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Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Bites Newsletter

**Message from Principal Kawahara
April 02, 2026**



Scribble Art - Grade 1

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. We are all looking forward to Spring Break and to the Variety Show this evening! A big thank you to the Montierth's, all the volunteers and the PTA for putting on this wonderful event!

Variety Show is tonight in the MPR at 6:00pm

**04/03-04/10 - No School - Spring Break
Staff Appreciation Week - 4/13 - 4/17**

Tuesday 4/14 = Spirit Day - Dress up in Western Attire

Wednesday 4/15 = Spirit Day - Dress in your teacher's favorite color

Bell Schedule: April at a Glance

[April At A Glance](#)

April Read Aloud:

[April Read Aloud Schedule](#)

2025-2026 Read Aloud Titles (December - May):

[25-26 Sycamore Valley Read-Alouds](#)

Enjoy the break.!

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.

04/02 - Variety Show - MPR - 6:00pm
04/03-04/10 - No School - Spring Break
04/13-04/17 - Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week - Various Events
04/14 - Spirit Day - Theme: Western Attire
04/15 - Spirit Day - Theme: Dress in your teacher's favorite color
04/15 - Run for Education Logo Contest due
04/15 - Dippin' Dots
04/15 - Sharky Cinema
04/15 - Shark Fund Meeting = Virtual - 6:30pm
04/17 - Advocay Day - 8:30-2:30
04/23 - Science Fair - 2:30pm - MPR
04/23 - PTA Family STEAM Night: 6:30-8:00pm - MPR
04/24 - Spring Concert - Instrumental Music - MPR - 5:30pm
04/25 - Imagineering - 8:30am-4:00pm
04/29 - Dippin' Dots
04/29 - Spirit Day - Theme: Backwards Day
05/06 - Sharky Cinema
05/13 - Dippin' Dots
05/14 - Open House
05/22 - No School - School Recess
05/24 - No School - Memorial Day
05/27 - Dippin' Dots

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).



Hi Sycamore Families,

Staff Appreciation Week is coming up **April 13–17**, and this year's theme is **"The Best in the West!"** We're so excited to celebrate our amazing teachers and staff with a week full of fun and gratitude. **We still need help with the following sign-ups!**

Staff Luncheon:

We would love your help in bringing a few more items!

[Sign Up Genius Link](#)

Decorate a Door on Monday, 4/13

Eight more doors still need decorating! You can choose any theme you'd like. Please help show our supporting departments some love. [Previous examples here.](#)

[Sign Up Genius Link](#)

Thank you so much for helping us make this week extra special for our teachers and staff—we couldn't do it without you!

With gratitude,
Your Sycamore Valley PTA



**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



The Variety Show is coming up on Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00pm in the MPR. Join us the the Treat Bar from 5:00 - 6:00pm outside the MPR prior to the show.



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.

6th Vice President – Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI)

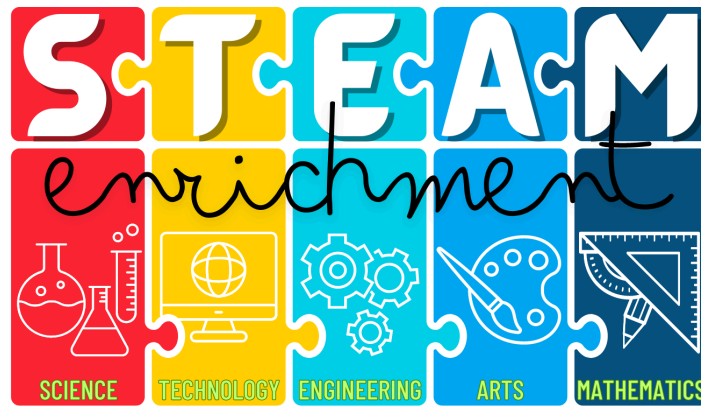
Supports programs that celebrate and uplift the diverse voices within our school community. This role oversees initiatives such as Festival Around the World, Words Matter Week, the Abilities Awareness Workshop, the Exceptional Education Liaison program, and the African American History Showcase.

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



Battle of the Books: 5/20/26 @ 1:00pm

Students MUST read 9 out of 10 books from the shared booklist to participate in the May competition. Please share the number of books your child has completed reading, along with the book titles, to Deepa (battleofthebooks@sycamorevalleypta.org) to be eligible for the competition.

Book Club 1st-2nd:

The next book club meeting for 1st and 2nd graders will be held **on Wednesday, April 29th, after school in the Science Room**. Please [sign up here](#) to attend (for both student participation and to be a parent helper). For any questions, please contact Sukhdeep (1_2bookclub@sycamorevalleypta.org).

Book Club 3rd-5th:

The last book club meeting for 3rd-5th graders will be held **on Wednesday, April 15th, after school in the Science Room**. Please [sign up here](#) to attend (for both student participation and to be a parent helper). For any questions, please contact Juliana (3_5bookclub@sycamorevalleypta.org).

Math Madness:

This year's program has ended, and we will resume Math Madness interest sign-ups next school year.

Math Olympiad:

We have completed all 5 contests for this year. Congratulations to all the participants and the top 3 scorers for this year: **Abhinav M. (5th), Jaden G. (5th) and Anirudh J. (4th)**. Medals and certificates for all participants will be distributed in May.

Science Fair:

Mark your calendars for the Science Fair happening on **Thursday, April 23rd**, after school in the MPR! **Blank trifolds for projects are available in the front office**. For any questions, please contact Mariam (sciencechair@sycamorevalleypta.org).

Family STEAM enrichment Night: Save the date! **Sycamore Elementary's Family STEAM Enrichment Night** will be held on **Thursday, April 24th**, from

6:30–8:00 PM in the MPR. Bring your family and enjoy an exciting night of hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities. It's a great opportunity for students and families to explore, learn, and have fun together! For any questions, please contact Lisa (steamnight@sycamorevalleypta.org)

WordMasters Challenge:

For any questions, please contact Rachel (wordmasters@sycamorevalleypta.org).

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

Sycamore PTA presents

Family STEAM enrichment Night

FAMILY EVENT | THU, APR 23 | SYCAMORE MPR
6:30-8:00PM

SAVE THE DATE!
Join us for a fun-filled night of hands-on STEAM activities at Sycamore's Family STEAM Night.

Family STEAM Enrichment Night

Sycamore PTA Family STEAM Enrichment Night
Thursday April 23 6:30-8 p.m.

Save the date! TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!

Come join us for our annual Sycamore PTA Family STEAM Enrichment Night on **Thursday 4/23 from 6:30-8pm** at the Sycamore MPR.

Tickets are \$10 per child. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

This is not a drop off event. Space is limited.

Tickets are available here:

<https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/go/54387-family-steam-enrichment-2026>



If you would like to volunteer at the event, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EADAA22A7FB6-63059304-family>

Science Fair 2026

(see attached pdf)

Sycamore Valley Elementary's

2026

SCIENCE FAIR

Open to all 1st - 5th grade students!

**Entries are Due in the MPR
on Thursday, April 23rd after school**

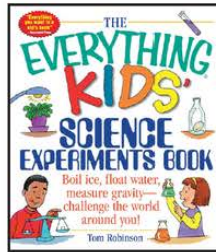
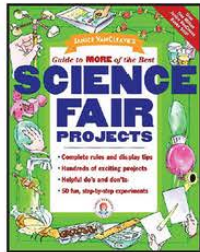
Projects will be judged, awarded, and then displayed at Family STEAM Night.
PRIZES will be awarded for **Creativity, Presentation,**
 and **Most Unexpected Results** for grades 1st-2nd and 3rd-5th!

If you are interested in participating in the 2026 Science Fair, then please sign up by March 31st:



NEED IDEAS?

These books with project ideas and tips are available for check out at the Sycamore library!

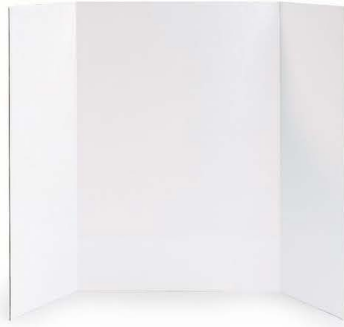


Questions can be emailed to Mariam at sciencechair@sycamorevalleypta.org.

THE DISPLAY:

This will be a tri-fold poster board presentation and will include:

1. Testable Question - the question you are seeking to answer
2. Hypothesis - what you think will happen
3. Experiment - must include the materials (what you used) and the procedure (what you did)
4. Data / Results - may include charts, graphs, photos
5. Conclusion - what did you learn? what questions do you still have?



THE REPORT:

1. Title Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Testable Question - the question you are seeking to answer
4. Hypothesis - what you think will happen
5. Experiment - must include the materials (what you used) and the procedure (what you did)
6. Data / Results - may include charts, graphs, photos
7. Conclusion - what did you learn? what questions do you still have?
8. Acknowledgments

See an example of a student presentation from a previous science fair:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJFruJI7WO8>

ADVOCACY DAY 2026
Expect the Unexpected

APRIL 17, 2026 | 8:30AM - 2:30PM
SAN RAMON COMMUNITY CENTER

EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$55 | INCREASES TO \$60 ON APRIL 11
BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED







Hosted by the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs
in partnership with Pleasanton PTA Council,
Las Trampas Creek Council of PTAs, and Fremont Council PTA

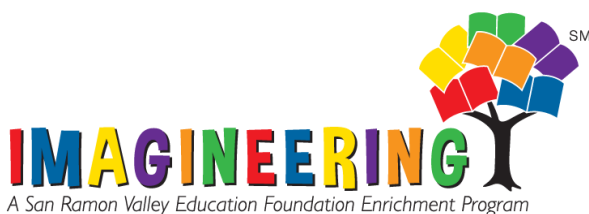
Advocacy Day

Tickets are now on sale for Advocacy Day for Education on April 17th

Join parents, educators, elected officials, and community members for our annual Advocacy Day for Education. This year the event theme is “Expect The Unexpected”. We will learn from our students, local superintendents, state legislators and experts on the California education budget and the influence of legislation and politics.

The event is hosted by the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs in partnership with Pleasanton PTA Council, Fremont PTA Council, and the Las Trampas Council of PTAs. The ticket includes continental breakfast and catered lunch.

[Register for Advocacy Day 2026](#)



Imagineering Hackathon

Registration is now open for SRVEF's Imagineering Hackathon!

SRVEF is excited to announce an [Imagineering Hackathon](#) open to all SRVUSD students interested in coding - grades 6th through 12th of all skill levels, beginner through advanced. This is a high-energy, collaborative competition where students work in teams of 2-4 to build, code, and design creative, real-world tech solutions—such as apps or websites—based on a theme. It emphasizes innovation, teamwork, and skill-building, allowing students to develop projects for

their portfolios and compete for prizes. This is a BYOD event - students must bring their own laptop. Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided.

When: Saturday, April 25, 2026 8:30am-4:00pm

Where: California High School Library
9870 Broadmoor Drive, San Ramon

[Registration](#) is now open.

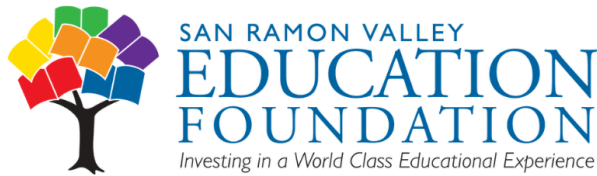
Run for Education Art Contest

SRVEF 43rd Annual Run for Education Logo Art Contest

Unleash your creativity and be the designer of the next Run for Education logo! The winning design will be featured on t-shirts and advertising, and the winning student will receive 6 tickets to the Oakland Ballers.

Submission deadline: Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

View the flyer below for more information and details on how to submit.



Calling All SRVUSD Student Artists! 43rd Annual Run for Education Logo Art Contest

Got an idea for this year's Run for Education logo? Submit your design to the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation by April 15th. The winning design will be featured on Run t-shirts and advertising. The winner will also receive 6 tickets to the Oakland Ballers and a Run entry.

Criteria:

- Logo must include the SRVEF tree in the design
- Design must include the words "43rd Annual Run for Education"
- Logo must be colorful and easy to see from a distance
- Design must reflect your original art (no clip art, stock, copyrighted or AI-generated images)
- Artist must be a student of SRVUSD
- Please submit a PDF file and include student name, grade, and school with entry

Submission:



Email entries to info@srvef.org
Use the subject line:
"Run for Education Logo Contest"
by **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**
All entries become the property of SRVEF
and may be modified



Save the Date!

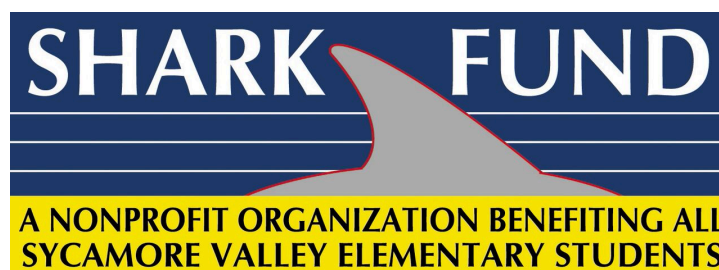
Mark your calendars for the 43rd Annual Run for Education. Join us on Sunday, October 11, 2026! Registration is open at www.srvef.org/the-run



www.srvef.org



info@srvef.org



Shark Fund Updates

Shark Fund Monthly Meetings:

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

Feel free to join our next monthly meeting Wednesday 4/15/26 at 6:30pm. <https://meet.google.com/ttd-tnzn-mks> We will be presenting the SLATE for board positions for 26-27, so please consider joining the board!



Sharky Cinema -

Sharky Cinema will be the first Wednesday of each month this year 12:50-2:30pm. We still need volunteers the first Wednesday of the month moving forward!

Volunteer sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAFA82DA5FDC61-58993180-sharky#!>



Dippin' Dot Calendar:

Dippin Dots - 4/15

TK/Kinder 11:30am, 1st-5th 12:50pm

Dippin Dots - 4/29

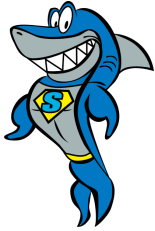
TK/Kinder 11:30am, 1st-5th 12:50pm

Dippin Dots - 5/13

TK/Kinder 11:30am, 1st-5th 12:50pm

Dippin Dots - 5/27

TK/Kinder 11:30am, 1st-5th 12:50pm

**Sharky Shout Out:**

A big thank you to our volunteer parents behind the scenes who have been working very hard at organizing the Variety Show this week, including 41 incredible acts featuring our talented students!

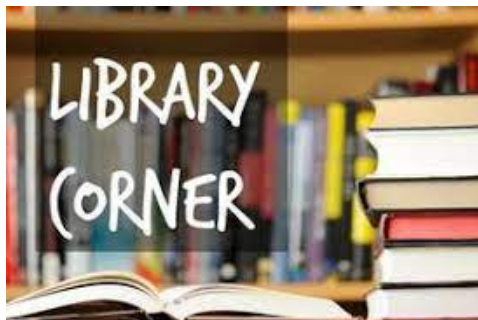
**School Site Council Update**

Next Meeting Fall of 2026

New Members Needed:

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

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



Please help your reader remember their library day and to turn their books in when they're due!

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



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



**SHARKY SHOUTOUT
TO OUR 2025-2026
SYCAMORE VALLEY
ELEMENTARY SPONSORS**



KEHRIG
REAL ESTATE TEAM



SPIRITWEAR

Click here for the [Spiritwear Sale](#)
Shark Spirit Sale

The Sycamore Valley Spring Sale has been extended! Shop now and save up to 30% off sitewide! <https://1stplace.sale/13542>

[Shop Now!](#)

Store Link: <https://1stplace>.

SYCAMORE VALLEY
OFFICIAL SPIRIT WEAR STORE

HOT SPRING SALE
EXTENDED
SAVE UP TO 30% SITE WIDE

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SHARKS

FREE Shipping on orders over \$85
SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/13542

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Spiritwear



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!!

Take a look at the Rack and the Yellow Bin.

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.

MENUS

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.



Follow our new Instagram page @parentsofsycamorevalley for bite-sized updates on school events, programs, and all the fun happening at our school!

Instagram:



**@ParentsOf
Sycamore Valley**

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