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Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Bites Newsletter

Message from Principal Kawahara January 29, 2026



1st Grade - Flavio - Lion – “L” Writing

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. This week PTA hosted the annual Book Swap. I love the excitement around new books and reading this event sparks! A big thank you to the PTA and the volunteers who promoted, organized, ran and cleaned up for the event!

Next week is Words Matter Week. Classes will be thinking about the power of words and the impact they can have on others. Thank you to the PTA for coordinating some recess activities for students to consider this message.

Bell Schedule: February at a Glance:
February At A Glance

February Read Aloud:
February Read Aloud Schedule

2025-2026 Read Aloud Titles (December - May):
25-26 Sycamore Valley Read-Alouds

District Updates:
Hiring Event next Tuesday @ Service Center:

HIRING EVENT
San Ramon Valley Unified School District
Nutrition & Food Service Team

Date: Tuesday February 3
Location: 3280 Crow Canyon San Ramon Ca
Time: 3pm - 6pm



• No nights or weekends
• Paid holidays, summers off
• Paid training
• Growth opportunities
Assistance completing applications and interviews.
Bring a list of experience and references (professional & volunteer)

Hourly Rates \$18-\$24.64
PLUS
GREAT BENEFITS

Scan for list of jobs here: 

Recruitment Fair for SPED Certificated Staff:

SRVUSD is hosting a Recruitment Fair for Certificated Special Education positions: Teachers, Psychologists, and Speech Pathologists. Interested applicants should complete the online application on Edjoin.

More information can be found on this flyer.

DATE: February 25, 2026

TIME: 4:00-6:00 pm

LOCATION: SRVUSD Boardrooms

Please keep reading for some upcoming event information, important dates and other PTA/Shark Fund News.

Thank you,
Patricia Kawahara

**NOTE: Gmail users, please be sure to click "View Entire Message" at the bottom of this email to avoid missing all important updates.
A new window will open displaying the full newsletter!!**



Important Dates to Remember

TK/K - Enrollment Open for New Students

02/01 - 1st - 5th Grade Enrollment Opens for New Students

01/29 - Sharky Cinema Ticket Sales Open 7:00pm - Future Fund

02/01 - Culture in the Community Celebration 12:00 - 5:00

02/03 - Sharky Cinema Ticket Sales Close 6:00pm

02/04 - Sharky Cinema - Smurfs Movie - MPR - 12:50 - 2:30pm

02/05 - 5th Grade Class Panoramic and "26" photo shoot

02/11 - Melos Giveback - 20% to Sycamore

02/16 - No School - President's Day

02/17 - No School - Professional Development Day for Staff

02/27 - Deadline to submit Variety Show Act

03/04 - 5th Grade Math Placement exam for entering Middle School

03/11 - Sharky Cinema

03/16 - 03/22 - Silent Auction - Online

03/21 - Live Auction - Blackhawk Country Club

04/01 - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal 1:00 - 3:00pm - MPR

04/02 - Variety Show - MPR - 6:00pm

04/03-04/10 - No School - Spring Break

05/06 - Sharky Cinema

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).



TK and Kindergarten enrollment for the 2026-27 school year is still open. Children who turn 4 (TK) or 5 (Kinder) by September 1, 2026 are eligible to attend.

SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TK & KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

for the 2026-27 School Year



Enroll Now
For Kinder and TK!

Age Guidelines

TK for 2026-27
Child must turn 4 years of age
on or before
September 1, 2026

KINDERGARTEN for 2026-27
Child must turn 5 years of age
on or before
September 1, 2026

TK/Kinder Webpages

- [TK FAQ](#)
- [Kindergarten Readiness](#)
- [TK/Kinder Enrollment Quick Reference](#)

www.srvusd.net/enrollyourchild



Auction!

Auction!!! This is a LIVE and ONLINE auction year, so mark your calendars to join in the fun!! All auction updates will be on our schools auction website: sycamore2026.ourschool.auction

Save the date!

You're Invited to the 2026 Auction - Roaring 20's

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026

Location: Blackhawk Country Club

Tickets coming soon!

ONLINE auction will run **March 16 - 22******

We need YOUR help for the auction to be a success! As a reminder, 100% of proceeds raised at the auction stay here at Sycamore to benefit all children.

- **Gather:** Help us gather donations from local businesses and the parent community. Email us at sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org to be added to the team - we will provide you a short list of businesses to reach out to, that have donated at previous auctions!
- **Host:** host a social! Our social events, paid for and organized by the parent community, make up a huge amount of the auction proceeds! Check out the "host a social" tab on the website, under "donate" or [use this form if you want to host](#).
- **Donate:** donate an item or experience to the auction! sycamore2026.ourschool.auction then select "donate"
- **Live event:** help us with the live event!
Email sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org

[Sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org](mailto:sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org) (Doug - President)
Sycamorevalley.edfundvp@srvef.org (Adele - VP)

SPIRITWEAR

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

Stock up on Sycamore Valley Elementary School spirit wear! The more you buy, the bigger your savings-up to 25% off! Save 15% when you buy 2 items. Save 20% when you buy 3 items. SAVE 25% OFF when you buy 4 items! **Use code SPIRIT766 at checkout to apply your discount.** Plus, receive FREE shipping on orders of \$75 or more. Shop now during the perfect opportunity to stock up on Sycamore Valley Elementary School tees, hoodies, hats, accessories and more for the entire family. <https://1stplace.sale/13542>

Shop Now!

Store Link: <https://1stplace.sale/13542>

SYCAMORE VALLEY
OFFICIAL SPIRIT WEAR STORE

BUY MORE. SAVE MORE!

Stock up on official spirit wear and save **up to 25%**



4+ items	→	25% OFF
3 items	→	20% OFF
2 items	→	15% OFF

BUILD YOUR BUNDLE

SHOP NOW **USE CODE: SPIRIT766**

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

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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](#)



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YEARBOOK
eShare

Trunk or TREAT

STEP-BY-STEP:

How to upload a photo for yearbook consideration

- Go to YearbookShare.com and enter your school code.
- Locate the picture (file) to upload. Select it, click Open.
- To upload more than one file, Ctrl-click on each file name. You can upload 10 images at a time.
- Click each thumbnail to select it and enter information about all images. **Please include teacher name in description when submitting photos.**
- Click Submit Image Information when you are done.

From your phone into the book.

USE THE QR CODE OR VISIT YEARBOOKSHARE.COM

 THEN, USE OUR SCHOOL CODE:
sycamoresharks 

Yearbook eShare Flyer

Attention parents...We are now collecting photos for the yearbook!

- First day of school
- 5th grade arcade
- Halloween parade & class parties
- Trunk or treat
- Fun Run
- Around the World Festival
- 5th grade outdoor ed
- Field trips
- Art docent
- Many more!

A few tips:



Candid photos are great!



Make sure you have at least 2-3 students in a photo, preferably the same grade level.



Please include grade level & teacher. Individual names are not necessary.



No photos of students at home or outside of school.

Book Swap

Thank you all to all those who participated in the Book Swap. We hope you are enjoying your "new" books! We are excited to announce the winners of the bookmark contest. This year's theme is "My Favorite Character." Everyone did a fantastic job on their bookmarks! There was so much creativity, artistry, and demonstrated love for reading. Students voted for their favorite bookmark in their grade level during their class library time. Winning bookmarks were reproduced and given out at the Book Swap. Congratulations to all winners!

Bookmark Contest Winners

- K - Cruz E.
- 1st - Mehr K.
- 2nd - Kassandra S.
- 3rd - Colette P.
- 4th - Ava W.
- 5th - Luca P.



PTA Updates



OUR VARIETY SHOW IS BACK FOR 2026!

Does your child love to perform on stage?

Would they like to present an entertaining act of their choice in front of an audience?

Solo or in a group, we would love to see your rising star showcased in this year's Sycamore Valley Variety Show!

IMPORTANT 2026 VARIETY SHOW DATES:

Deadline to submit Registration and Music: Friday, February 27th

Variety Show **Dress Rehearsal**: Wednesday, April 1st at 1:00 PM in MPR

Variety Show: Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00 PM in MPR

Please read the attached "[**2026 VARIETY SHOW Info**](#)" document for all information pertaining to this year's show and how to get your act signed up in time!

If you have any questions, please contact Variety Show Directors Marisa Montierth and Kali Fama

(marisamontierth@gmail.com, kalifama@hotmail.com).

This is the link to the info sheet - [**Info Sheet**](#)

Registration Form: [Variety Show Registration Form](#)

African American History Museum:

VOUNTEERS NEEDED

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY SHOWCASE

Volunteers needed immediately to work with teachers to spearhead this fun, interactive and educational event at Sycamore. We hope this great program can continue, and it would be disappointing to the kids if cancelled.

Reach out for more information:
Meghan Johnson
dei@sycamorevalleypta.org



2026 Culture in the Community Celebration

The 2026 Culture in the Community Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 1st from 12pm to 5pm at the Dougherty Station Community Arts Center organized by the City of San Ramon. All are welcome to attend (free and all-ages) this celebration of the diverse cultures that make up San Ramon through art, dance, music and games from around the world. Please join us with the whole family and spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and various communities.



CULTURE IN THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION 2026

Share & celebrate the diverse cultures of San Ramon, through art, dance, music & games from around the World.

CULTURAL BOOTH

MULTICULTURAL PERFORMANCES

INTERNATIONAL CRAFT WORKSHOPS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
FROM 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

DOUGHERTY STATION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME AT THIS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

SAN RAMON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
JOHN MUIR HEALTH PARTNER

SAN RAMON VALLEY DIVERSITY COALITION

JOHN MUIR HEALTH
San Ramon Valley District of PTA

Parks Make Life Better!

San Ramon Parks & Community Services
SRCultureintheCommunity.com
925-973-3200



SYCAMORE NEEDS YOU!

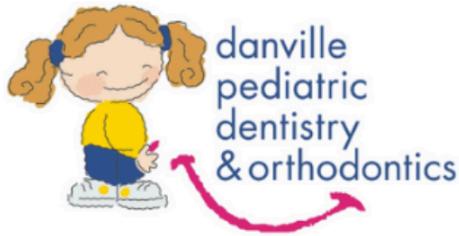
Become a 2025/2026 Sponsor Today!

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 katerinitisa@aol.com



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

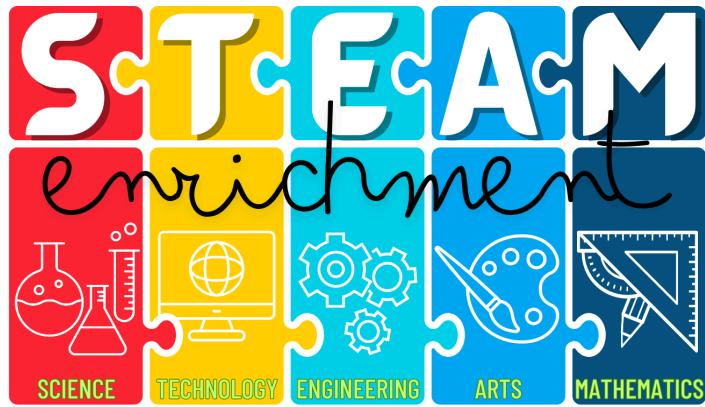


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Battle of the Books:

The booklist has been sent out to all enrolled participants. *Students MUST read 9 out of 10 books to be able to participate in the competition in May.* Please reach out to Deepa (battleofthebooks@sycamorevalleypta.org) if you missed the book list. For anyone still interested in participating in this program, please [sign up here](#).

Book Club 1st-2nd:

The next book club meeting for 1st and 2nd graders will be held **Wednesday, February 25th, after school in the Science Room**. Please [sign up here](#) to attend specific book club dates (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 next book club meeting for 3rd-5th graders will be held on **Wednesday, February 11th, after school in the Science Room**. Please [sign up here](#) to attend specific book club dates (for both student participation and to be a parent helper). For any questions, please contact Juliana (3_5bookclub@sycamorevalleypta.org).

Math Olympiad:

The team meets every Friday morning @ 7:15am for practices. For more information, please reach out to Deepa (mathchair@sycamorevalleypta.org).

Research Projects:

The research project topic for February will be aligned with the upcoming 6th Annual African American History Showcase in honor of Black History Month, which will be held on **Friday, February 27th from 2:30pm - 3:30pm in Sycamore's MPR**. The theme for this year is ***The Harlem Renaissance: A Celebration of Dreams***, which will highlight the creativity and voices of the Harlem Renaissance through student work inspired by influential writers, musicians, artists, and photographers.

Students can pick any topic for their research presentation that is related to this year's theme. ***Please encourage student(s) to pick a different topic than the ones their grade levels will be focusing on.*** Presentations can be a trifold and/or poster board. ***Trifolds for projects are available in the front office.*** For this research topic we will not be accepting slideshow (ppt), audio or video presentations as all research presentations will be displayed in the MPR at this year's African American History Showcase. Students may work individually or in pairs.

Students should drop off their presentations in the front office on Wednesday, 2/25 or Thursday, 2/26. Please have student(s) drop their presentations in the front office and put their *Name, Teacher and Grade Level* on the back of their presentation. Student(s) can pick up their presentations from the front office on **Monday, March 3**.

If your student would like to participate, please fill out the **Sign Up** genius under the "African American History Showcase" Section. For any questions, please contact Raj (researchprojects@sycamorevalleypta.org).

Science Builder's Challenge:

The Science Builder's Challenge has been canceled this year due to low interest. For any questions, please contact steam enrichment@sycamorevalleypta.org.

Science Fair:

Stay tuned for details to come about the spring Science Fair. For any questions, please contact Mariam (sciencechair@sycamorevalleypta.org).

WordMasters Challenge:

The 2nd Round WordMasters Challenge has been released and the Challenge 2 Test Submission is due by **February 10th**. For any questions, please contact Rachel (wordmasters@sycamorevalleypta.org).

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



Shark Fund Updates



Melos Giveback - February 11th!! Dine at the Melos in Danville on 2/11 and tell them you're with Sycamore - they will donate 20% of proceeds to our school!

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 2/18 at 6:30pm. <https://meet.google.com/ttd-tnzn-mks>



Join us after school on a Wacky Wednesday February 4th, 2026 to watch a kid-friendly movie with theater snacks in the MPR! This month's movie is **The Smurfs**!

Ticket sales open Thursday, January 29th, 2026 at 7:00pm
Ticket sales close Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 at 6:00pm

Date: Wednesday, February 4

Place: Sycamore MPR

Time: 12:50-2:30

[Tickets On Sale – Future Fund](#)

Sharky Cinema - Volunteers Needed for March 2026

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! The December Sharky Cinema movie will be The Grinch, so be sure to buy your tickets!

Volunteer sign up:

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



Dippin' Dot Calendar:

Dippin Dots -

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

Dippin Dot Pre-pay Punch Cards are Back!

Punch cards can be purchased for **\$25.00**.

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



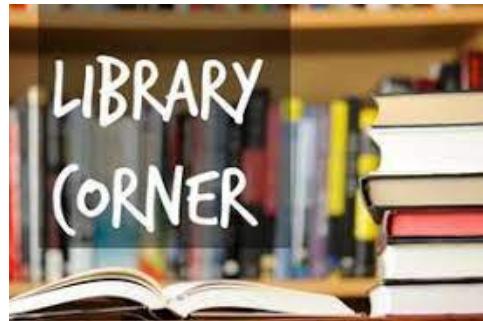
Sharky Shout Out:

A big thank you to our parent volunteers who helped out for Book Swap early in the morning and after school, especially in this frigid weather!



School Site Council Update

Next Meeting TBD



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!!!

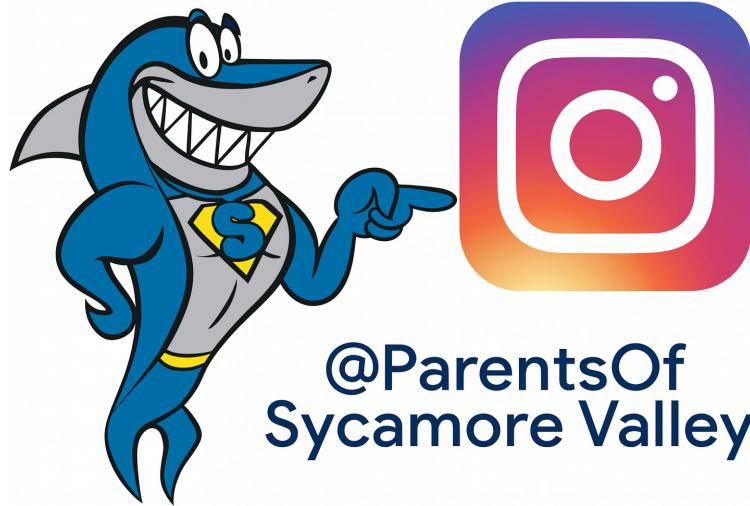
COMMUNITY



EVENTS

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

Instagram:



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!!

Take a look at the Rack and in 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.

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