



THE CUB NEWS

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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 3/6/20: Early Release @ 2:10pm
- 3/12/20: 1st Music Concert, 6:30pm
- 3/12/20: 2nd Music Concert, 7:30pm
- 3/13/20: Early Release @ 2:10pm
- 3/19/20: Kindergarten Parent Info Night (20-21 kinders), 6:30pm
- 3/20/20: Early Release @ 2:10pm
- 3/24/20: 20-21 Kindergarten Registration begins
- 3/25/20: 5th grade March Madness Basketball event, 5:30pm
- 3/25/20: 5th grade NLMS Parent Information Night, 7:00pm
- 3/26/20: Sahara Pizza Night
- 3/30/20-4/3/20: Spring Break
- 4/10/20: Early Release @ 2:10pm
- 4/17/20: Early Release @ 2:10pm
- 4/23/20: Sahara Pizza Night
- 4/24/20: Early Release @ 2:10pm

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Principal's Message



Stevens Creek Families:

We're turning the page to March, and preparing for the next quarter of our school year. This is a point in the year when we really begin to see students taking off with their learning!

After conference week, we update our shared goals for our kids, as our staff work to support our kids toward their continued academic, social, and emotional growth. Thank you for attending your child's conference this past week. It was so wonderful to see all of our families here on campus! Our hope is that you came away with a clear picture of where your child is in his/her journey to this point, and learned about the next steps in this plan moving forward for the next part of the school year. It is truly a marathon, and every student begins this journey at a different point. At various times on this journey, each student experiences acceleration, bumps, frustrations, successes, and milestones. We experience them right along with you and your child. It's what makes this job so amazing, so perplexing, but most of all incredible. Thank you for the opportunity to join your family on this journey.

I read an article last school year that has just kind of stuck with me. It had to do with the amount of state learning standards we have for our students. The author did quite an extensive study, and his team determined that we would truly need to convert our school system from a K-12 model to a K-22 system (an extra 10 school years needed....13th grade, 14th grade, all the way to 22nd grade) in order to cover to deep levels the number of state learning standards required at each grade level.

It's no wonder why school teams are so concerned these days about our students missing any days of school. A child who misses one day per month, or 9 schools days, misses almost two weeks of instructional time, with no way to make that time up. Imagine the amount of skills/content/ideas kids miss during two weeks of learning time!! Our attendance rate for our students last year averaged around 89%, meaning the average student attended for that percentage of the school year. Not too bad, but it is toward the bottom half of Lake Stevens elementary schools. We'd like to see our attendance percentage continue to rise this school year- especially with all of the amazing instructional opportunities our students receive day in and day out here at STC.

When I talk about the topic of school attendance with my friends who are not in education, but whose kids have grown up with my own kids, I always get asked this question- "Why do you guys always make such a big deal about school attendance? My kid misses a few days, and I have the school calling us!" As a dad, I get it. Why is this place bothering me? Do they not think I care about my child's education, well-being, or future? Who are they to question me as a parent? It was just a few days that my child has missed. On the flipside, as a principal, I see how much a classroom community learns in just one day. It's astonishing how much content is learned in one school day- how many different experiences kids receive, the practice and discussions they take part in, and the opportunities to ask questions and learn from classmates. I see how hard a teacher works to create lessons and experiences that will help our students learn new ideas/skills to deeper levels. Unfortunately, this can't be replicated by sending a few worksheets home. That's just the reality. So, the next time we call home, concerned about your child's attendance, know that we do so cautiously and with an understanding that life is complex, busy, and unpredictable at times. Sometimes kids have to miss school. They're sick, life comes up, etc. Also understand that we have so much to teach, share, and expose your kids to in just one school year, and we only get 180 days to do so in. Know that our team at STC will do whatever it takes to get your child to school. Every day, we pick up students if they miss the bus, are having a rough morning, or anything in between. Life happens. We understand that, and want to team with you to make sure our kids are here at STC each day and happy!

If your child arrives late, we make it a point to welcome them and make sure they know we are happy they made it to STC no matter what. After all, the last thing a kid needs to hear when they walk into their school and they're running late in the morning is a lecture and a "Do you know you're late?!" That's not the welcome any of us would want. If I were a student, I would just want to know that people here at STC are happy I'm here and acknowledge that I showed up....whether I'm late or not! That's our promise. Thanks for partnering with us! We are certainly stronger together, and our kids benefit greatly when this occurs! Go Cubs!

Matt Pewitt
Principal, Stevens Creek Elementary

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 & parent volunteers). 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.

Cruisin Cub Stats as of February 20th

17,853 laps = 2975.5 miles

3rd-5th Student Leaders:

Emma Kovalova, 319 laps = 53 miles
Tim Kovalov, 238 = 39.6 miles



K-2nd Student Leaders:

Alaa Alghazali, 247 laps = 41 miles
Jackson Polittle, 413 laps = 68.8 miles

Be sure to encourage your child to wear their running shoes and participate in this fun, healthy activity during Running Club.

PTA News

- Don't forget to order your yearbook. Pre-orders will be accepted through March 31st. The cost is \$19. Order forms are available in the office.
- Board Members Needed: The Stevens Creek PTA is on the look out for a President & Vice-President for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested, contact the PTA at stevenscreekpta@gmail.com
- 80s/90s Themed Prom & Pre K-6th grade Kids PJ Party: Parent's Prom upstairs in the Cafeteria (big hair & mullets are encouraged), PJ Party downstairs (bring your blanket, pillow & stuffed animal. DJ, dancing, games & snacks). \$100 per couple or \$50 for a single. Funds raised will support the Stevens Creek teachers' mentorship program with the Ron Clark Academy. To purchase your tickets or make a donation, check out the info on the school or PTA websites.

Lost & Found

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



Spring Break

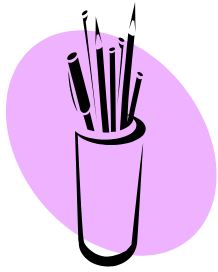
There will be No School the week of March 30th-April 3rd for Spring Break. School will resume on Monday, April 6th. Enjoy your week off!



Mark Your Calendar

- 3/12/20: 1st grade Music Concert, 6:30pm
- 3/12/20: 2nd grade Music Concert, 7:30pm
- 3/19/20: Kinder Orientation Night for incoming families, 6:30
- 3/26/20: Sahara Pizza Night
- 3/25/20: 5th grade March Madness Basketball games (students vs. staff/parents) 5:30pm
- 3/25/20: NLMS Parent Info Night, 7pm
- 3/30/20-4/3/20: No School-Spring Break
- 4/18/20: Second Chance Prom & Pajama Party, 7pm
- 4/23/20: Sahara Pizza Night
- 4/28/20: Elementary Music Showcase @ STC, 6pm (STC Marimba Band will be performing)
- 5/1/20: National School Principal Day
- 5/6/20: National School Nurse Day
- 5/4/20-5/29/20: SBA Testing Window (grades 3,4,5)
- 5/14/20: Kindergarten Music Concert, 6:30pm
- 5/14/20: 5th grade Music Concert, 7:30pm
- 5/20/20: PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
- 5/21/20: Sahara Pizza Night
- 5/25/20: No School-Memorial Day Holiday
- 6/3/20: College & Career Fair
- 6/5/20: ASB Volunteer Thank-you Tea
- 6/15/20: 5th grade Celebration
- 6/17/20: Field Day
- 6/18/20: Last School Day, Dismissal @ 1:05pm





March 2020

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Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6 Early Release @ 2:10pm	7
8 Daylight Saving (clocks ahead 1 hour) 	9	10	11	12 1st Concert, 6:30 2nd Concert, 7:30	13 Early Release @ 2:10pm	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19 Kinder Parent Info Night, 6:30pm	20 Early Release @ 2:10pm	21
22	23	24	25	26 Sahara Pizza Night 	27 Early Release @ 2:10PM	28
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No School-Spring Break						