



Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Bites Newsletter

**Message from Principal Kawahara
September 25, 2025**



4th Grades' Handy Work!

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

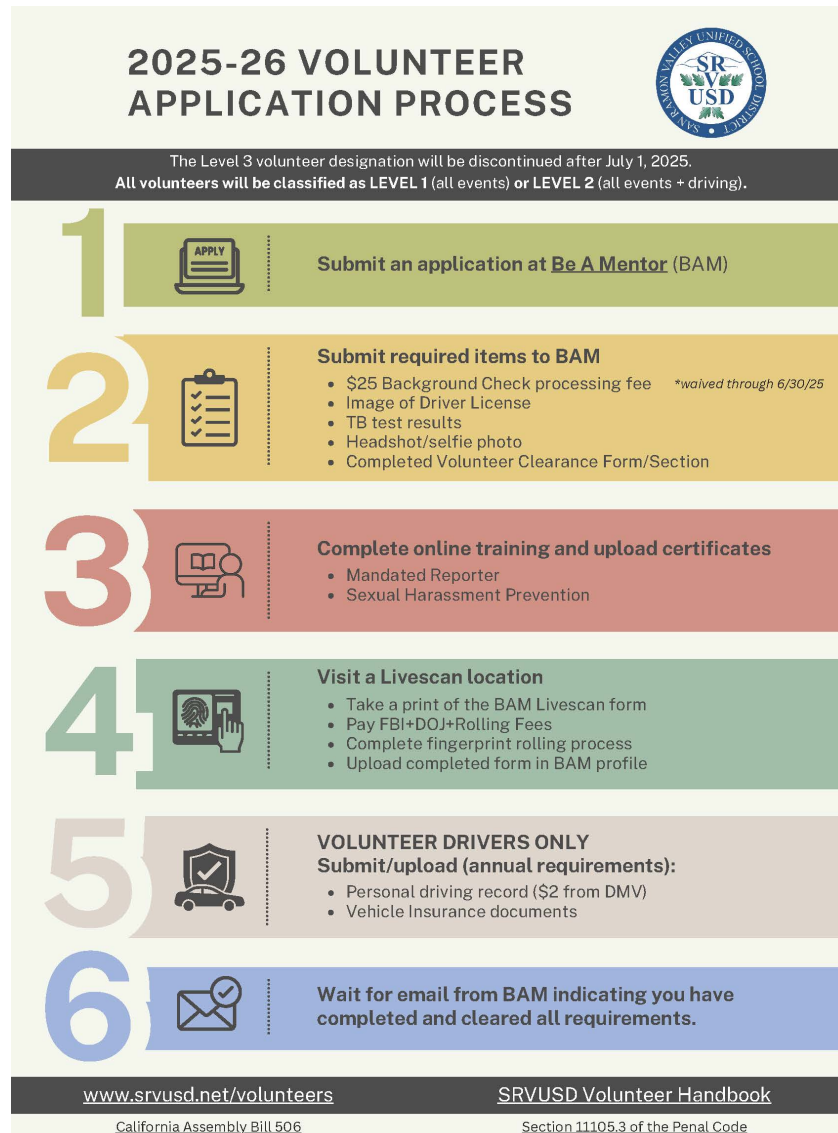
I hope you and your family are well. Teachers have been busy getting ready for conferences. Please look for the sign-up from your child's teacher, we would love to see you! Keep reading for some reminders, information about volunteer requirements, and some district updates. Please note that Dates to Remember will be listed following my note so please keep reading - you don't want to miss days off (like Friday, 10/03!) and conference times.

Bell Schedule: September at a Glance[September Schedule](#)**October Read Aloud:**[October Read Aloud Schedule](#)**Be A Mentor - Volunteers:**

Newer requirements:

- 1) TB test - good for 4 years
- 2) Fingerprinting - needed once through Be A Mentor
- 3) 2 Annual trainings
- 4) DMV Report - needed annually to be a field trip driver through Be A Mentor
- 5) Car Insurance updated as needed

The Volunteer Handbook has great information with details on the requirements.

[Volunteer Handbook](#)**District Updates:****TK/Kindergarten Information Night & Enrollment (ES)**

TK and Kindergarten enrollment opens November 1, 2025, for the 2026-27 school year. Children who turn 4 (TK) or 5 (Kinder) by September 1, 2026, are eligible to attend. A virtual information session will be held on October 7 at 6:00 pm to learn

more. A link to join the presentation can be found on the [TK/Kinder page](#) of the district website.

SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TK & KINDERGARTEN

ENROLLMENT

for the 2026-27 School Year




Enrollment Dates

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT WINDOW
NOVEMBER 1 - 30, 2025

* Completed online enrollment applications submitted by Nov. 30th will be included in 1st round of confirmation of space at the resident school site. Applications submitted after Nov. 30 are received on a first come-first served basis for space.

Parent Information Night

TK and Kindergarten Information Night
(virtual*)

Tuesday, Oct. 7
6:00-7:00 pm

*Virtual meeting link can be found on our [TK/Kinder webpage](#)

Age Guidelines

TK for 2026-27
Child must turn 4 years of age
on or before
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KINDERGARTEN for 2026-27
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TK/Kinder Webpages



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

www.srvusd.net/enrollyourchild

September is Attendance Awareness Month

Come by our school's main office and see all the things our students are looking forward to this school year!

WEEK 4: HEALTHY MIND AND BODY

Did you know?

When they are preoccupied with worries, [it is much harder for students to learn](#).

A student who is experiencing stress is [much more likely to get sick](#).

Students experiencing [ongoing health](#) or [mental health](#) difficulties are more likely to miss more school days than their peers.

Frequent absences may indicate that a student is struggling with social interactions, is uncomfortable asking for help, or feels overwhelmed by some aspect of being at school.

Parents and caregivers are essential partners in promoting good attendance!

Here are some strategies that can help:

Consult with your child's doctor if your child is experiencing emotional, behavioral, or physical symptoms that are interfering with their daily routine, including attending school.

If your child seems anxious about going to school, please talk with our teachers, school counselors, or other members of our school team so we can collaborate with you to find ways to offer support!

If your child has a health issue that may affect their ability to attend school every day, please let us know so our school team and school nurse can work together with you to make a plan to support your child.

We're here for you! If you have any questions or concerns about your student's attendance, please contact our school office.

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

09/30 - Sharky Cinema Tickets go on Sale 7:00pm - Future Fund Site

10/01 - Monster Mash Ticket go on Sale 7:00pm - Future Fund Site

10/03 - No School

10/06-10/10 - Conference Week - Min. Day Schedule

All TK/K = 8:00 - 10:30

All 1st - 5th = 8:00 - 12:00

10/07 - TK/K Information Meeting - Virtual - 6:00pm

10/08 - School Photo Retakes or Make Up Day

10/08 - Sharky Cinema 1:00pm - MPR

10/08 - Dippin dots

10/12 - Run for Education - 42nd annual

10/16 - Festival Around the World - 5:00pm - 7:00pm - Blacktop

10/22 - Dippin Dots

10/23 - Site Council Meeting - 4:00pm - Virtual Meeting

10/24 - Monster Mash - MPR & Blacktop Time - TBD

10/31 - Halloween - Wednesday Day Schedule

All TK/K = 8:00 - 11:30

All 1st - 5th = 8:00 - 12:50

10/31 - Halloween Parade 9:00 @ Turf Field

11/01-11/30 - TK/K Priority Enrollment Window Open

11/05 - Sharky Cinema - 1:00pm - MPR

12/01 - Astronomy Night - 5:30 - 7:30 on the Blacktop

12/03 - Sharky Cinema - 1:00pm - MPR

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 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).



School Photos Were Taken on Wednesday, August 27th

October 8th is Retake / Makeup Day

Volunteers needed for our Photo Retakes/Makeup Day on October 8th.

[Here](#) is your sign-up genius for Photo Re-take Day

Click here to order school pictures:

<https://www.ciphotoca.com/sycamorevalley>

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SPIRITWEAR

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

The Sycamore Valley Back-to-School Sale is live! Save 25% off sitewide on tees, hoodies, hats and more, through Sept. 30th!

All delivered to your door in days!

Shipping is FREE on orders of \$75 or more!

Don't miss this limited time offer! [Shop Now!](#)

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

FREE SHIPPING \$75+

SYCAMORE VALLEY

 **BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE**

EXTENDED TO 9/30

SAVE 25% and enjoy FREE shipping*

[SHOP NOW](#)



SHOP AT: 1stplace.sale/13542

*Free shipping on qualifying orders over \$75.





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.

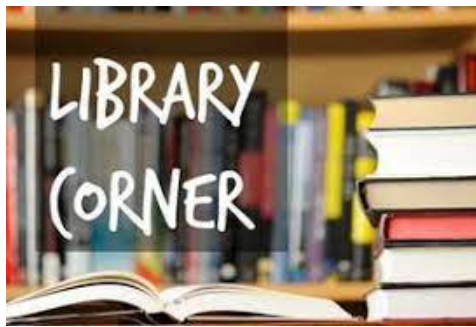
Here is the link to sign up. [Be A Mentor](#) Click on the New Volunteers Apply Now on the bottom right side of the page.

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](#)



Welcome back Sharks!

Please note - if your student still has outstanding fines from last year, they will be getting a reminder sent home and will not be able to check out new books until the fines have been settled.

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



PTA Updates



Festival Around the World: October 16!

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Sycamore Valley Elementary School will be hosting our **Festival Around the World** on **Thursday, October 16, 5-7pm!** This special event brings our community together to celebrate the cultures, foods, and traditions of the many countries around the globe, and gives students a chance to experience the world right here at the Blacktop!

We'd love for YOU to be part of it! Families are invited to host a booth to showcase their countries, or to lend a hand with event setup. Whether big or small, every contribution helps make this festival memorable for our kids. If you would like to host a table representing your country, please reach out to Azima (azimas@gmail.com) or Shiva (shivmeev@gmail.com).



The San Ramon Valley Science Olympiad is an annual science competition with 280+ competitors across the SRVUSD that provides students with the chance to explore the world of STEM!

Calling all
4th and 5th
graders!



Info Night Details

Monday, October 6, 6-7 PM
or
Wednesday, October 8, 6-7 PM
or
Friday, October 10, 6-7 PM*
or
Sunday, October 12, ONLINE
*tentative

***SIGN UP AT [SRVSO.ORG](https://www.srvso.org)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE***



CONTACT US: SRVSO2020@gmail.com

Science Olympiad Information Nights

Is your student a 4th or 5th grader interested in science? Would they like to gain some hands-on experience and deepen their knowledge of STEM? Then your student should sign up for the San Ramon Valley Science Olympiad (SRVSO), an annual science competition with 280+ competitors from across the SRVUSD which provides students with the chance to explore the world of STEM in a competitive setting!

The Olympiad's curriculum is aligned with Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. Participation in the Science Olympiad rewards students with vital life skills like organization, leadership, confidence, and teamwork; preparing the young generation for success in future years of middle school, high school, and beyond. Students will work as a team and be rewarded for the pursuit of scientific achievement.

Info Night Dates:

- Monday, October 6 @ Bella Vista (6-7PM)
- Wednesday, October 8 @ Bollinger Canyon (6-7PM)
- Friday, October 10 @Montair OR @Country Club (6-7PM)
- Sunday, October 12 ONLINE (6-7PM)

[Click here to view our flier regarding upcoming informational meetings, and receive more updates regarding this year's SRVSO.](#)

[Click here to RSVP for an upcoming Info Night.](#)

A poster for Astronomy Night 2025. The background is a dark space with stars and nebulae. At the top left, there are five small teal dots. At the top right, there is a purple line art graphic of a telescope or similar instrument. The title 'ASTRONOMY NIGHT' is in large white and teal letters, with '2025' in a purple box with teal numbers. Below the title, it says 'Great fun for families and enthusiastic astronomers alike!' in white. The date 'DECEMBER 1' is in large teal letters. To the left of the date, under 'Activity Program:', there is a list of activities: 'Telescope Displays', 'Talk with astronomers about the night sky', and 'Enjoy hot cocoa'. To the right of the list is a teal calendar icon. Below the list, the time '5:30-7:30' is in large teal letters. At the bottom right, a purple box contains the text 'Sycamore Valley Elementary Blacktop'. On the bottom left, there is a teal and purple geometric logo. On the bottom right, there are two rows of small teal circles.

**ASTRONOMY
NIGHT** **2025**

Great fun for families and enthusiastic
astronomers alike!

DECEMBER 1

Activity Program :

- Telescope Displays
- Talk with astronomers
about the night sky
- Enjoy hot cocoa

5:30-7:30

**Sycamore Valley
Elementary
Blacktop**



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**



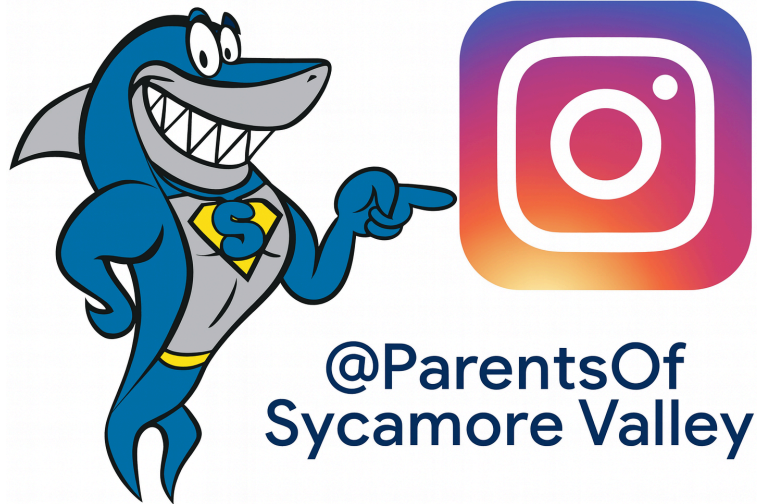
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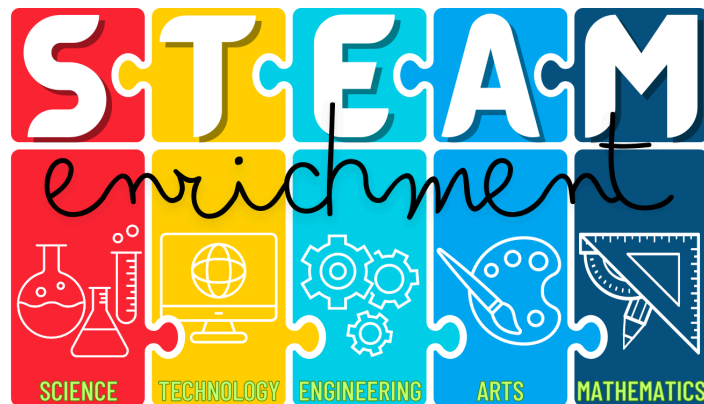
FLOURISH
airway
COLLECTIVE



Instagram:



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



Reminder to sign your kids up for our various STEAM programs listed below. Sign-ups are well under way and there are still some spots left! Students can sign up for as many programs as they like.

Battle of the Books:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AAA62AA3F9CF8-58519683-battle>

Book Club 1st-2nd: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EA4AD2DA0FDC70-58897040-book#/>

Book Club 3rd-5th:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AE2FABF49-58529121-book#/>

Research Projects:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4EA5AD2BAAF58-58542405-steam>

Science Builder's Challenge: *Need parent volunteer to lead this*

Science Fair:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45A4AE2FABF49-58529308-science#/>

Math Madness:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AAA62AA3F9CF8-58517479-math>

Math Olympiad:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AAA62AA3F9CF8-58519098-math>

STEAM Art: *Need parent volunteer to lead this*

WordMasters Challenge:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AAFA72AA46-58538422-wordmasters#/>

Odyssey of the Mind:

Note: This is a community program and does not fall under our school's PTA.

[Sycamore Valley Odyssey of the Mind Information Session.xlsx](#)

We are looking for parent volunteers to lead/co-lead various STEAM Enrichment programs!

Any parents that would like to volunteer, please fill out this

form: <https://forms.gle/UYXqdHs7HvicUqvL8>

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



Shark Fund Updates

Mark your Calendars!

Monster Mash is Friday October 24th!

We will kick off the Halloween celebrations with Monster Mash - trunk or treat on the blacktop and a glowstick dance party in the MPR! Tickets will go on sale 10/1 for \$25/per person. Similar to last year, we are looking for 15-20 volunteers to do the trunk or treat on the blacktop. If you host a trunk you will get two tickets comp'd (so a family of four would then purchase 2 tickets, 2 are free).

Sign up genius for trunk or treat:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAFA82DA5FDC61-58992022-monster#/>

Tickets - can purchase starting 10/1 at 7pm:

<https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/go/58068-monster-mash-2025>

Sharky Cinema - New Date 10/8!

Sharky Cinema will normally be the first Wednesday of each month this year, but the first Sharky Cinema will be October 8th (Wednesday of conference week).

The 10/8 event will run 12-1:40pm, the normally scheduled time is 12:50-2:30pm.

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday 9/30 at 7pm on the future fund site.

Volunteer sign up:

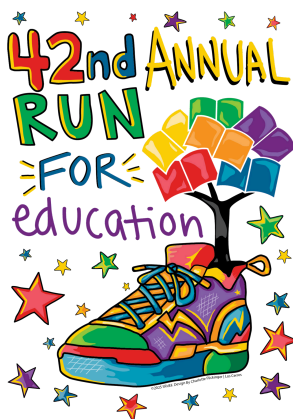
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAFA82DA5FDC61-58993180-sharky#/>

Auction!

This is a live auction year and we are gearing up for a great event! If you are interested in helping with the auction in any capacity - please reach out to the Shark Fund board, as planning meetings will start soon!

Sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org (Doug - President)

Sycamorevalley.edfundvp@srvef.org (Adele - VP)



Run for Education:

**A Community Tradition Benefiting Our Schools
That's Not to Be Missed!**



Don't miss this popular community event with all SRVUSD schools - the [San Ramon Valley Education Foundation's 42nd Annual Run for Education](#) on **Sunday, October 12th** at 2700 Camino Ramon adjacent to City Center! Walk or run at your own pace. Then, enjoy the Expo for Education featuring a kids' zone, inflatable games, face painter, post-race refreshments, exhibitor booths, and drawings for over \$1,000 in prizes (must be present to win).

Adding to the fun: School bands, cheer teams, and mascots on the 5K/10K course.

Students 18 and under receive a \$5 discount on the 5K and 10K. Register 4 or more at the same time and receive a 5% discount off your total.

Don't forget: The Champions Cup is at stake! It will once again be passed on to the elementary, middle, and high school with the highest Run participation (by percentage of student population). This year, the Elementary Champions Cup winner will also receive a ¼ lb bag of candy from Sweet Street for everyone at their entire school!

New this year: A Champions Cup awarded to the school that's the Top Run for Education Fundraiser.

For more information, visit: srvef.org/the-run

[Register Here](#)

Looking for an easy and fun way to get involved? Join us as a volunteer by clicking [here](#).



Dippin' Dot Calendar:

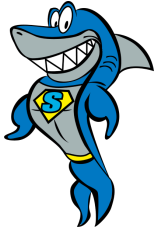
10/08 - Dippin dots

10/22 - Dippin Dots

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 thanks to our Festival Around the World volunteers for working hard to host informational sessions this week in order to secure some great, multicultural content for our students!



School Site Council Update

School Site Council Meeting

October 23, 2025 4:00pm Virtual Meeting

Meeting ID

meet.google.com/www-uhrw-njv

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 [267-371-7884](tel:267-371-7884)

PIN: 640 902 960#



Odyssey of the Mind Information Session.

Parents and kids welcome. We will talk about the program and preview this year's problems. Thursday, September 25, 7:00-8:00. Feel free to reach out to texasbrian@gmail.com with any questions.

[Click here - Zoom link for the meeting](#)



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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