



Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Bites Newsletter

Message from Principal Kawahara
September 11, 2025



Mrs. Parker's 2nd Grade Sharks

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well and enjoying this lovely cool weather before the heat returns next week. This week's highlights have included our fifth grade Sharks preparing for the annual Outdoor Education trip happening next week. We will miss them but will look forward to hearing all about it upon their return. Keep reading for some dates to remember (please note, we will run different schedules than usual for Conferences and Halloween), a safety reminder, information about the school directory and the Run for Education Spirit Day and district updates.

Dates to Remember:

09/12 - Run for Education Spirit Day

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

09/17 - Shark Fund Meeting - Virtual

09/18 - Site Council Meeting - Virtual

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

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

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

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

10/12 - Run for Education - 42nd annual

10/16 - Festival Around the World

10/31 - Halloween - Wednesday Day Schedule

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

Bell Schedule: September at a Glance

[September Schedule](#)

October Read Aloud:

[October Read Aloud Schedule](#)

Safety Reminder:

Please do not video or photograph our students when you are here for drop off or volunteering. Inevitably children, other than yours, may appear in the photo or video and this is not acceptable for a variety of reasons.

School Directory:

The directory is now available under your Future Fund account online.

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

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 and consider joining me for the Run for Education. Any funds raised by Sycamore Valley families come directly to the school.

District Updates:

TK/Kindergarten Information Night & Enrollment (ES)

TK and Kindergarten enrollment opens November 1st 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 **Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00 pm** to learn more. The link to join the presentation can be found on the [TK/Kinder page](#) of the District website.

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.



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11/01-11/30 - TK/K Priority Enrollment Window Open
12/01 - Astronomy Night - 5:30 - 7:30 on the Blacktop

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

Click here to order school pictures:

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

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.

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

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](#)

TK/Kinder Webpages



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

www.srvusd.net/enrollyourchild

TK/K Priority Enrollment Information Flyer
[Enrollment Flyer](#)

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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 September 23rd!

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
OFFICIAL SPIRIT WEAR STORE

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE

**SAVE
25%**

SHOP NOW

1ST PLACE
Spiritwear

SHOP AT: 1STPLACE.SALE/13542



**Get The BEST DEALS
From Your Official Store**

- T-shirts
- Hoodies
- Polos
- Headwear
- Backpacks
- Drinkware
- And More...

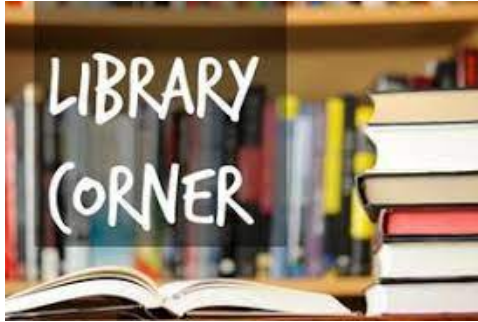


Be A Mentor:

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.



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, 2025

Festival Around the World:

Mark Your Calendar - Save the Date

Volunteers for Booths needed for this event..

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



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

For more information, contact Deniz Ozek at deniz.c.ozek@gmail.com



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



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 --Reach over 450 Danville families and their extended networks!--		PLATINUM \$2000
	LED Screen Sponsor Promotion – A “Thank you” with your company logo/ad on our outdoor LED screen throughout the year.	
	Shark Bites Weekly Newsletter - A “Thank you” with your company logo included on a sponsorship banner in “Shark Bites” weekly newsletter sent to 450 Sycamore families.	
	Fun Run - Thanking our sponsors, your logo would be on the t-shirts, water bottles, and emcee shout out at the Fun Run during the fall. Commitment Needed by 9/8 to be on T-Shirts.	
	Sponsorship Shoutouts Special “Thank You” call outs to your company for your support whenever there is an opportunity for one.	
	Fall and Spring Family Events 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.	
	Sycamore Valley Online Auction – Thanking our sponsors, your logo will be included on the Sycamore Valley Auction Website.	
	Yearbook - 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 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

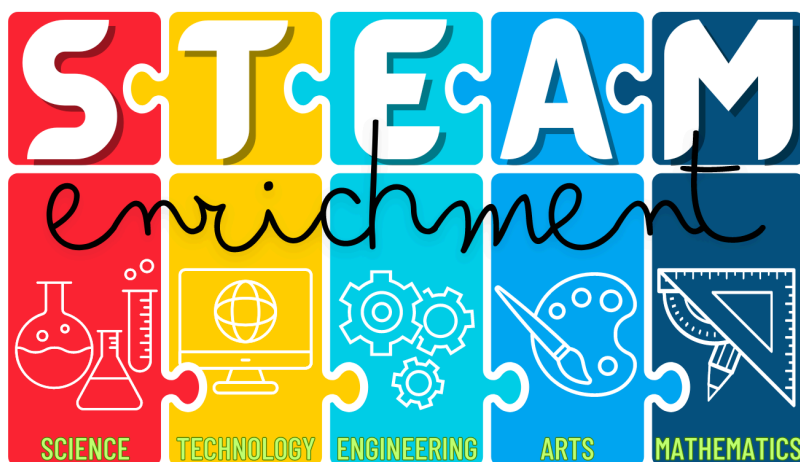
Sycamore Valley Elementary, Attn: Kay McCormack PTA Sponsorship Program, 2200 Holbrook Drive, Danville, CA 94506. Please contact Kay McCormack at katerinita@aol.com or Jeannine Pickering jeannine.pickering@gmail.com with any questions.
 Sycamore Valley PTA is a non-profit 501c3 organization so your sponsorship 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>★ Sycamore Valley Live Auction 2026 ★</p> <p>Cocktail Hour Sponsor Dinner/ Dessert Sponsor Décor Sponsor And more!</p>	\$1,000 - \$5,000
	<p>Halloween Parade Parent Coffee</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>Fun Run VIP Area / Coffee / Fencing/ Sendoff Announcement</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>5th Grade Field Day & Variety Show</p> <p>Fund so many of the details that make the annual Field Day and the 5th Grade Variety Show a success including supplies, food and drink for the students. Fund the shirts that our 5th graders will wear for the annual variety show. Your company logo will be displayed with a "thank you."</p>	\$1,500
	<p>End of Year Celebrations</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 5th graders.</p>	\$500

THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING OUR SHARKS!



Thank you to those that attended last night's STEAM Enrichment Program Info Night!
The Info Night presentation can be viewed [here](#).

To sign up your students for the various programs offered and to receive follow-on details about each program, please use the Signup Genius links below. 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: *Need parent volunteer to lead this*

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/10C044AFA72AA46-58538422-wordmasters#/>

Odyssey of the Mind:

[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.

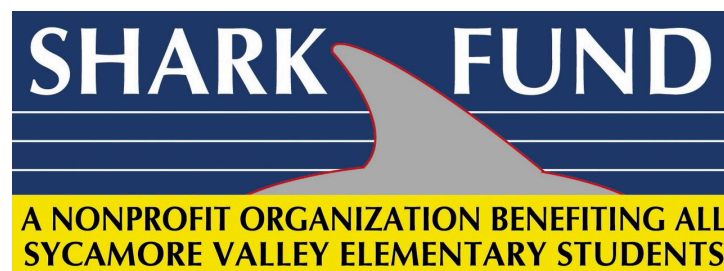
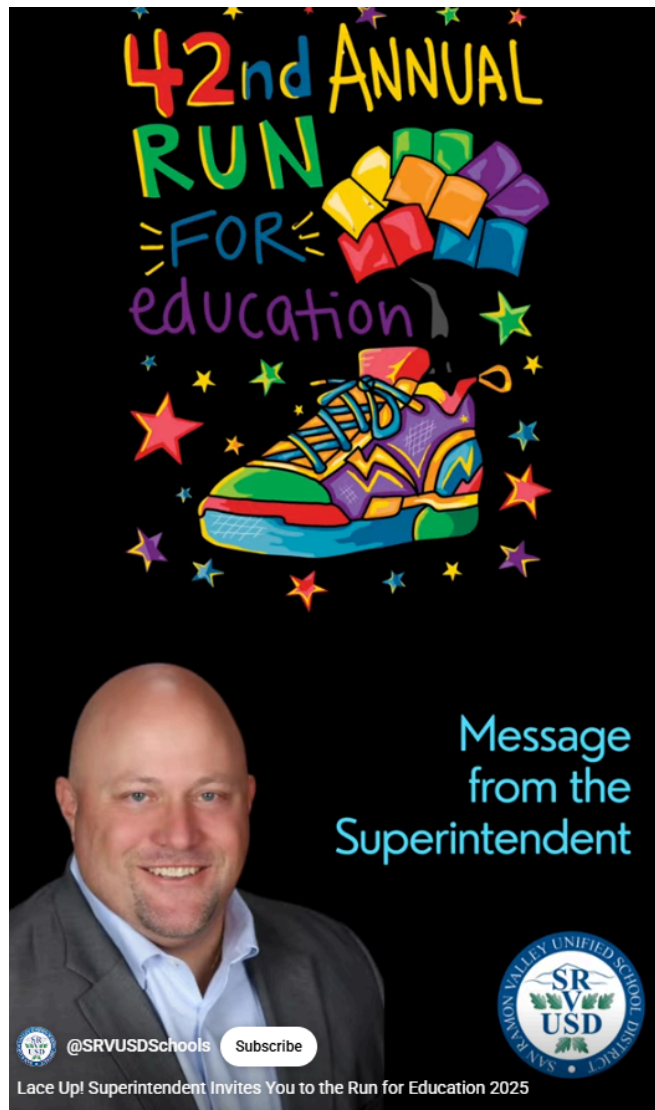


Run for Education Spirit Day

Show your support for the Run for Education! All district sites will be participating - join us and wear Run for Education gear, medals, or any running attire on **Spirit Day, Friday, September 12!**

Never done a 5K? No problem! Come out to a [FREE training run for SRVUSD families](#) complete with snacks and drinks at 5:45pm on Thursday, September 11 at Sports Basement San Ramon. All paces, all levels are welcome.

Don't wait to sign up for the [Run for Education](#) - **prices go up on September 16!** Check out this [video message from our Superintendent](#).



Shark Fund Updates

Thank you to all of the parents that have completed registration so far! We are 60% to our goal, but need 100% participation! The \$675 suggested donation stays here at Sycamore and allows us to support each student and 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!



Dippin' Dot Calendar:

09/24 - Dippin Dots

10/08 - Dippin dots

10/22 - Dippin Dots

Dippin Dot Pre-pay Punch Cards are Back!

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

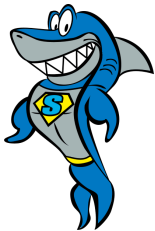
Prepay for 5 Dippin' Dots, get one free

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 STEAM volunteers for working hard to host an information night about our STEAM Enrichment Program!



School Site Council Update

School Site Council Meeting

The first Meeting will be on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 4:00pm.

This is a virtual meeting:

Meeting ID:

meet.google.com/zuh-isgw-itu

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 510-250-3261

PIN: 183 935 297#



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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