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Sycamore Valley Elementary Shark Bites Newsletter

**Message from Principal Kawahara
March 12, 2026**



Shamrock Art - 2nd Grade

Dear Sycamore Valley Families:

I hope you and your family are well. Please note, we have no school for students tomorrow, March 13th. This will be a teacher workday. Enjoy the beautiful weather on this long weekend!

Some good news to share: Sycamore Valley made the list of schools with the highest attendance for the week of 02/22/26 and 03/01/2026 at 95.15% and 96.62% respectively! Good job everyone - let's keep this up!

Eye glass case was found and returned to the school office.



Bell Schedule: March at a Glance
[March At A Glance](#)

March Read Aloud:
[March Read Aloud Schedule](#)

April Read Aloud:
[April Read Aloud Schedule](#)

2025-2026 Read Aloud Titles (December - May):
[25-26 Sycamore Valley Read-Alouds](#)

District Updates:

SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Bright Light Awards-

Let's Celebrate Our Special Education Champions! The SRVUSD SELPA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) annual Bright Light awards celebrate those who go the extra mile to support students in special education. Do you know a staff member, community hero, or student who's made a real impact on students with special needs? Please share their story and nominate them as a SELPA CAC Bright Light and help us shine a spotlight on their incredible work! [Click here](#) to access the nomination form.

Nomination Deadline is Thursday, April 2, 2026. Our CAC Bright Lights winners will be celebrated at the May 14th CAC meeting and will be recognized at the SRVUSD School Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Thank you for taking the time to recognize someone who has made a difference in a special education student's life.

SITES Program Offers Assessments & Services for Infants and Toddlers -

Early support can make a big difference. The San Ramon Infant Toddler Early Start (SITES) program offers **free developmental assessments** for children ages 0–36 months who live within our district boundaries. Services may include speech & language, physical and occupational therapy, family support, and more. If you have concerns, don't wait. Reach out today.



The flyer features a light orange background with a faint image of a child's hands. In the top left corner is the San Ramon Unified School District logo, and in the top right is the 'sites' logo with a stylized figure. The main headline reads 'Concerned about your child's development? We can help!' with three decorative star icons to the right. Below this, it states 'San Ramon Infant Toddler Early Start (SITES) program provides free assessments for children (0-36 months) who reside within the district boundaries (San Ramon, Danville, Alamo)'. A central box lists 'Early Intervention services may vary by eligibility and need but may include:' followed by two columns of bulleted services: Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, Speech & language, Vision services, Deaf & hard of hearing services, Assistive technology, Feeding strategies, Specialized instruction, Family support, and Family training & education. The bottom section contains contact information for the SITES Program (925-479-3848) and the Special Education Office (925-552-2988), separated by three decorative star icons.

NCAPDA Event March 31 -

RSVP link: srvusdlinks.net/CelebrateAndProtect

Celebrating & Protecting Our Youth

Learn from local youth studying the impacts of **commonly abused medications** and celebrate their accomplishments as they present their National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse Capstone projects.



Topics Include:

Commonly abused medications:

- Fentanyl
- Teen Party Drugs
- Opioids
- Stimulants/Sedatives

Event Details

March 31

5:30 - 7:30 pm

SRVUSD Boardrooms
699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville

Receive Overdose Rescue Training & free Naloxone Kits!

Register:
srvusdlinks.net/CelebrateAndProtect



SRVUSD Classified Positions Available (HR/Classified) -



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www.srvusd.net

SRVUSD is an equal opportunity employer.
We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an
inclusive environment for all employees.

April Board Resolutions School Library Month

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the month of April as School Library Month. The school library ensures that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information and contributes to the growth and development of all students. Lifelong learning is enhanced and systematically developed through the school library. The librarian’s role is to provide the leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the school library is an integral part of each school’s instructional program.

Arab American Heritage Month

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the month of April as Arab American Heritage Month. Arab Americans have made valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of our national and local community, including medicine, law, business, technology, government, and culture. Issues affecting Arab Americans, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, harassment, and bullying must be combated through education and awareness. As stated in the Multicultural Education Policy of the California State Board of Education, each

student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people.

National Day of Silence: April 17, 2026

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes April 17, 2026 as National Day of Silence. During this student-led national event, some students may choose to take a vow of silence to bring attention to the name calling, bullying and harassment that many LGBTQ+ youth face. SRVUSD promotes respect, tolerance and acceptance on all our campuses and believes that all students and staff have a right to a safe and healthy school environment. National Day of Silence will not alter instruction on April 18, but students may voluntarily participate and teachers may discuss and are asked to be thoughtful and sensitive as they create lesson plans. Teachers will be teaching on this day.

Public School Volunteer Appreciation Week: April 20-24

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the week of April 20-24, 2026 as Public School Volunteer Appreciation Week. The many devoted and dedicated volunteers in our community provide essential support to our students through generous donations of time, talent, and resources. Volunteers enrich learning experiences beyond what is often available for students and selflessly serve on our boards and committees. They play a key role as our partners in education and in fostering a sense of community and pride within our schools and district.

Environmental Week: April 15-22

San Ramon Valley Unified School District recognizes the week of April 15-22, 2026 as Environmental Week. Schools have the potential to effect positive, tangible environmental change while preparing students, in their careers and civic life, to be stewards of their communities, the earth, and its resources. We support students in becoming aware of the impact of their actions on themselves, others, the environment, and vulnerable communities around the world. SRVUSD also acknowledges April 21 as John Muir Day and April 22 as Earth Day.

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

TK/K - Enrollment Open for New Students Grades TK - 5th.

03/13 - No School - Teacher Work Day

03/16 - 03/22 - Silent Auction - Online

03/18 - Dippin' Dots

03/18-03/20 - Conference Days - Min. Day Schedule

ALL TK and Kinder

8:00-10:30 am

ALL 1st-5th Grades

8:00-12:00

03/18 - Shark Fund Meeting = Virtual - 6:30pm

03/21 - Live Auction - Blackhawk Country Club

03/25 - Spirit Day - Theme: Sports Day

03/31 - Preschool Virtual Information Night

04/01 - Variety Show Dress Rehearsal 1:00 - 3:00pm - MPR

04/02 - Variety Show - MPR - 6:00pm

04/03-04/10 - No School - Spring Break

04/15 - Run for Education Logo Contest due

04/15 - Dippin' Dots

04/15 - Shark Fund Meeting = Virtual - 6:30pm

04/23 - Science Fair - 2:30pm - MPR

04/23 - PTA Family STEAM Night: 6:30-8:00pm - MPR

04/24 - Spring Concert - Instrumental Music - MPR - 5:30pm

04/29 - Dippin' Dots

04/29 - Spirit Day - Theme: Backwards Day

05/06 - Sharky Cinema

05/13 - Dippin' Dots

05/14 - Open House

05/22 - No School - School Recess

05/24 - No School - Memorial Day

05/27 - Dippin' Dots

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).



Student Placement Information Form:

As we look toward next year it is time for us to start working on class placements. We work hard to build classes that are balanced from every angle.

This form is not required, however if you believe your child has specific needs and/or excels in a particular type of classroom environment that the staff should consider when placing him/her, you are welcome to complete and return the attached form. Please do not request specific teachers. Letters that state a specific teacher's name or that try to describe a specific teacher will not be considered. due by April 1st.

[2026-2027 Student Class Placement form](#)

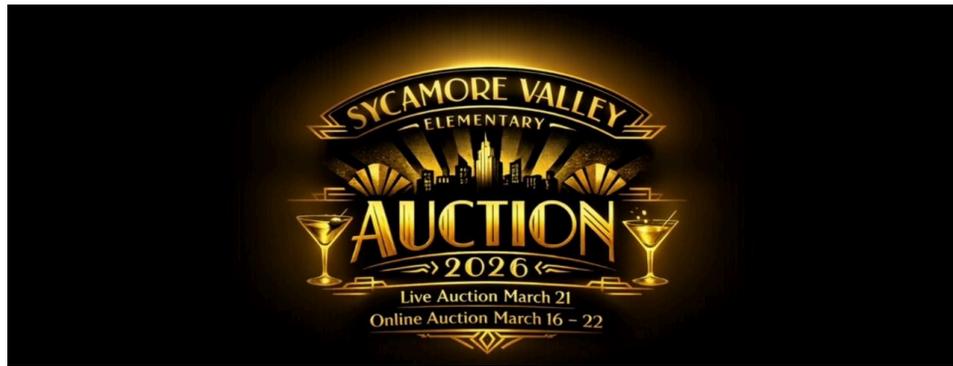
Parents you are welcome to complete the attached form if you believe your child has specific needs. This form is due to the school office no later than April 01, 2026. After spring break, teachers will meet with Principal Kawahara to begin building balanced classes for the 26/27 school year.

Parents and students will be notified of teacher and classroom placement on August 12th, 2026. Careful consideration is given to the class placement of each student.



**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.



Auction!

Auction!!! This is a LIVE and ONLINE auction year, so mark your calendars to join in the fun!! All auction updates will be on our schools auction website:
<http://sycamore2026.ourschool.auction/>

The online auction opens Monday 3/16 at 7am!

Make sure you have logged in before this coming Monday morning as so many great events and items go live! There are "buy it now" social events you can buy tickets to - Amazing Race & Camp Shark (kids), Bocce, Bunco... just to name a few! Then there are so many great items you can bid on - **bidding is open from Monday 3/16 at 7:00am and closes Sunday 3/22 at 7pm.**

We need YOUR help for the auction to be a success! As a reminder, 100% of proceeds raised at the auction stay here at Sycamore to benefit all children.

- **Host:** host a social! Our social events, paid for and organized by the parent community, make up a huge amount of the auction proceeds! Check out the "host a social" tab on the website, under "donate" or [use this form if you want to host](#). We are looking for new ideas and new hosts, so please consider hosting a social!
- **Donate:** donate an item or experience to the auction! sycamore2026.ourschool.auction then select "donate"
- **Live event:** help us with the live event!
Email sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org
- **Bid & Buy Items!!!**

<http://sycamore2026.ourschool.auction/>

- Sycamorevalley.edfund@srvef.org (Doug - President)
- Sycamorevalley.edfundvp@srvef.org (Adele - VP)

SPIRITWEAR

Click here for the [Spiritwear Sale](https://1stplace.sale/13542)
Shark Spirit Sale

GET FREE shipping on orders \$85+.

Sycamore Valley families, our Spring Spirit Wear Sale is live! Save 20-30% sitewide, no code needed! This is a great time to stock up on all your spring essentials at a great price! Shop today, this is a limited time sale! <https://1stplace.sale/13542>

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Store Link: <https://1stplace.sale/13542>.

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- 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. 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!

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our PTA Job Fair this morning! It was wonderful to connect with some new faces and begin to fill several important roles that help make our school community so special.

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, we are hoping to fill three key leadership roles in the coming weeks so we can begin planning for another successful year at Sycamore. A brief overview of these opportunities is below:

Executive Vice President (EVP)

A collaborative leadership role that works closely with the PTA President and school administration. The EVP helps keep our community connected by managing PTA communications, including the website, parent social media channels, and school-wide email updates. This EVP also participates in weekly meetings with the principal and helps support the overall coordination of PTA initiatives.

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—helping to bring 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 with any of the roles mentioned above 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!

Run for Education Art Contest

SRVEF 43rd Annual Run for Education Logo Art Contest

Unleash your creativity and be the designer of the next Run for Education logo! The winning design will be featured on t-shirts and advertising, and the winning student will receive 6 tickets to the Oakland Ballers.

Submission deadline: Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

View the flyer below for more information and details on how to submit.



Calling All SRVUSD Student Artists! 43rd Annual Run for Education Logo Art Contest

Got an idea for this year's Run for Education logo? Submit your design to the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation by April 15th. The winning design will be featured on Run t-shirts and advertising. The winner will also receive 6 tickets to the Oakland Ballers and a Run entry.

Criteria:

- Logo must include the SRVEF tree in the design
- Design must include the words "43rd Annual Run for Education"
- Logo must be colorful and easy to see from a distance
- Design must reflect your original art (no clip art, stock, copyrighted or AI-generated images)
- Artist must be a student of SRVUSD
- Please submit a PDF file and include student name, grade, and school with entry

Submission:



Email entries to info@srvef.org
Use the subject line:
"Run for Education Logo Contest"
by **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**
All entries become the property of SRVEF
and may be modified



Save the Date!

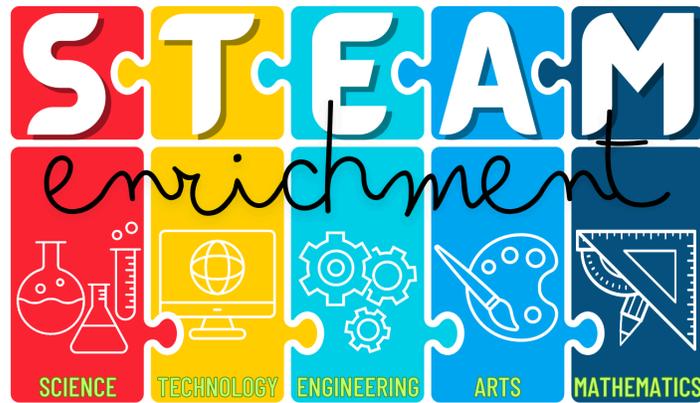
Mark your calendars for the 43rd Annual Run for Education. Join us on Sunday, October 11, 2026! Registration is open at www.srvef.org/the-run



www.srvef.org



info@srvef.org



Battle of the Books:

Students MUST read 9 out of 10 books from the shared booklist to participate in the May competition. Please share the number of books your child has completed reading along with the book titles to Deepa (battleofthebooks@sycamorevalleypta.org) to be eligible for the competition.

Book Club 1st-2nd:

The next book club meeting for 1st and 2nd graders has been changed to **next Wednesday, March 18th, after school in the Science Room from 12pm-12:45pm**. 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:

The last book club meeting for 3rd-5th graders will be held **on Wednesday, April 15th, 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 Juliana (3_5bookclub@sycamorevalleypta.org).

Math Madness:

This year's program has ended and we will resume Math Madness interest sign-ups 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 Mummaneni (5th)**, **Jaden Galamay (5th)** and **Anirudh Jayaraman (4th)**. Medals and certificates for all participants will be distributed in May.

Science Fair:

Mark your calendars for the Science Fair happening on **Thursday, April 23rd**, after school in the MPR! If your student (grades 1-5) would like to participate, please [sign up here](#). The deadline to sign up has been extended until March

31st. ***Blank trifolds for projects are available in the front office.*** For any questions, please contact Mariam (sciencechair@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.

Science Fair 2026

(see attached pdf)

Sycamore Valley Elementary's

2026

SCIENCE FAIR

Open to all 1st - 5th grade students!

**Entries are Due in the MPR
on Thursday, April 23rd after school**

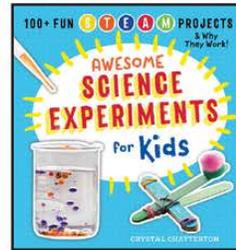
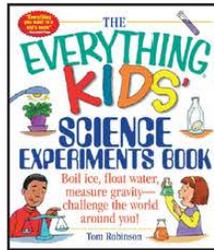
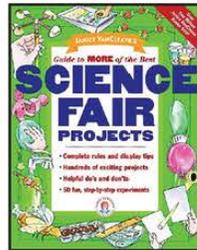
Projects will be judged, awarded, and then displayed at Family STEAM Night.
PRIZES will be awarded for **Creativity, Presentation,**
 and **Most Unexpected Results** for grades 1st-2nd and 3rd-5th!

If you are interested in participating in the 2026 Science Fair, then please sign up by March 31st:



NEED IDEAS?

These books with project ideas and tips are available for check out at the Sycamore library!

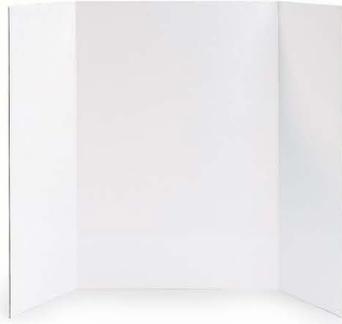


Questions can be emailed to Mariam at sciencechair@sycamorevalleypta.org.

THE DISPLAY:

This will be a tri-fold poster board presentation and will include:

1. Testable Question - the question you are seeking to answer
2. Hypothesis - what you think will happen
3. Experiment - must include the materials (what you used) and the procedure (what you did)
4. Data / Results - may include charts, graphs, photos
5. Conclusion - what did you learn? what questions do you still have?



THE REPORT:

1. Title Page
2. Table of Contents
3. Testable Question - the question you are seeking to answer
4. Hypothesis - what you think will happen
5. Experiment - must include the materials (what you used) and the procedure (what you did)
6. Data / Results - may include charts, graphs, photos
7. Conclusion - what did you learn? what questions do you still have?
8. Acknowledgments

See an example of a student presentation from a previous science fair:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJFruJI7WO8>

Sycamore PTA presents

Family

STEAM
enrichment

SCIENCE | TECHNOLOGY | ENGINEERING | ARTS | MATHEMATICS

Night

FAMILY EVENT | THU, APR 23 | SYCAMORE MPR
6:30-8:00PM

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for a fun-filled night of hands-on STEAM activities at Sycamore's Family STEAM Night.

SHARK FUND

A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BENEFITING ALL SYCAMORE VALLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

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!

Feel free to join our next monthly meeting Wednesday 3/18/26 at 6:30pm.

<https://meet.google.com/ttd-tnzn-mks>



Sharky Cinema -

Sharky Cinema will be the first Wednesday of each month this year 12:50-2:30pm. We still need volunteers the first Wednesday of the month moving forward!

Volunteer sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAF82DA5FDC61-58993180-sharky#/>



Dippin' Dot Calendar:

Dippin Dots - 3/18

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

Last Day to purchase punch cards is March 18th.

Dippin Dots - 4/15

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

Dippin Dots - 4/29

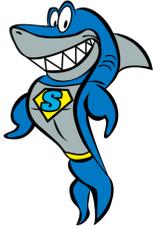
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Dippin Dots - 5/13

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

Dippin Dots - 5/27

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



Sharky Shout Out:

A big thank you to Shark Fund for working hard on putting together our wonderful annual auction! The Roaring 20's themed gala takes place on Saturday, March 21st and we hope to see many of you there!



School Site Council Update

Next Meeting Thursday, March 26, 2026

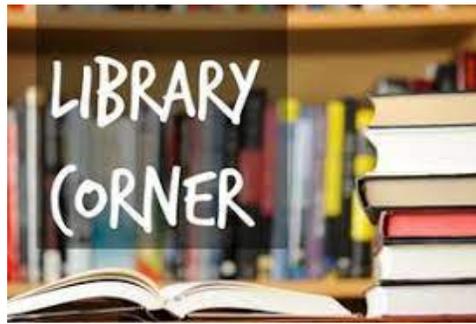
Meeting code

meet.google.com/edi-zhvc-rha

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 252-843-1163

PIN: 421 724 651#



Please help your reader remember their library day and to turn their books in when they're due!

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



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!

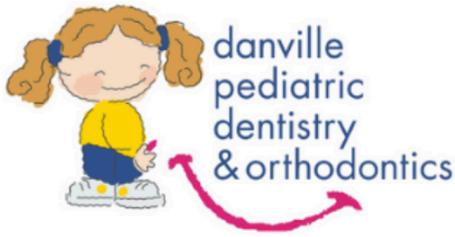
Would you like to get your business noticed at school events, bring sycamore supporters into your business, get a write-off, and get us to our fundraising

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



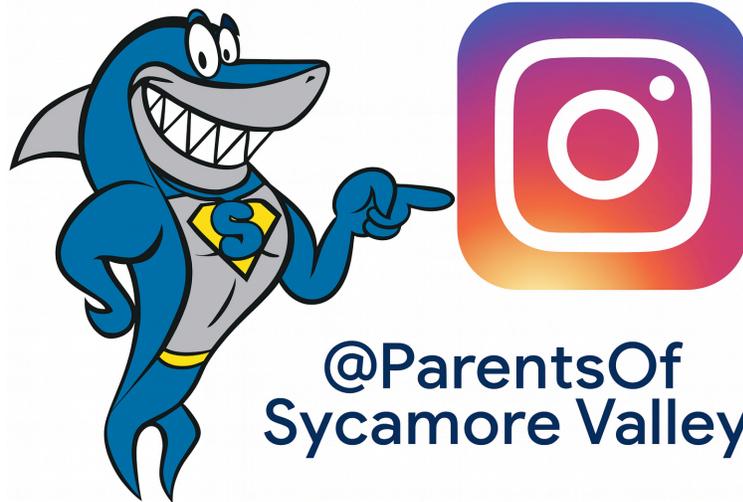
**SHARKY SHOUTOUT
TO OUR 2025-2026
SYCAMORE VALLEY
ELEMENTARY SPONSORS**





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

Instagram:



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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[VIEW ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)

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