



THE CUB NEWS

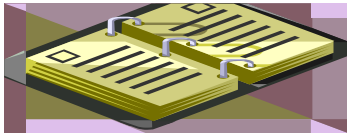
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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 2/4/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 2/7/22-2/11/22: National School Counselor Week
- 2/9/22: PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
- 2/11/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 2/14/22: Valentines Day
- 2/14/22-2/17/22: Conference Week, Early Release @ 1:00pm
- 2/18/22: No School
- 2/21/22: No School-President's Day
- 2/25/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm



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Principal's Message

Stevens Creek Families:

Welcome to February. It's when times are tough, when a team gets tested the most- that's when you really find out what your team members are made of. I appreciate this community more than ever. What a special community we have here. We are certainly weathering a storm right now. There's no doubt about that.

My hope for our STC Community is more stability in February. This past month has certainly presented all of us with challenges, to say the least. I know we have all been stretched thin- from our families, to our kids, to our staff.

We will continue our work each day to ensure that our kids are well taken care of here at the building- keeping a trusted STC adult with them in their classroom each day, while doing everything in our power to keep learning moving forward. It hasn't been, nor will it continue to be without its challenges. I thank our amazing specialist team for dropping everything to keep our classrooms covered, and learning plans progressing each day. I'm thankful for our classroom teachers who are creating these effective plans when they aren't able to be with their kids. And I'm thankful for our paras who are covering our playground and lunchroom in modified teams.

The difficult piece is that our Cubs don't receive PE or music, library or makerspace when our specialists are pulled to guest teach each day. And our interventionists and para educators can't support our students like they are normally able to do on a daily basis. We are adjusting schedules where we can to overcome these challenges, but at times we must triage the situation. Plain and simple, it's not what any of us want. However, we're committed to getting through this together, and we will do so for the betterment of our kiddos!

Switching gears, I want to thank our staff and students who put together an amazing presentation on Martin Luther King Jr. for our students and staff. It highlighted not only the talents and heart of our students and staff, but their commitment to Dr. King's vision for STC and our surrounding community. It showed us that when each of us is seen- our uniqueness and our differences highlighted and celebrated, when we grow our understanding of one another through our unique experiences and perspectives- we are a richer and healthier community for all.

Report Cards Coming Home Monday, February 7th: Please look for report cards to come home with students in paper form on this date. Teachers are working to provide an accurate snapshot of your child's progress as possible. This marks the half-way point as we look ahead to continued growth and progress in the second part of the year!

Conference Week Coming Soon! This month, we are excited to be able to have time set aside for families to talk with their teachers about our Cubs on **February 15, 16, and 17**. All families are invited to set up a time to conference with your child's teacher during these three days. Teachers can also reach out to set up a time during this week to meet with families. If you have any questions, please email or call your child's teacher, or call the front office to be put in touch with your child's teacher to set up a time to meet. Thanks for taking the time out of your busy schedules to do so! All meetings will be held via Google Meet, just as our Family Connection meetings were at the beginning of this school year.

On a celebratory note, we are excited to award our 2nd House Cup of the school year to the winning House at the end of February! We will announce the winning House on the morning of Monday, February 28th, as the last day to earn House Points for this second cycle will be Friday, February 25th. Will it be Sonador again, or will Pemberi, Ujasiri, or Druzhiba grab the House Cup?! We'll find out!

Finally, I wanted to let our community know that Aaron Meyer, our behavior support specialist, will be taking leave for the remainder of the school year. Although he will be greatly missed, we have secured Michael Conner to take his position for the remainder of the school year. Michael has worked on our team over the past two school years in a few different support roles, so he is familiar with our students and our team. He is caring, and builds great relationships with students just as Aaron does. Aaron has also been working to help transition Michael these past few weeks to make the transition as seamless as possible. It's also going to be great to have a mother-son connection here at STC, as Michael's mom Tiffany is one of our amazing para educators!

-Matt

Incident Weather Info

In the event that snow or other conditions force changes in school schedules or bus routes, announcements will be made on all major TV and radio stations by 6 a.m. Simultaneously, information will be posted to our website at www.lkstevens.wednet.edu under Site Shortcuts>School Closure Info or go directly to www.flashalert.net and click on Lake Steven Schools. Please depend on radio, TV, District Social Media (Facebook & Instagram) and/or internet to access information about the status of schools.

Remember! If no public announcements are broadcast, school & buses will be operating on normal schedule.



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 January 21st

11,287 laps = 1,881 miles

3rd-5th Student Leaders:

Aala Alghazali, 140 laps = 23 miles

Tanner Snyder 280 laps = 46.6 miles



K-2nd Student Leaders:

Arina Berdiugina 65 laps = 10.8 miles

Lawson Fuller, 208 laps = 34.6 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.
- Our next PTA Meeting will be on February 9th @ 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.

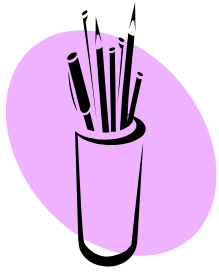


News from Nurse Linda

Please see below for important information from our school nurse.

- For weekend COVID-19 support, we have a nurse to manage these calls and emails from students, parents & staff. Staff, parents or students may call, text or email any questions they might have or to report any COVID positive results that have occurred during the weekend. This on-call nurse will begin contact tracing and coordinate with the appropriate school staff. The time period for this on-call nurse is Friday 4pm to Sunday 5pm. The nurse is Laura Newman and she can be reached at 425-870-9298 or COVID-info@lkstevens.wednet.edu.
- For after hours Monday-Friday (after the school office closes) you may contact our District Nurse & COVID Coordinator, Ernette Visitacion. She can be reached at ernette_visitacion@lkstevens.wednet.edu or 425-293-8096.
- If a student is fully vaccinated, please provide our Health Room with this information. A copy of the vaccination record can be mailed to Nurse Linda (linda_wrighttrathke@lkstevens.wednet.edu) or Ms. Hannah our health room assistance (Hannah_courtire@lkstevens.wednet.edu) or a copy may be dropped off in the office.





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