



# THE CUB NEWS

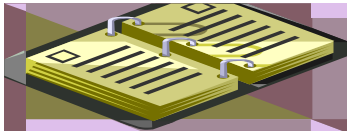
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## DECEMBER 2021



### Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 12/1/21: Picture Re-takes
- 12/3/21: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 12/6/21-12/10/21: Book Fair
- 12/8/21: Virtual PTA Meeting, 6:30
- 12/9/21: Candy Cane Lane & Holiday Light Festival 5:30-7pm
- 12/10/21: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 12/13/21: PTA Mod Pizza Fundraiser
- 12/17/21: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 12/20/21-1/2/22: Winter Break



### Principal's Message

#### Stevens Creek Families:

Welcome to December! We have three weeks to really get some important work done before our kiddos head off to Winter Break! This time of the school year seems to fly, and we want to make sure that we are taking advantage of every hour, every day, every week to grow our kiddos. We are seeing some real successes and our kids and teams are starting to hit their strides it seems. Our focus continues to be on growth for all students- whether they are still working toward grade level standard, currently meeting, or above- we want high growth for all students at STC. All of our Cubs deserve that opportunity, and I see high levels of instruction and expectations each day in our classrooms.

Before I share anything else with you, I must congratulate Sonador House for winning our first of three House Cups this school year! More Fridays than not, they were in the lead with more House points than any other. We're so proud of them! They were able to celebrate by attending an assembly via grade levels put on by the Reptile Man, where they could interact with, and touch a variety of, yes, you guessed it- reptiles! Our next House Cup challenge ends on February 17! We'll see who the next House Cup winner is!

STC's Candy Cane Lane: If you are new to us, last year we put on Candy Cane Lane for our Cubs and their families. At that point, we had only seen our kids online, and were looking for any way to connect with them in safe ways- in person. Hence, Candy Cane Lane came to be!

We are bringing it back! We had so much fun, and so many kids and families told us about how much they enjoyed it, that we are doing it again this month. We are making a few adjustments to our plan this year to reduce the vehicle line down on Lake Drive. There might even be more lights and decorations this year?! You'll have to visit to find out what's in store for you! Our staff will be working after school on several evenings leading up to the big night- **December 9th from 5:30-7:00 pm!** More details to follow!

In the coming weeks, Mrs. Nickerson and I will be putting on a "Playground Series" during our kids' recess. Although Mrs. Nickerson will continue to meet with students individually or in small groups to build up their friendship or other vital skills, we wanted to do something for all of our students too. So, periodically, during a 5-10 minute stretch during recesses, we will be working with grade levels to practice important skills around building healthy friendships, solving problems, communicating needs clearly, etc. They can then head back to recess to practice these very skills in the same setting while we support them in this directly in those unstructured times.

Finally, we wanted to make our STC Community aware of the upcoming levies that LSSD is putting on the February ballot. Lake Stevens School District is seeking renewal of two key funding measures—our Educational Programs and Operations Levy and our Capital Technology Levy—in the Feb. 8, 2022 election.

Looking ahead to the end of this month, I want to wish all of you a Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas, depending upon what you and your family celebrate! We are so honored to have an opportunity to serve such an amazing community. My gratitude and appreciation for our Cubs and our families is beyond measure. I hope each of you can find some time to rest and recharge throughout this Holiday Season! My best to each of you!

-Matt

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### Stevens Creek Giving Tree

At STC we recognize that there are less fortunate families within our school & community. To help these families, we will be sponsoring a holiday "Giving Tree". We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys, books & gift cards for elementary age student or older as we have families with middle & high school siblings. Donations can be dropped off at STC during office hours or during our Candy Cane Lane & Light Festival on December 9th or they can be sent in with your student. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office, 425-335-1690.



### 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 November 24th

8,353 laps = 1,533 miles

#### 3rd-5th Student Leaders:

Aala Alghazali, 93 laps = 15.5 miles

Tanner Snyder, 169 laps = 28 miles



#### K-2nd Student Leaders:

Adelyn Dykstra, 49 laps = 8 miles

RJ Clarke, 101 laps = 16.8 miles

Caden Spaun, 101 laps = 16.8 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.

### STC Student Only Book Fair

December 6-10

Our library staff is excited to host a Book Fair next month. The purchase of books will be available on-line for parents, however, students will be able to visit the book fair and make purchases during the school day. The use of "eWallet" is strongly encouraged. This is easy to set-up and eWallet funds are immediately available for use.

Families will be able to set-up their eWallet between November 15th & December 10th. Look for more information to come home soon and in your email.



## 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.
- Yearbook cover contest is currently underway. Stevens Creek "4 Houses, 1 Family" is the theme for our yearbook cover contest. Student can submit their design on an 8.5x11" sheet of plain, white (unlined) paper. Student can get this from the office if necessary. We can't wait to see the creativity of our STC cubs. Cover contest designs can be returned to the office, be sure your child's name is on their artwork. Deadline is December 10th.
- Our next PTA Meeting will be on December 8th @ 6:30pm via Zoom. Look for the link to be emailed to our members soon. We hope you can join us.
- PTA Mod Pizza Fundraiser Monday, December 13th. STC PTA will receive 20% for every on-line or in-person order placed.
- To contact the PTA just drop them an email at: [stevenscreekpta@gmail.com](mailto:stevenscreekpta@gmail.com).

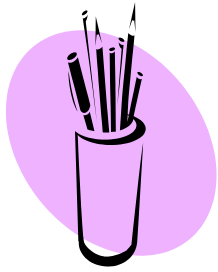


### Save the Date

#### Candy Cane Lane & Holiday Light Festival

Back by popular demand, Stevens Creek Candy Cane Lane & Holiday Light Festival. The STC elves are busy planning this fantastic event. Mark your calendar for this holiday light extravaganza on Thursday, December 9th beginning at 5:30pm. During this event we will also be having a Toy Drive to support the Stevens Creek Giving Tree. We will be looking for donations of unwrapped, new toys or gift cards. The Giving Tree support families within our Stevens Creek community. Look for a flyer & map in your student's Thursday folder this week.





# December 2021

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5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8 PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm (via Zoom)	9 Candy Cane Lane, 5:30pm	10 Early Release @ 2:05pm	11
Book Fair (on-line & student only)						
12	13 PTA Mod Pizza Fundraiser  	14	15	16	17 Early Release @ 2:05PM	18
19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
No School-Winter Holiday						
26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28 Hanukkah Begins @ Sunset	29	30	31 New Years Eve	1 New Years Day  
No School-Winter Holiday						