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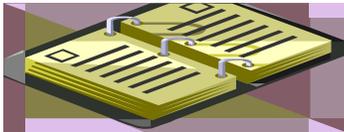
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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 4/1/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 4/4/22-4/8/22: Spring Break
- 4/13/22: PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
- 4/15/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 4/22/22: Yearbook Order Deadline
- 4/22/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 4/29/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 5/2/22-5/20/22: SBA Testing window, grades 3-5
- 5/6/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 5/11/22: PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm



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Principal's Message

Stevens Creek Families:

As we look ahead to spring break the first week in April, it's a great time to do just that- take a little break. Our Cubs and our staff are working hard. Walk around the building and there's evidence of that in every classroom and learning space. I see a ton of wins and reasons for celebrations!! I also see a lot of tired folks! Rightly so- and I appreciate that. That "tired" is well-earned! I wish everyone a nice little pause before we get back after it, and look to finish the last portion of this school year with a lot of purpose, continued hard work, and care for one another.

I recently talked to our team about our "WHY." Why do we each perform the role we do at STC? Why does it matter? A clear "why" ensures that we bring our best each day for our kids, for one another, and for the betterment of our STC community that we've so carefully created here. It's too important for us to lose connection and focus on that "why." I'd argue until I had no breath (and unfortunately for everyone here, I have a lot of it) that it's the foundation for all of the good that occurs here at STC each day. That clarity is what keeps us motivated and pushing to deliver what each child needs every day- no matter the hurdles we must overcome to accomplish this.

A short time ago, I shared with our team an interaction I had a few Friday evenings back, right outside of our school. I was walking out with one of our teachers, and had been watching four gentlemen in their upper teens using our benches to perform tricks on their skateboards out in front of the school. As I walked by, I politely asked them to please be sure they weren't damaging our benches. The responses I received- "Oh, we'll be sure to damage them." The other- "The benches were already damaged."

Now, admittedly, I don't know the stories of these gentlemen. I don't know what they've been through, experienced in their lives up to now. I don't have a relationship with them. As a dad, I also have a 19 and soon-to-be 15 year old of my own. It's not my first rodeo. I understand teenagers have off moments, off days. But these guys- they can do better. Those won't be any of my Cubs one day if I have something to do with it. I want more for each of our kids. I want our kids to know the power of making others better- every opportunity, every word, every action.

This interaction instantly brought me back to my "why." Why am I the principal of STC? I don't want any of our kids to one day talk to another human being like this- now, or when they reach their upper teens and beyond. I want them to have a foundation of respect, appreciation, and care for themselves, others, and their community. I want them to have the social-emotional tools to interact and deal with the obstacles that they will face in their lives. That foundation is everything. Maybe it's wishful thinking, but I don't believe so. And when they do make mistakes, they can own it, learn from it, and improve for the next time.

The 55 Creek Essentials we teach our kids each day can help with these foundational pieces of caring and respecting oneself, others, and appreciation and support of one's community. The rest of it? It takes guidance, time, consistency, and collaboration. It takes tons of conversations- short and long. It takes our kids making mistakes and learning from them. It takes love, it takes care, a few tears sometimes (kids and adults), apologies, forgiveness, and patience when a lesson isn't learned the first few times!

It takes a "why" most of all. My team and I are clear on our "why." We love these kids. They are our kids. We live with them. We learn and grow alongside them. We also grow and learn from them. Just like you, we experience their highs and lows, their mistakes and triumphs. Most of all, we have the honor of seeing them grow both academically, and as human beings. Thank you for allowing us to fulfill our "why." It's an honor not lost on us. It's a partnership we don't take lightly with you. Go STC!

Matt

Spring Break

There will be No School the week of April 4th-7th for Spring Break. School will resume Monday, April 11th. Enjoy your week off!



Crusin' Cubs Running Club

Every Tuesday & Thursday (weather permitting) students can wear their running shoes for a lunch recess running club. Students can walk/run around the track during lunch recess (monitored by staff). Every time a student runs 6 laps it is a mile. As crusin' cubs achieve more and more miles, the student can earn half marathon (13.1 miles) and marathon medals (26.2 miles) which will be awarded during PE class. Our first medals were distributed last week.

Crusin Cub Stats as of March 28th

17,493 laps = 2,915.5 miles

3rd-5th Student Leaders:

Aala Alghazali, 199 laps = 33 miles

Jackson Politte 486 laps = 81 miles



K-2nd Student Leaders:

Arina Berdiugina, 132 laps = 22 miles

Lawson Fuller, 311 laps = 51.8 miles

Be sure to encourage your child to wear their running shoes and participate in this fun, healthy activity during lunch recess on Tuesday & Thursday.

Stevens Creek PTA News

- Please consider joining PTA. To join our PTA visit this link: <https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/stevenscreekpta/membership>
- Yearbook pre-sale currently underway. The cost is \$20 (additional costs for Shout-outs & Kinder Cub page). Order forms should be returned to the office. The deadline for returning these orders is April 22nd.
- Our next PTA Meeting will be on April 13th @ 6:30pm via Zoom. Look for the link to be emailed to our members soon. We hope you can join us.
- To contact the PTA just drop them an email at: stevenscreekpta@gmail.com.
- "STC Spirit Wear will be available for order beginning April 1st! Orders may be placed online at <https://stevenscreekpta.square.site> (Square Processing Fee of 2.9% will be charged). Paper order forms are available to print at www.stevenscreekpta.com and may be turned into the office with cash or check (made payable to 'Stevens Creek PTA') by April 22nd. Questions, please contact Samantha at stevenscreekpta@gmail.com.

Lost & Found

Our lost & found racks are overflowing. Be sure to have your student check the racks for lost jackets, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles, hats, gloves and umbrellas. Our lost & Found will be donated to charity following spring break.



Kindergarten Registration-Class of 2035

Kindergarten registration paperwork is now being accepted for the fall of 2022. Registration packets can be picked-up in the office or are available for download from the LSSD website. Once the paperwork is completed, it can be returned to our office.

In addition, once your student is registered for kindergarten you can then sign them up for our "Ready for Kindergarten" program. This four-day opportunity from August 22 to 25 offers a safe and welcoming introduction to elementary school for families and students, relieving many first-day anxieties. You can find the reservation link on the LSSD website (www.lkstevens.wednet.edu) under Announcements on the homepage.

2022/2023 PTA Position Nominations

The PTA will be accepting nominations for the following positions April 1st through May 11th (self nominations gladly accepted). Voting on these positions will take place at the May 11th PTA meeting. The 2022/2023 Board members will be announced in the June Newsletter. Details on these positions will be posed to the PTA Facebook page soon and can be found on the website (www.stevenscreekpta.com). If you are not interested in holding a board position, but would like to be more involved & support the PTA, please reach out to them, StevensCreekPTA@gmail.com.

2022/2023 PTA Board Positions:

President

Vice President of Communications

Vice President of Membership/Volunteers

Treasurer

Secretary

Yearbook Coordinator



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17 Easter 	18	19	20	21	22 Early Release @ 2:05pm	23
24 National Administrative Professionals Week	25	26	27	28	29 Early Release @ 2:05pm	30