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Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Bites Newsletter

**Message from Principal Kawahara
May 07, 2026**



TK Flowers

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. This week we enjoyed the Instrumental Music Concert. Mr. Mac is our Instrumental Music teacher, joining the Sycamore team this past fall. He designed and implemented a comprehensive program open to 4th and 5th graders. The students have grown so much this year and the concert was wonderful! A big thank you to Mr. Mac and to the parents who have supported these emerging musicians.

Site Council -

For our 26/27 Site Council we will need 1 new Parent Representative and 2 Alternate Representatives to serve for a 2 year term. Site Council reviews progress to goals, provides input on the development of new goals for the School Plan for Student Achievement and the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. 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) no later than Wednesday, May 27th.

Open House - Thurs. May 14th. 6:00 - 7:00pm

We are pleased to share that members of the Danville Police Department will be joining us at our upcoming Open House as part of our ongoing commitment to community partnership and student safety.

Officers will be present to connect with families, answer questions, and provide helpful information related to student safety - particularly around the safe use of e-bikes and other forms of transportation. As e-bike usage continues to grow among our students, we value the opportunity to partner with local law enforcement to promote safe, responsible riding practices and awareness of current laws.

This is a great opportunity to engage directly with our community partners, learn more about keeping our students safe, and strengthen the positive relationships that support our school community.

We look forward to seeing you at Open House and appreciate your continued partnership.

Teen Esteem -

We will host a Teen Esteem Assembly at Sycamore for grades 1st - 5th on May 13, 2026 during the school day.

Bell Schedule: May at a Glance

[May At A Glance](#)

May Read Aloud:

[May Read Aloud Schedule](#)

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

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

May Character Traits and Read Alouds

The character trait for May is Responsible. We explore that that concept with *Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth* (Jeffers), *I Promise* (James) and *It Wasn't My Fault* (Lester).

District Updates -

State Preschool:

5/7/26, 12:24 PM

State Preschool Program.png

SRVUSD
California State Preschool Program

Now Enrolling for 26-27 school year

PLAY-BASED LEARNING FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS
 1:8 TEACHER-TO-CHILD RATIO
 CREDENTIALLED TEACHERS
 5 DAYS A WEEK
 OPEN TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

FILL OUT THE PRESCREENING APPLICATION TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY

LEARN MORE HERE

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o8dd_1sV49CEYal3WcWUWC7mY6VTiI7/view

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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.

05/13 - Dippin' Dots

05/13 - Teen Esteem Assembly - Grades 1st - 5th

05/13 - Fishing Derby - 4:00 - 6:30pm - San Ramon

05/14 - Open House - 6:00pm - 7:00pm - Campus Wide

05/16 - Truck Time - 9:00 - 1:00 - San Ramon

05/16-05/17 - Cal High Meat Sale - 10:00am - 4:00pm

05/20 - Shark Fund Meeting - 6:30 - Virtual

05/22 - No School - School Recess

05/24 - No School - Memorial Day

05/27 - Spirit Day - Cowboy Theme

05/27 - Dippin' Dots

06/02 - Senior Clap it Out - 1:30pm - MPR

06/04 - Last Day of School - Min. Day Schedule

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

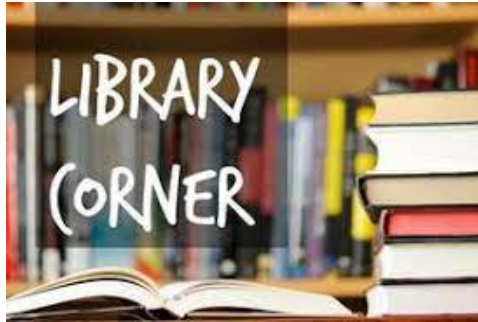
**Please call or email the attendance line to report
your child's absence:**

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).



Thank you all for your support of our book fair! With your support, we raised a good amount of money for purchasing new library books for the next school year.

Next week will be our last week of library visits for the year. ALL library books are due at that time. By the end of the school year, all library materials need to be returned. A fine will live on your student's account until they graduate from the district, so these materials need to either be returned, paid for or replaced.

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.

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

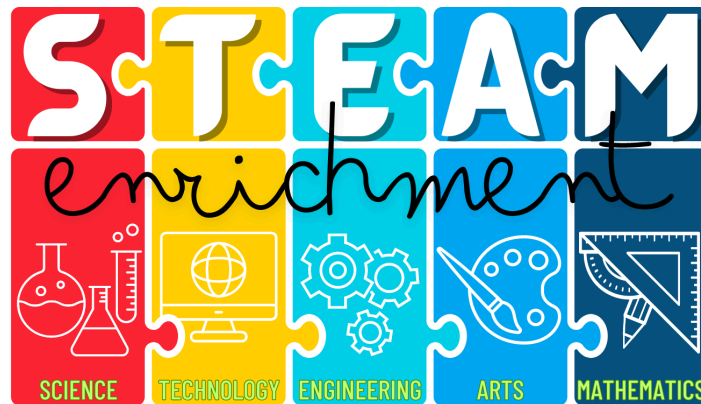
Supports programs that celebrate and uplift the diverse voices within our school community. This role oversees initiatives such as Festival Around the World, Words Matter Week, the Abilities Awareness Workshop, the Exceptional Education Liaison program, and the African American History Showcase.

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-

The Battle of the Books competition will be held at the library after school on Wednesday, May 20th. Those who haven't completed reading at least 9 books, please finish them as soon as possible and send the list of completed books to Deepa (battleofthebooks@sycamorevalleypta.org) to be eligible for the competition.

Book Club 1st-2nd-

The last book club meeting for 1st and 2nd graders will be held **Wednesday, May 20th, 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-

This book club has concluded for the year. Thank you to all those that participated!

Math Madness-

This year's program has ended, and we will resume Math Madness interest signups 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.

Research Projects-

This program has concluded for the year. Thank you to everyone who participated throughout the year! We hope you learned something in the process. For any questions, please contact Raj (researchprojects@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.



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:

Last Shark Fund Meeting of the Year 5/20 at 6:30pm: Our monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm and open to all! Feel free to join our LAST monthly meeting of the school year is Wednesday 5/20 at 6:30pm. <https://meet.google.com/ttd-tnzn-mks> We will be VOTING on board positions for 26-27, so please consider joining the board!



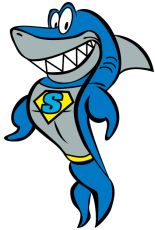
Dippin' Dot Calendar:

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:

Shout-out to the Shark Fund team who worked super hard on this year's auction and raised \$104,000 that will benefit our students greatly!



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. 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) no later than Wednesday, May 27th.

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



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



SPIRITWEAR

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

The Sycamore Valley Year-End Spirit Wear sale is LIVE! Save up to 20% off already slashed prices sitewide! Use code BADGER26 to save now! Order today, this offer doesn't last long! <https://1stplace.sale/13542>
[Shop Now!](#)

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

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OFFICIAL SPIRIT WEAR STORE

MORE=LESS!

BUY MORE.
SAVE MORE.

4+ Items **20% OFF**

3 Items **15% OFF**

2 Items **10% OFF**

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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!!

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.

[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.



Truck Time

Truck Time San Ramon — Family Festival Filled with Trucks & Other Vehicles -

It's almost time for one of San Ramon's favorite family events ! **Truck Time San Ramon 2026** rolls into **Bishop Ranch on Saturday, May 16, 2026, 9 AM to 1 PM.**

Kids (and adults!) can climb aboard fire trucks, school buses, and specialty vehicles, as well as enjoy live demonstrations and hands-on fun for all ages. New this year: a MONSTER TRUCK experience!

Purchase your tickets online — current pricing is \$13 each or Family 4-Packs for \$40. Visit TruckTimeSanRamon.org for more event information and to purchase tickets. Tickets are also available at the door for \$15 each/ Family 4-pack \$50.

Truck Time is also a community fundraiser. Event sponsorships directly benefit the [San Ramon Valley Education Foundation](#) and the [Contra Costa & Solano County Food Bank](#). The event is hosted by the Rotary Club of Dougherty Valley/San Ramon.

**INTERACTIVE FAMILY FESTIVAL THAT
ENCOURAGES KIDS TO EXPLORE
TRUCKS AND OTHER VEHICLES.**

JOIN US




**TRUCK TIME
SAN RAMON**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
TRUCKTIMESANRAMON.ORG**

HOSTED BY


EVENT BENEFICIARIES
 DVSR FOUNDATION AND



Cal High Meat Sale

Cal High Football Program's Meat Sale - May 16-17

The community is invited to support the California High School Football program's Meat Sale fundraiser May 16-17, 10AM to 4PM at Cal High.



Cal High Football

Meat & Seafood



Sale

MAY

16 & 17

**Grab some of the BEST meat & seafood
in the Bay Area and stock up for
Memorial Day Weekend!**

- Premium quality USDA inspected choice or better BULK cuts of beef
- FDA inspected seafood
- Professional butcher onsite
- Comparable to warehouse prices without the lines or membership fees
- Debit/Credit/Apple Pay accepted

10AM - 4PM

**CALIFORNIA
HIGH SCHOOL**

**9870 BROADMOOR DRIVE
SAN RAMON**

Choose from...

**filet mignon - new york - rib eye - brisket - tri-tip - ball tip - ground beef
chicken breast - bacon - hot & mild links - leg of lamb - salmon - scallops - shrimp**

~30% of each sale directly benefits the Cal High Football program, which requires \$200,000 annually to operate.

Thank you for supporting your local Grizzly Football Teams!

Fishing Derby

**Scouting America welcomes you to
the "Hooked on Scouting" Fishing Derby!**

Wednesday May 13, 2026
4:00pm to 6:30pm

Lake Annabel at the Roundhouse
2600 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA 94583

You are invited to come with your children to have fun and learn about Cub Scouting. We will introduce you to a Cub Pack in the San Ramon Valley area that meets near where you live or attend school. Scouting welcomes boys and girls. The event is free! RSVPs at <https://forms.gle/95MA2AMuoNTEfByB8>.

HOOKED ON SCOUTING FISHING DERBY


Please RSVP AN EXCITING OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE FOR FAMILIES!



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF
FISHING & FAMILY FUN!

****FOR KIDS IN KINDERGARTEN - 5th GRADE!****

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH, 2026
FROM 4:00PM TO 6:30PM**

 **LOCATION: 2600 CAMINO RAMON,
SAN RAMON, CA 94583**

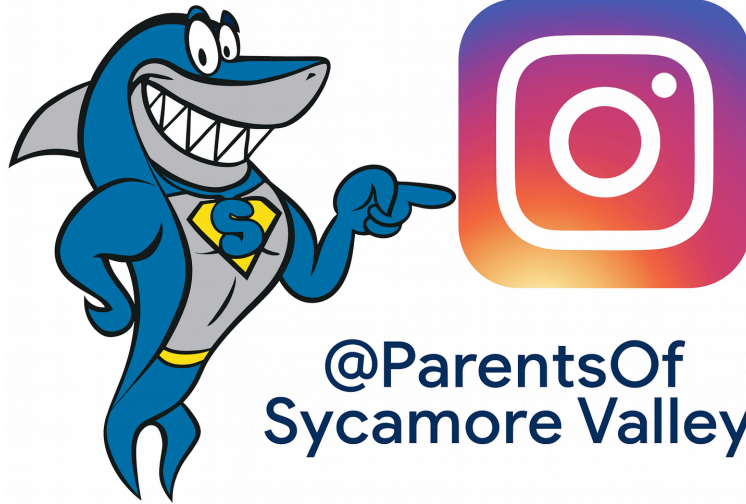
**TRY FISHING | LEARN NEW SKILLS |
MEET LOCAL SCOUTS | CATCH YOUR FIRST FISH!**
All families welcome to explore Scouting!

INVITING NEW FAMILIES - CHECK US OUT & JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

**MORE INFO CONTACT:
commissioner@meridianscouting.org**

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

Instagram:



Read Our Announcements

[VIEW ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)

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