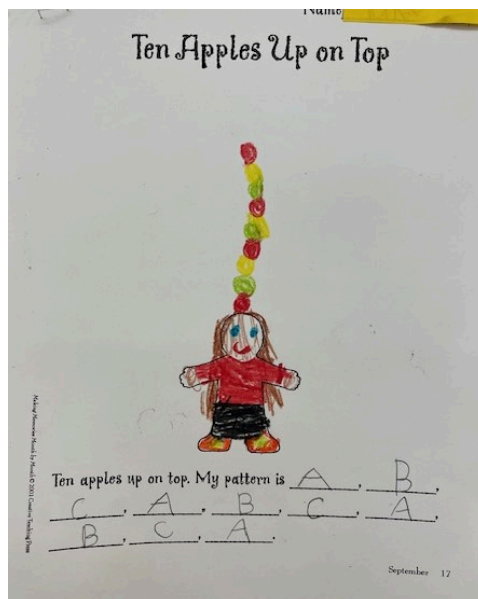




Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Bites Newsletter

Message from Principal Kawahara
September 04, 2025



1st Grade is Learning Patterns - Mrs. Gilroy's Class

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well and that you enjoyed the long weekend. This short week is flying by, and we are gearing up for a stretch of 5-day weeks. As much as we enjoy a long weekend, we appreciate the opportunity the longer weeks with a regular schedule allow for digging deeper as we begin the shift from review into new content.

As you review the Dates to Remember, you will notice that the Festival Around the World is postponed. At this point, we are looking for some volunteers to coordinate this wonderful annual event. Please be sure to read the PTA information below for details on how you can get involved.

Dates to Remember:

09/09 - Street Smarts Assembly

09/10 - STEAM Enrichment Info Meeting 7:00pm - MPR

09/12 - Run for Education Spirit Day

09/16-09/18 - 5th Grade Outdoor Ed

09/23 - High Holy Days - No Parking in Beth Chaim Parking Lot

09/25 - Festival Around the World - Postponed

10/03 - No School

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

10/08 - School Photo Retakes / Make-up Day

10/12 - Run for Education - 42nd annual

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

Bell Schedule: September at a Glance

[September Schedule](#)

Street Smart Assembly:

We are looking forward to our annual Street Smarts Assembly on Tuesday. This is a district wide assembly focused on pedestrian and bike safety.

Run for Education Spirit Day:

The SRVEF's Run for Education is fast approaching (October 12). An all district spirit day is scheduled for Friday, September 12th to help build excitement! Wear your Run for Education t-shirts and medals and or running gear.

District Updates:

Run for Education Update.

  **Win a VIP tent for your school at the Run for Education!**  

Free 5K Training Run:

On Thursday, September 11 at 5:45 pm, Sports Basement is hosting a [FREE training run for SRVUSD families](#) complete with snacks, drinks, and a drawing for prizes. The school with the biggest turnout will receive a **\$250 gift card** from Sports Basement!

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The most spirited school wins the **VIP tent** for their school at the Run for Education!

E-Bike & E-Scooter News:

E-scooters require a valid driver's license; therefore, **e-scooters are not allowed on elementary and middle school campuses.** Drivers, please remain mindful of student safety during arrival and dismissal. Review the laws governing e-bikes and e-scooters, and ensure your students understand and follow [road safety rules](#). More information about bike and scooter safety is available in [this short slide deck](#).

 Bicycle • E-Bike • E-Scooter Safety Information						
		Vehicle Details		User		
		Pedal Operated	Max Assisted Speed		Minimum Age (years)	Driver License Required Helmet Required
	Bicycle Pedal only	✓	n/a	Bicycle	n/a	✗ 17 yrs & under
	E-Bike/CLASS 1 Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when rider is pedaling	✓	20 mph	Class 1	n/a	✗ 17 yrs & under
	E-Bike/CLASS 2 Equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bike	✗	20 mph	Class 2	n/a	✗ 17 yrs & under
	E-Bike/CLASS 3 Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when rider is pedaling; equipped with a speedometer	✓	28 mph	Class 3	16 yrs	✗ Regardless of age
	Power Scooter Motor propelled	n/a	15 mph	E-Scooter	15 yrs Must have Driver License or Instructional Permit	✓ 17 yrs & under

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

Thank you,
Patricia Kawahara



Important Dates to Remember

08/11-08/05 - Sycamore Online Registration Open for 25/26 School Year

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REGISTRATION for SYCAMORE

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each classroom with para hours, which is incredibly valuable! Not every school in our district is able to do this - we are able to provide this because of your donations!

Any donation amount is greatly appreciated and remember, registration is where you also buy yearbooks, complete directory information, and make the classroom donation. Please login and complete today!

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The “Shark Fund” is the schools education fund and registration is our single largest fundraising event. We rely on your donations, so please complete registration today - it only takes a few minutes. Every family needs to complete registration!

**Online Registration for Sycamore Valley Elementary –  
Open August 11, 2025 @ 9:00am - September 5, 2025 @ 11:30pm**

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

August 11, 9:00am - September 5, 2025, 11:30pm  
Online Registration for Sycamore Valley Elementary:

Registration is specific to each school site. Your support is vital to student success. Registration includes a variety of activities such as volunteer opportunities and support for your student’s classroom, including materials and technology. Registration also covers Shark Fund contributions to our award-winning programs, which provide Para-Educators, weekly library visits, intervention programs, office support, and more. Additionally, registration includes PTA membership, directory preferences and orders, yearbook purchases, spirit wear, and other site-specific items.

Site specific registration for Sycamore Valley is done on an annual basis online per the dates listed above: **<https://sycamorevalley.futurefund.com/registration>**  
You will need to create a Future Fund account. This site will take you through a series of steps to complete your child(ren)’s registration.

Registration will take about 15 minutes. Information can be saved in case you cannot complete the entire process at one time, but make sure you press submit before September 5th. Check your receipt to ensure it went through.  
Have questions about registration? Contact: Stephanie Kozlik at **[stephanie.m.kozlik@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.m.kozlik@gmail.com)**



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## ***Festival Around the World***

**HELP NEEDED:** This beloved event will not be held this year unless we have a lead volunteer willing to run it!



# **SYCAMORE VALLEY** **VOLUNTEERS**



## **Festival Around the World Coordinators**

Lead organizers for "Festival Around the World" event in September.

This Sycamore tradition will have to be cancelled if we can't find festival leads.

For more Info. please contact:

[vpprograms@sycamorevalleypta.org](mailto:vpprograms@sycamorevalleypta.org)





### 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.

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.

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### 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

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### Attendance Line

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

**925-855-2898**

**[sy-attendance@srvusd.net](mailto: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](mailto: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).*

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School Photos Were Taken on Wednesday, August 27th

October 8th is Retake / Makeup 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! All delivered to your door in days! Shipping is FREE on orders of \$100 or more!

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

Store Link: <https://1stplace>.  
FREE SHIPPING \$100+


SYCAMORE VALLEY

 BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE

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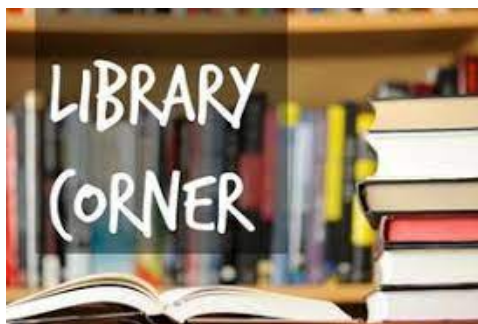
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SHOP AT: [1stplace.sale/13542](https://1stplace.sale/13542)

\*Free shipping on qualifying orders over \$75.





Welcome back Sharks!

We will begin our class visits to the library very soon, and I am excited to see everyone with a book in their hands!

Thank you to parents who expressed interest in volunteering, emails will be coming soon.

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](mailto:jprindiville@srvusd.net)

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## PTA Updates

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## FESTIVAL AROUND THE WORLD

~ POSTPONED ~

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# 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



# IGNITE THE POWER OF ALL YOUTH

*to be the creative and collaborative innovators of tomorrow*



## Destination Imagination® (DI) General Info Session

Open to All SRVUSD Students (TK-12).

Two Dates Available!

- Gale Ranch MS, MPR - August 28, 2025 @7pm (TK-12)
- Dougherty Valley HS, Commons - September 10, 2025 @7pm (TK-12)

Destination Imagination® (DI) is an outside-of-school, project-based educational program that inspires and equips students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders. Teams in our program improve in creative thinking, critical thinking and collaborative problem solving. Our participants experience the creative process, develop new friendships and learn to work together.

All SRVUSD Students are invited to attend. Please join us for this Info Session to learn more on how to get started for the 2025-2026 season. Bring your student as teams may be formed during the meeting.

Questions? Contact [bob@californiacreativity.org](mailto:bob@californiacreativity.org)

Learn More: [BEST OF THE BAY REGION](#)

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## Sharky Fit Club

Sharky Fit Club -

**Future Classes:** Watch for classes to start up again in the fall!

Thank you for everyone's participation this past year!

Online waiver form/ permission slip:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoSbFX2AU1BlppgLwuEERvuj8KtXshaoSxmB1lcQ\\_EbOqRw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoSbFX2AU1BlppgLwuEERvuj8KtXshaoSxmB1lcQ_EbOqRw/viewform)

For more information, contact Deniz Ozek at [deniz.c.ozek@gmail.com](mailto:deniz.c.ozek@gmail.com)

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**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](mailto:jeannine.pickering@gmail.com)  
and Katerina McCormack [katerinitsa@aol.com](mailto:katerinitsa@aol.com)




Increase sales, support your community, and get a tax deduction! It's the easiest advertising decision you'll make all year.

Sycamore Valley Elementary School families support the businesses that support our kids! The Sycamore 2025-2026 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM reaches almost 450 Danville families and their extended network, through live events, online promotions, school directory, yearbook, and much more. Your support helps under-funded or canceled state educational programs for our approximately 580+ students with a **tax-deductible donation**. Thank you in advance for your support of Sycamore Valley Elementary!

## Sycamore Valley Elementary Sponsorship Selection

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_






| Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities 2025-2026<br>--Reach over 450 Danville families and their extended networks!-- |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | PLATINUM<br>\$2000                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                   | <b>LED Screen Sponsor Promotion</b> – A “Thank you” with your company logo/ad on our outdoor LED screen throughout the year.                                                                                                                                                                                   |    |
|                                   | <b>Shark Bites Weekly Newsletter</b> - A “Thank you” with your company logo included on a sponsorship banner in “Shark Bites” weekly newsletter sent to 450 Sycamore families.                                                                                                                                 |    |
|                                   | <b>Fun Run</b> - Thanking our sponsors, your logo would be on the t-shirts, water bottles, and emcee shout out at the Fun Run during the fall. <b>Commitment Needed by 9/8 to be on T-Shirts.</b>                                                                                                              |    |
|                                 | <b>Sponsorship Shoutouts</b><br>Special “Thank You” call outs to your company for your support whenever there is an opportunity for one.                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
|                                 | <b>Fall and Spring Family Events</b> A “Thank you” with your company logo displayed on slides with a special shout out from the emcee during the event. Approx. 200 in attendance. This year's events in fall and spring are still TBD. Previous years events have been Family Game Night and Astronomy Night. |  |
|                                 | <b>Sycamore Valley Online Auction</b> – Thanking our sponsors, your logo will be included on the Sycamore Valley Auction Website.                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
|                                 | <b>Yearbook</b> - Thanking our sponsors, your logo will be included in the Sycamore Yearbook on a dedicated Sponsors page.                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |

**\*\*NEW PAYPAL payment option!** Just use [sycamorevalleypta@gmail.com](mailto:sycamorevalleypta@gmail.com) to send money via PayPal. Click on option “Pay for Goods & Services” to avoid paying fees. Please send payment by OCT 1st Make checks payable to **Sycamore Valley PTA** and mailed to

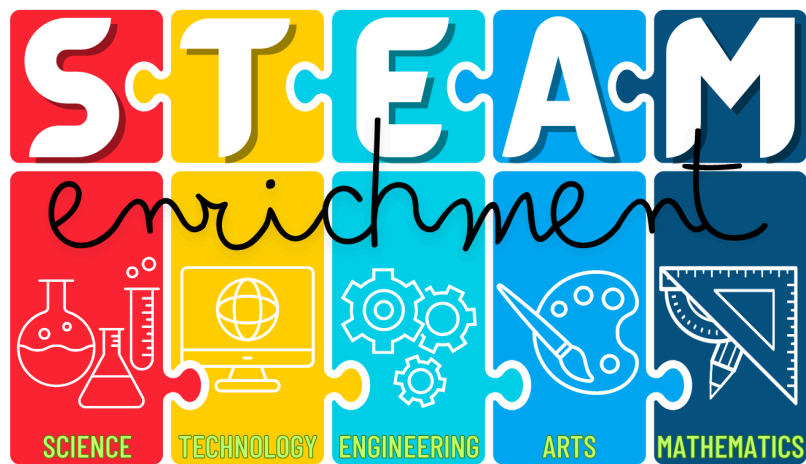
Sycamore Valley Elementary, Attn: Kay McCormack PTA Sponsorship Program, 2200 Holbrook Drive, Danville, CA 94506. Please contact Kay McCormack at [katerinita@aol.com](mailto:katerinita@aol.com) or Jeannine Pickering [jeannine.pickering@gmail.com](mailto:jeannine.pickering@gmail.com) with any questions.  
 Sycamore Valley PTA is a non-profit 501c3 organization so your sponsorship is tax deductible. Our tax ID number is 68-0275658.

## Specialty Sponsorship Options

Specialty Sponsorship options are offered to the first business to submit the form and payment.

| Additional Sponsorship Opportunities 2025-2026                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | COST              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
|   | <p>★ <b>Sycamore Valley Live Auction 2026</b> ★</p> <p>Cocktail Hour Sponsor<br/>           Dinner/ Dessert Sponsor<br/>           Décor Sponsor<br/>           And more!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1,000 - \$5,000 |
|   | <p><b>Halloween Parade Parent Coffee</b></p> <p>Your sponsorship provides a sweet treat and coffee to the parents while they watch their kids in the school Halloween Parade.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$500             |
|   | <p><b>Fun Run VIP Area / Coffee / Fencing/ Sendoff Announcement</b></p> <p>Fund the VIP area at the Sycamore Elementary Fun Run. As a sponsor, you will announce the start to the run.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$1,000           |
|   | <p><b>5th Grade Field Day &amp; Variety Show</b></p> <p>Fund so many of the details that make the annual Field Day and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Variety Show a success including supplies, food and drink for the students. Fund the shirts that our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will wear for the annual variety show. Your company logo will be displayed with a "thank you."</p> | \$1,500           |
|  | <p><b>End of Year Celebrations</b></p> <p>Help us make the end of year extra special for our students. Your sponsorship will provide an exciting end of the school year to our students and a special send off to our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders.</p>                                                                                                                   | \$500             |

THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING OUR SHARKS!





## STEAM ENRICHMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT

**Wednesday, September 10th, 7PM**

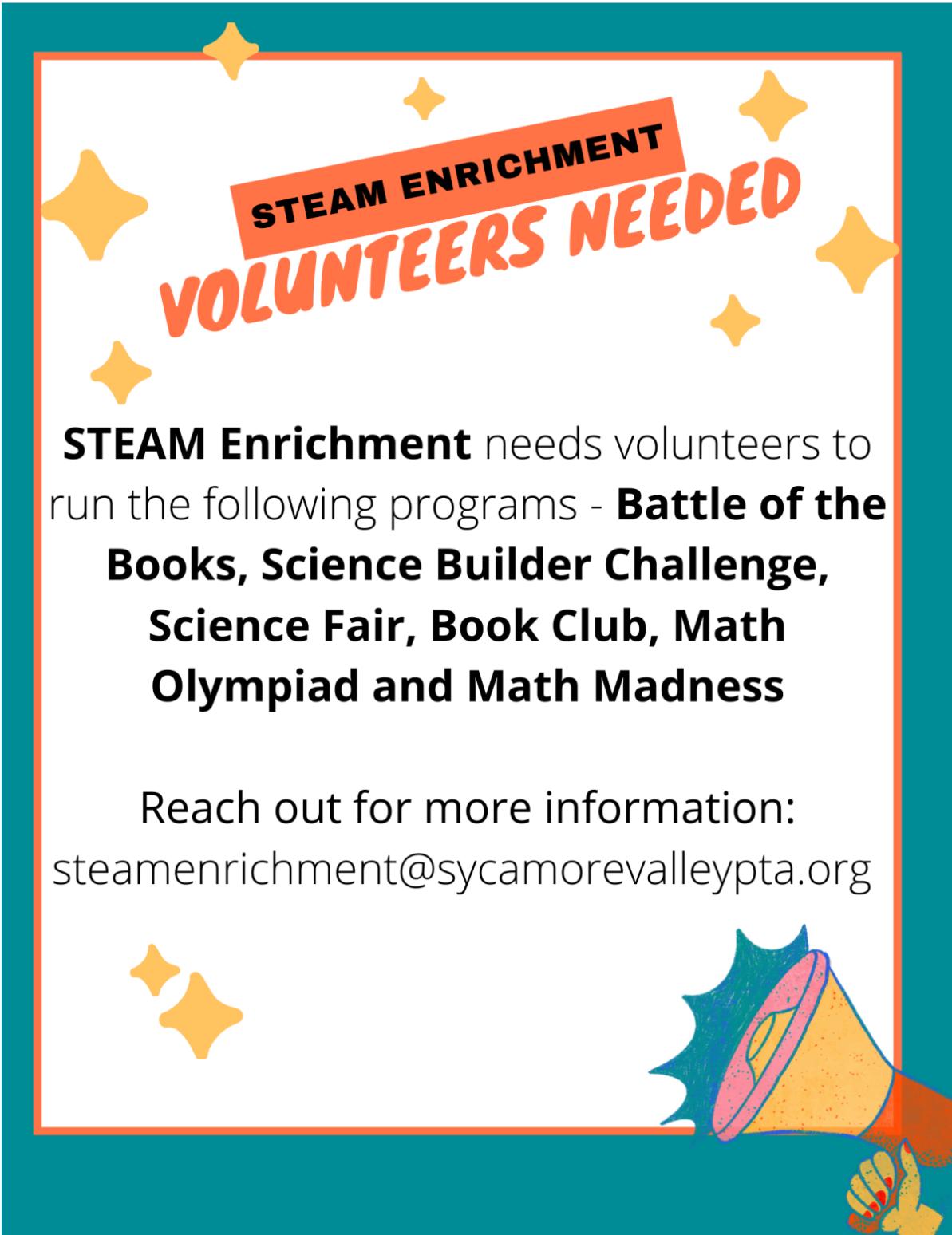
Please join us in the **Sycamore MPR** for an information session on the wonderful and engaging STEAM Enrichment Programs for grades 1-5 that Sycamore has to offer! Opportunities for participation are available in a wide range of activities from reading programs to learning more about science. Various volunteer roles open.

Program signups via Signup Genius will soon follow.

- Battle of the Books
- Book Club
- Science Fair
- Science Builder's Challenge
- Family STEAM Night
- Research Projects
- Math Madness
- Math Olympiad
- STEAM Art
- WordMasters Challenge

Do you love STEAM and want to be involved in one of your child's extracurricular activities? We are looking for parent volunteers to lead/co-lead various STEAM Enrichment programs! If you are interested, please contact [steamenrichment@sycamorevalleypta.org](mailto:steamenrichment@sycamorevalleypta.org) for more information. Must be cleared through Be-A-Mentor in order to volunteer. Thank you!

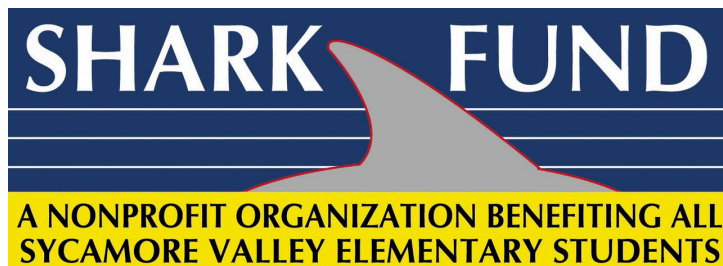
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**STEAM ENRICHMENT**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**STEAM Enrichment** needs volunteers to run the following programs - **Battle of the Books, Science Builder Challenge, Science Fair, Book Club, Math Olympiad and Math Madness**

Reach out for more information:  
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# Shark Fund Updates

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## **Dippin' Dot Calendar:**

**09/10 - Dippin Dot Launch Party**

**09/24 - Dippin Dots**

**10/08 - Dippin dots**

**10/22 - Dippin Dots**

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# DIPPIN DOTS NEW FLAVOR LAUNCH PARTY

Wednesday  
sept. 10th.

11:30 - Kinder Parking Lot  
12:50 - Blacktop

\$5.00/pack or  
punchcard for \$25.00

Your paragraph text

**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

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## Sharky Shout Out:

Room Parents, welcome aboard for the 25/26 school year.

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## School Site Council Update

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### School Site Council Meeting

We would like to welcome 4 new members to our School Site Council.  
**Jenna Asplund, Lisa Guglielmelli, Ed Pan, and Azima Subedar (Barra)** will serve a two year term on Site Council.

**The first Meeting To Be Determined. We generally meet virtually on Thursday afternoons at 4:00pm. The meeting will last about an hour.**

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## After School Enrichment

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



## 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.

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## 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.**

**Please see the latest updates to students' meal experience, broken out by grade level.**

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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