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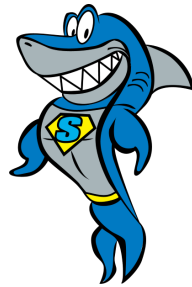
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Sycamore Valley Elementary School



Principal's Message



Kinder Art

August 27, 2026

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. We are enjoying our first full week with the regular schedule. Classes are in full swing and kiddos are settling into the routines.

Following are some things to keep in mind for the upcoming week.

Site Council Ballot -

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Bell Schedule: September at a Glance

[September At A Glance](#)

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

08/10-09/04 - Online Sycamore Registration is Open

08/28 - Spirit Day - Wear your Sharkwear or Wear Blue attire

09/01 - Street Smart Assembly - All Grades

09/02 - PTA Association Meeting @ 8:10am - MPR

09/03 - Run for Education Spirit Day

09/04 - Online Sycamore Registration Closes @ 11:30pm

09/07 - No School - Labor Day Holiday

09/09 - Dippin Dots

09/16 - Shark Fund Meeting @ 6:30pm - Virtual

09/23 - Dippin Dots

10/07 - School Photo - Makeup/Retake Day

10/11 - Run for Education

Important Reminders

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).

Volunteer Requirements - Mandatory



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.

As a reminder, all volunteers are required to complete a Livescan fingerprint background check, TB test, and mandated reporter and sexual harassment prevention training. Although this adds several steps for our generous parent volunteers, it also adds a layer of safety for our students. For details please see the [volunteer requirements and the clearance process](#), and the district [Volunteer webpage](#).

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. 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](#)

Registration

HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR SYCAMORE VALLEY REGISTRATION YET?

If not, please visit the link below to complete registration.

Thank you for your support!

SYCAMORE SHARKS

Registration Goal: \$150k

\$117k collected!

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

REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

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

School Pictures



School Photo Make-Up Day = October 7, 2026

If you missed picture day on August 26th, or do not like how the photo turned out, you can still have your photo taken on October 7th.

Photos will be taken during classtime.
Photos will be used for our Yearbook.
You can order individual photos as well as a classphoto.
<https://www.ciphotoca.com/sycamorevalley>

PTA Upates



PTA Open Roles

JOIN *the* PTA!



We have some open Committee Member positions and would love your help!

OPEN ROLES:

-  **STEAM PROGRAMS:**
 - ★ STEAM Art & Play
 - ★ Book Club (1st-2nd Grade)
 - ★ Word Masters
-  **RUN FOR EDUCATION SITE REP** Oct 11
-  **WORDS MATTER AWARENESS WEEK** Feb 1-5
-  **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY SHOWCASE** Feb 26

 *Interested in learning more?*
No commitment — reach out with questions! 😊

👤 Twinkle Huang | ✉ president@sycamorevalleypta.org

PTA Association Meeting



Hearing & Vision Screening - Volunteers Needed September 2nd & 3rd!

The district school nurses conduct hearing and vision screenings throughout the school year. The screenings help to identify possible barriers to learning. Per California State Ed Code, we perform the following screenings (Ed Code §49455, §49456, §49452.5)

- **Vision:** Grades K , 2, 5
- **Color Vision:** Grades K
- **Hearing:** Grades K , 2, 5

If your student does not pass a hearing or vision screening, the school nurse will notify you of the next steps and possible referral to your medical provider.

Sycamore Valley Elementary will conduct the hearing and vision screening for grades K, 2, and 5.

We need a few volunteers on September 2nd and 3rd.

Please sign up and help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DAAAFAC25-65270854-hearingvision>

SRVEF Run for Education Rep flyer

Interested in being our Sycamore Valley Site Rep?

Email Twinkle Huang at president@sycamorevalleypta.org



The flyer is a vertical rectangle with a purple background and a large white circle on the right side. The circle contains two photos: the top one shows three women and a person in a cat costume holding a trophy, and the bottom one shows a group of children and adults celebrating. The text is arranged around the circle and at the bottom.

THE RUN FOR EDUCATION

Run for Education Site Rep

2-month commitment only!

- Interested in supporting an event that has been a tradition in the San Ramon Valley for 40+ years?
- Want to partner with amazing volunteers from across the District?
- Become a Run Site Rep and earn money for your school!
- Increase your Run registrations and bring home the Run for Education Champions Cup!

Marketing calendar and content provided for social media.

Position overview:

Lead Run marketing efforts at your school
 Finite commitment: Mid-Aug to Mid-Oct
 Time commitment per week: About 1-2 hours

QUESTIONS? ➤

Contact SRVEF at:
lori@srvef.org

Website:
srvef.org/the-run

SRVEF Run for Education Spirit Day on September 3

Show your support for the [Run for Education](#)! All district schools will be participating by wearing Run for Education shirts, medals, or any running attire on **Spirit Day, Thursday, September 3!**

SRVUSD Community District-Wide Run for Education Spirit Day



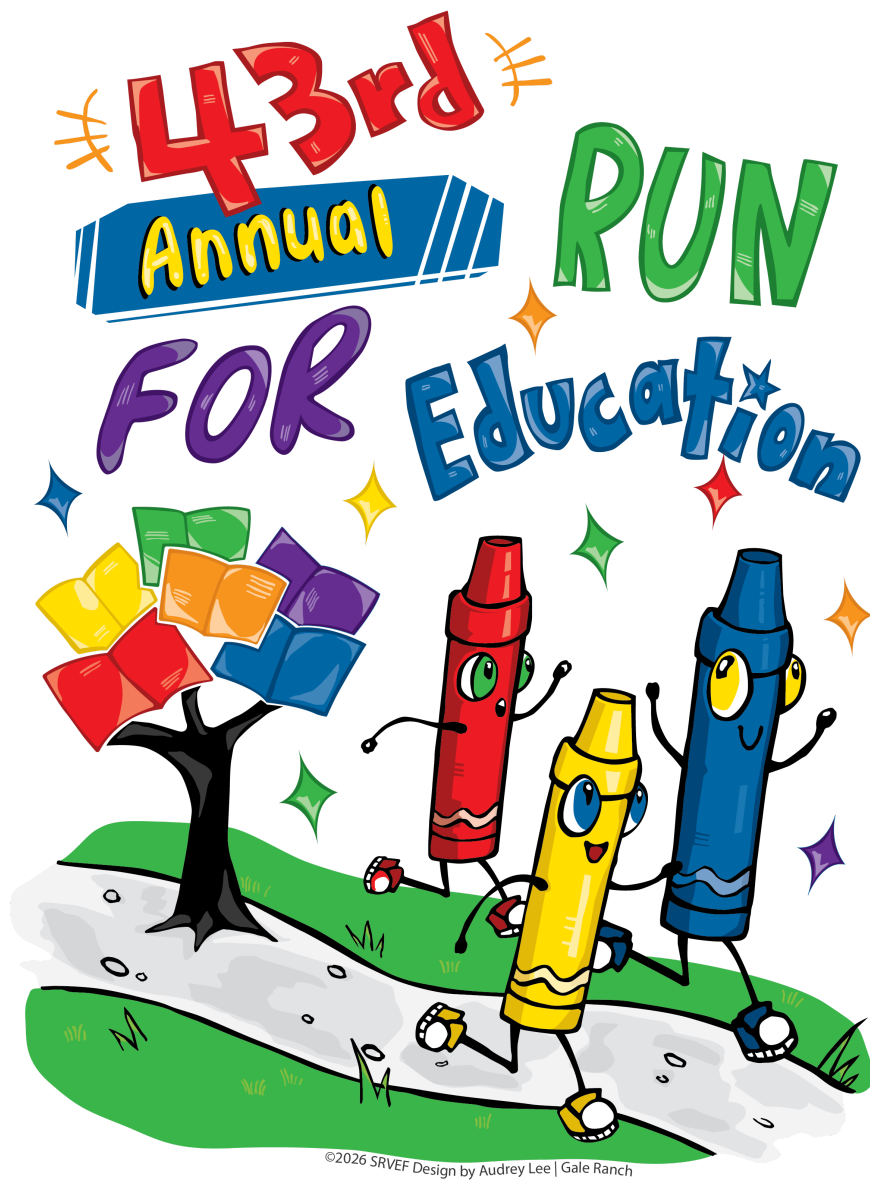
Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026

srvef.org/the-run



Wear your medals! Dress in running attire!

The most spirited school will once again receive a coveted VIP tent for their school at the Run for Education, recognition on the SRVUSD home page and social media, and will receive a school shout at the Run for Education!



Festival Around the World



🌍 ✨ **Festival Around the World**

Thursday, September 24 | 5:00–7:00 PM | MPR

Sycamore Valley Elementary is celebrating the wonderful cultures and traditions that make our community so special!

Join us for an evening of food, traditions, activities, and cultures from around the world. This is a PTA-sponsored event, and all Sycamore Valley families are invited!

If you'd like to be part of making the event happen, there are several ways to participate:

🌍 **REPRESENT A COUNTRY**

Sign up to showcase a country or culture! Families can share traditions, activities, decorations, or other fun ways to introduce your community to a part of the world.

More than one family may sign up for the same country, so feel free to team up or reach out to another family representing your country of choice to coordinate.

🍴 **CULTURAL FOOD TABLE**

We'd love for families to bring a favorite cultural food item to share!

If you bring food, please note:

All ingredients must be clearly listed and printed on a standard 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper to display alongside your dish. Please use large, easy-to-read text so families can review the ingredients before trying the food.

For the safety of our school community, food cannot be served without a complete list of all ingredients.

👤 **VOLUNTEER AT THE EVENT**

Help make the evening a success! We're looking for volunteers to help with setup and breakdown.

📷 **CAPTURE THE MEMORIES**

We're also looking for photo volunteers to help capture the fun! All cameras are welcome — phones are great! Help us document the evening and all the wonderful participation from our Sycamore Valley families.

👉 Sign up to represent a country, volunteer, or take photos!!

We can't wait to celebrate the world together at Sycamore! 🌍 ❤️

Questions? Email festivalaroundtheworld@sycamorevalleypta.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!

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026.



Sharky Cinema Tickets Now On Sale

Purchase Your Tickets for the First Sharky Cinema of the Year!

Wednesday 9/2/26

Purchase [HERE](#)

Interested in volunteering for upcoming Sharky Cinemas? Sign up [HERE](#)



★ WEDNESDAY 9/2/26 ★

THE MPR TURNS INTO A
MOVIE THEATER FOR
SHARK FUND'S MONTHLY
DROP OFF EVENT



★ THE DETAILS ★



Students with a pre-purchased ticket meet in the MPR
after the [Wednesday 12:50pm](#) dismissal bell



Ends at [2:30pm](#) (parent pickup or escort to KC)



Snack and juice box provided



Supervised by parent volunteers



All ticket proceeds go to Shark Fund!



Dippin' Dot Calendar:

**Dippin Dots -
September dates: 9/9 & 9/23**

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

School Site Council



School Site Council Update

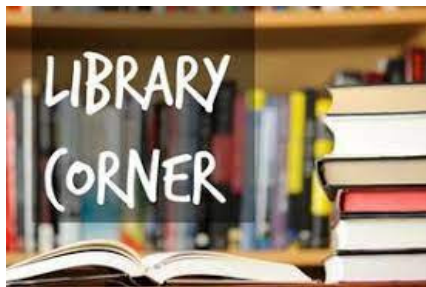
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Library Corner



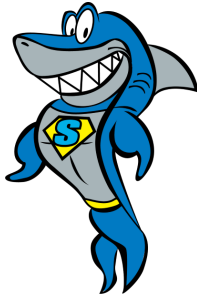
I'm excited to welcome our Sharks back to the library this year! We will begin library visits soon. If you have missing books from last year, I will be giving new reminders, so your student's library privileges won't be affected.

If you are interested in possibly volunteering in the library, please email Mrs. Prindiville (jprindiville@srvusd.net). We only need 2 (possibly 3) parents per class for the entire school year to alternate duties, so if more than 2-3 per class are interested, we will pick randomly. Thank you for your interest!

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Jen Prindiville
Library Media Specialist
Sycamore Valley Elementary

Sharky Shout Out



A massive shout-out to all our parents for rocking these first couple weeks of school! From mastering changing routines and morning drop-offs to supporting your kids through early-year assessments, your energy and dedication haven't gone unnoticed!

Spirit Wear

Deadline alert! Our Sycamore Valley Back-to-School Sale ends on September 7th! Make sure to shop today and save up to 35% on items sitewide. **Rep our school with great gear by clicking here to shop:**

Click here to shop the [Spiritwear Sale](#)

Shark Spirit Sale [Shop Now!](#)

Shop the Official Sycamore Valley Spirit Wear Store → <https://1stplace.sale/13542>

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

SYCAMORE VALLEY
OFFICIAL SPIRIT WEAR STORE

**OFFICIAL GEAR FOR THE
NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

UP TO 35% OFF SITEWIDE

FREE SHIPPING on orders over \$85

SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/13542

1ST PLACE Spiritwear

Child Nutrition



Meals Provided @ Sycamore

Breakfast and lunch will continue to be offered free of charge for all students for the 26/27 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](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.

After School Enrichment



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

[Sycamore Valley Peach Jar](#)

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