5th - 5:30pm - 6:15pm in the classroom for the teacher presentation
All Grades - 6:20pm - 6:40pm in the MPR for Principal Kawahara's presentation
1st - 3rd - 6:45pm - 7:30pm in the classroom for the teacher presentation
- 08/26 - School Photos

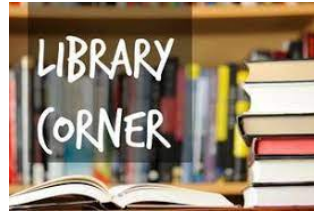
Reminder:
**If you need to drop-off items for your child
or their teacher,
Please call the school office when you arrive
at the main gate.
(925) 855-2800**



Attendance Line
**Please call or email the attendance line to report
your child's absence:**
925-855-2898
sy-attendance@srvusd.net

If your child will be absent from school, please notify the school office by phone or by email. (925) 855-2898 or sy-attendance@srvusd.net Please provide your child's first and last name (spell the last name), teacher's name / grade, and the reason for the absence

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).



We are (very) slowly chipping away at our missing library books, but there are still over 150 books still checked out. Please help your student turn these into the library or class library carts ASAP so they are able to check out books next year. Thank you!

Any questions - contact Mrs. Prindiville - jprindiville@srvusd.net



1st Grade - 5th Grade enrollment for new students for the 2026/2027 school year is now open!
Enrollment

TK and Kindergarten enrollment for the 2026/2027 school year is still open.
Children who turn 4 (TK) or 5 (Kinder) by September 1, 2026 are eligible to attend.



Be A Mentor:

Volunteer Clearance - Reminder - NEW REQUIREMENTS

We ask all of our parents/guardians to register w/ Be A Mentor for level #1 - general volunteer. This clearance will allow you to be on campus and/or in the classroom with the children. All volunteers must be finger printed. Here is the link to sign up. [Be A Mentor](#) Click on the New Volunteers Apply Now on the bottom right side of the page.

Clarification regarding volunteer drivers. As of June 2025, all volunteers who wish to drive on a field trip will need to complete the DMV report through their Be A Mentor account. There is a \$2.00 fee for this process. Be sure to upload your Driver's License information as well.

There are 3 requirements that are necessary every year.

- 1) DMV report
- 2) Annual Training (2)
- 3) Car Insurance Declaration Page updated

[Volunteer Handbook](#)



PTA Updates



PTA Leadership Roles

Join PTA Leadership for the 2026-2027 school year!

Dear Sycamore Families,

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, we are hoping to fill two key leadership roles in the coming weeks so we can begin planning for another successful year at Sycamore.

A brief overview of our open leadership roles is below:

1st Vice President – Health & Wellness

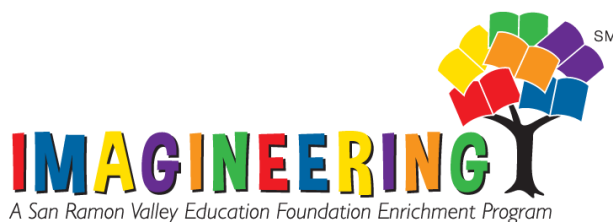
Leads a dynamic group of programs focused on student well-being and healthy habits. This role oversees committees including Emergency Preparedness, Red Ribbon Week, Vision and Hearing Screening, Sharky Fit Club, and our growing STEAM program—bringing engaging and meaningful enrichment opportunities to our students.

In addition to these leadership roles, there are several committee and program positions available as well. If you're interested in getting involved or would like to learn more about opportunities that match your interests and availability, please reach out to our Parliamentarian, Erin Meyer, at parliamentarian@sycamorevalleypta.org.

We are so grateful for the incredible parent community at Sycamore and look forward to welcoming even more volunteers to the team.

Thank you for helping us continue to build such a vibrant and supportive school community for our students!

Warmly,
Your Sycamore Valley PTA



SRVEF's Summer Imagineering has something for everyone!

Interested in biology? Check out our **Zoology Explorers** class (Grades 1-3) incorporating art, engineering, science and technology, students will bring the study of animals to life in their own hands. Learn about our oceans and the creatures that live there in our **Intro to Marine Biology** (Grades 3-5) and **Marine Bio - A Deeper Dive** (Grades 6-8). These courses will spark curiosity and excitement about science by incorporating hands-on labs, inquiry-based learning, art, and engineering projects.

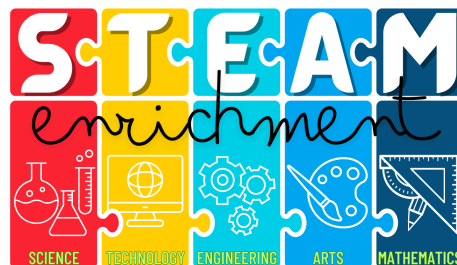
Interested in technology and computer science? Classes for grades 3-5 include **Coding with Spheros robots**, **Stop Motion Animation**, and **Blast Off! Rocketry**. Grades 6-12 can learn **Creative Coding with Python** and release their inner engineer with **Robotics**. Young makers (Grades 3-5) will experiment with recycled materials to build art, inventions, games, and more in **The Recycle Lab**.

For students in grades 6+, there are opportunities to learn skills equipping them with tools that extend far beyond the classroom including critical thinking and debate in **Pop Culture Philosophy**, financial literacy in **Level Up Your Money Game**, and improving their confidence in **Public Speaking**.

Learn real life skills in **Sweet Science Lab** and **Let's Get Cooking** classes for grades 3-5 and grades 6-8. For students in grades 6+, **Medical Intervention** will empower them to make a difference in their communities through the learning of life saving skills.

New this year, Summer Imagineering is offering **Beginning Band** and **Beginning Strings** for students with little to no experience with instrumental music but a desire to learn and **Advanced Band** and **Advanced Strings** for students who already have some experience with their instruments. This class is dedicated to preparing 5th and 6th graders for middle school concert band.

Check out our [class descriptions](#) and [register](#) today!



All STEAM Enrichment Programs have concluded for the year. Thank you to everyone who participated in one or multiple programs and for making it another successful STEAM Enrichment year! Have a great summer and see you next school year!

Contact steamenrichment@sycamorevalleypta.org with any questions about the STEAM Enrichment program.



Shark Fund Updates

Join the Shark Fund Board!!

We are currently working to fill our board and other necessary positions for next school year - please consider joining the fun and volunteering. The Shark Fund is 100% parent volunteer run! Please reach out to Doug Merian with interest or questions: douglas.merian@gmail.com

Shark Fund Monthly Meetings:

Our monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm and open to all!



Dippin' Dot Calendar:

Dippin Dots - Will return in the fall !!
TK/Kinder 11:30am, 1st-5th 12:50pm



Sharky Shout Out:

A huge THANK YOU to our incredible Sycamore Valley teachers and staff for filling this school year with learning, kindness, patience, and heart. Your dedication helps our students grow, shine, and feel supported every single day - we are so grateful for all you do!



School Site Council Update

Next Meeting Fall of 2026

New Members Needed:

Would you like to be a member of our Site Council?

For our 26/27 Site Council we will need 1 new Parent Representative and 2 new Alternate Representatives to serve for a 2 year term.

The Site Council typically meets five times throughout the school year.

If you are interested in being a Site Council Member, please submit your Bio with details as to who you are and why you would like to be a Site Council Member.

Bios should be emailed to Barbara in the school office (BJones1@srvusd.net) .

Bios will be collected this month and a ballot will be sent to our families to vote for our new members in August. Member hold the position for 2 years.



P.E. News

Hello Shark Family!

You're welcome to join me out on the field to volunteer. Here's the link for the [Sign Up Genius](#). Make sure you're cleared by Be a Mentor first. Thank you to everyone who has already helped out. You're the best!!!



SYCAMORE NEEDS YOU!

Become a 2025/2026 Sponsor Today!

Would you like to get your business noticed at school events, bring sycamore supporters into your business, get a write-off, and get us to our fundraising goal? **Become a corporate sponsor today!**

See the attached flyer for all the details.

[Sponsorship Flyer](#)

Questions? Contact Jeannine Pickering jeannine.pickering@gmail.com and Katerina McCormack katerinitsa@aol.com



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TO OUR 2025-2026
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After School Enrichment

Please refer to Peach Jar for after school enrichment opportunities that are offered for Sycamore students.

[Sycamore Valley Peach Jar](#)



Lost & Found

**With the change of weather our lost and found is growing and overflowing!!
Unclaimed items will be donated on June 8th to local charities.**

Take a look at the Rack and the Yellow Bin and the trash bags as well.

You may be surprised and find a sweatshirt / jacket / or sweater that you did not know was left behind.

Please make sure that your child's name is marked on 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 and lunch will continue to be offered free of charge for all students for the 25/26 school year, funded through the California Universal Meals Program.

Here's the link to the Child Nutrition website.

[link](#)

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

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For more information about the meals, please visit the Child Nutrition Website.

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

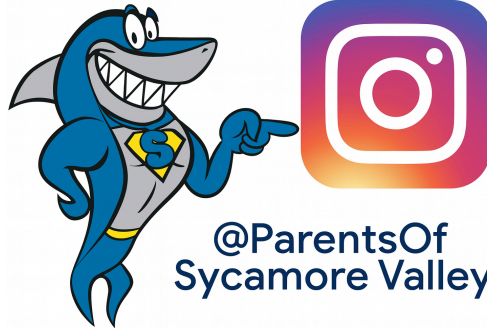
Can my child purchase a second meal?

Yes, but they need to have funds on their prepayment account, which can be done on the Titan [Family Portal](#). Cash will not be accepted in the breakfast or lunch line. Cash or checks can be given to the Child Nutrition Manager outside of the breakfast or lunch meal service time. A second breakfast is \$4.00 and a second lunch is \$5.75 at Elementary Schools and \$6.00 at Middle and High Schools. School staff can purchase a breakfast for \$4.50 and lunch for \$6.00.



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