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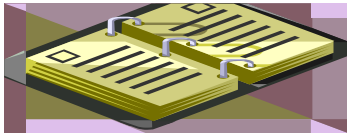
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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 5/2-20/22: SBA Testing window
- 5/2-6/22: Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/4/22: MOD Pizza night
- 5/6/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 5/11/22: PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 5/12/22: National School Nurse Day
- 5/13/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 5/20/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 5/27/22: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 5/30/22: No School-Memorial Day



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Principal's Message

Stevens Creek Families:

Could it be that May will bring the warmer, nicer weather we'd all prefer to see around here?! We can only hope!

As we look to the month ahead, there are some important things to take note of. First, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will begin their state testing- SBA or Smarter Balanced Assessments the first week in May. While our third and fourth graders will engage in testing around math and literacy, our fifth graders will do the same in addition to science testing during the month. It's truly a chance for our Cubs to show what they know. They, along with their teachers and support staff have worked so hard this year as a team to grow. It's just one little snapshot in time to show their progress.

Next, we can't help but look ahead to next year. We will have new additions to our STC community next school year with the addition of 60 new students and their families coming to us from Sunnycrest. With Lake Stevens continuing to grow, it was necessary for the district to shift some school boundaries, and move students/families from Sunnycrest to both Mount Pilchuck Elementary and us. We are happy to welcome them into our STC Family!

In addition, we have just recently learned that the district will be moving two SLC (Structured Learning Program) classrooms from Highland to Stevens Creek as well. This is our program that provides specialized support for students who may be diagnosed with autism or other special needs that require additional levels of support. We are honored to have this program join our STC Family. With this program will bring approximately 16 new students and their families, along with a large support staff that accompanies them.

Like our new students joining us from Sunnycrest, we have plans to welcome all of our new Cubs properly to STC this spring and summer, to let them know that they are important to us, and a valued part of our school community!

Finally, we must start the process of saying goodbye to some of our amazing STC who are "graduating" from elementary school finally. We could also say they are retiring, but we like graduating better! They have each played an integral role in helping to create the special place STC has become, and we wish them the very best in the next season of their lives!

- Liz Gjersee: Although Liz was on leave this year, we still missed having her around the building and in the second grade wing, and wish her the very best now that she's headed off officially to retirement- touching the lives of so many kids over the years!
- Mary Beth Kurtenbach: Our amazing music teacher is retiring after an impactful career. She brought so much learning and joy as she sparked interest and appreciation for music in our Cubs! We wish her the very best! One important addition- Mrs. Kurtenbach will STILL be doing our before school Marimba band next year for fifth graders, despite her retirement! So, we'll still get to see her next year a few times per week!
- Melonie Brown: Melonie, our building SLP is retiring this year after many years in the district, and the past four here at STC improving the lives of our kids. She is heading to sunny AZ, where she will be able to spend sunny days with her family and grandchildren!
- Robin Giuliacci: Mrs. G as she's known to many in our building, is our music/PE specialist overflow who works in partnership with Mrs. Gosselin and Mrs. Kurtenbach, with our K-2 kiddos. She has decided to take next year off. She will be missed greatly, and we'll look to find someone amazing to cover for her next year. Won't be an easy task!

Matt

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 April 22nd

19,437 laps = 3,239.5 miles

3rd-5th Student Leaders:

Aala Alghazali, 202 laps = 33.6 miles

Yevhenii Kovalov, 532 laps = 88.6 miles



K-2nd Student Leaders:

Arina Berdiugina, 171 laps = 28.5 miles

Lawson Fuller, 352 laps = 58.6 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>
- MOD Pizza Night-May 4th @ the Lake Stevens location. Place an order anytime on May 4th and mention Stevens Creek Elementary when ordering & at checkout. A portion of your purchase will go to Stevens Creek PTA.
- Our next PTA Meeting will be on May 11th @ 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.
- "Don't forget to order your STC Spirit Wear! Orders will be accepted through May 6th. Order online at <https://stevenscreekpta.square.site/> (Square Service Charge is included in price). If you prefer to place an order and turn it into the school office you may print off the order form at <https://www.stevenscreekpta.com/spirit-wear>. Any questions, please contact Samantha Brown at stevenscreekpta@gmail.com."
- 2022-2023 PTA Position Nominations: The PTA is accepting nominations for the following positions: President, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Membership & Volunteers, Treasurer. Details on these positions will be posted to the PTA Facebook page and can also be found on the PTA website (www.stevenscreekpta.com). If you are not in holding a board position, but would like to be more involved and support the PTA, please reach out to us at StevensCreekPTA@gmail.com.



Kindergarten Registration-Class of 2025

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.

A Few Handbook Reminders

Smart Watches

Just like phones, we are seeing an uptick in students wearing smart watches to school. We certainly understand that communication is vital for families before & after school.

Like our phone policy, we are asking that students please keep their watches in their backpacks during the school day. There are several reasons for this policy.

1. Phones & smartwatches more times than not are distracting for our students, and we need their full attention in order to engage them in the important work & learning they are doing each day.
2. We are extremely responsive and understanding when a student needs to contact a family member during the day. They only need to ask and can use the phone up in the office. If a student is ill for example, we need to know about it. Bypassing us does not allow our adults here to support our kids if they make a phone call home, without us knowing, on a cell phone or smartwatch.

Thank you for your support of this policy. It allows us to do our job at the highest levels and help our Cubs grow as much as possible, while keeping everyone in the communication loop.

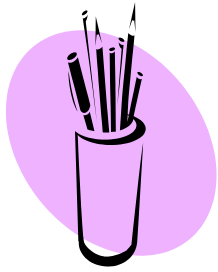
Student Dress

As warmer weather approaches we want to remind families of attire appropriate for school. Shorts may be worn only if the shorts are no higher than the fingertips when arms are held at the student's side. Halter tops, "spaghetti" straps, tank tops and clothing that expose the torso are not considered appropriate, as they are a distraction to the educational process. Hats may be worn outside, however, when students enter the building hats need to come off and hoods need to be removed. Thank you for ensuring that your student's comes to school each day ready to learn and appropriately dressed.

Personal Items

We are encountering a large amount of personal items being brought to school each day. Items such as toys, electronic games, card collections should not be brought to school. Pokémon cards seems to be at the forefront of items being brought to school and traded. Which is causing issues at recess and in the classrooms. Please remind your student to leave personal items at home.

Our complete STC Handbook can be found on the Stevens Creek website (www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/stc) under the "Our School" tab and Family Handbook. This handbook contains all of our school policies & procedures. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our office, 425-335-1690.



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