



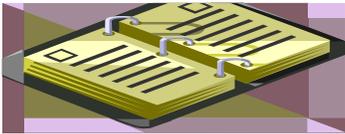
THE CUB NEWS

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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

11/1/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
11/6/19: PTA Meeting, 6pm
11/8/19: Veterans Day Assembly,
9:45am (all are welcome)
11/8/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
11/11/19: No School-Veterans Day
Holiday
11/12/19-11/15/19: Food Drive for
Little Hungry Hearts
11/15/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
11/15/19: Family Game Night @
Team Fitness, 6:30-8pm
11/20/19: Picture Re-Takes, 9:30-11
11/22/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
11/28 & 11/29: No School,
Thanksgiving Holiday



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Principal's Message



Stevens Creek Families:

I would say that fall has most clearly presented itself. The frosty mornings seemed to have come faster than usual this year, although the changing colors are awfully amazing to see! Must be November!

As you know, a large part of our culture is around Houses here at Stevens Creek. Adults and kids alike have fun wearing our different House colors, we compete in good spirit around House Points- the positive affirmation given out for choices that are kind, supportive, and lead to life-long success. On Fridays, each House comes together to spend time connecting- eating lunch together, playing together at recess, and House Education time. It is all essential in building deeper relationships with our kids here at STC.

It's this House Education time that I want you to know more about. It's a powerful time for us as a whole school community. This is when each House breaks into smaller groups with a focus on teaching about our Creek Essentials and related social-emotional skills. There are 22 lessons in all, and the topics focus on a variety of skills for each student; skills such as how to be assertive in appropriate ways, the importance of empathy, emotional management, and problem solving with others. All of these skills are vital to learning how to be in charge of yourself, build healthy relationships, and thrive in an ever-changing environment. Every student in our school each Friday is exposed to these skills. I have been witness to incredibly open, honest, and amazing conversations among our students during this time. These lessons are led by our teachers, support staff, and specialists- the same folks who our kids see and interact with on the playground, hallway, lunchroom, and classroom. We are all able to support our kids the following week with these skills- reinforcing, re-teaching, and supporting our kids' development, not only as learners, but developing humans who are trying to connect with others in positive ways. It's a tricky thing, and the more we can help explicitly teach these skills, the more we can support our kids in learning these life-long, valuable skills as early on as possible. The entire staff at STC is committed to teaching these skills, and we see the value in time spent on them. I for one have thoroughly enjoyed having an opportunity to teach these lessons so far in my Ujasiri House. It's something I look forward to all week!

Now, beyond the lessons each Friday during House Time, we continue to still utilize this time to work on such things as House Songs/Chants for example. At the end of each month, we have an assembly where each of our Houses come together (4 Houses, 1 Family) to show off our House Song/Chant for one another. Some months, we have a "Minute-to-Win-it" competition among the Houses, and spin the wheel for a chance to for Houses to win extra House Points. This helps us to keep House Time fun, lively, and varied.

However, in the end, it's about making school a fun, engaging, safe, and caring place for each of our kids here at STC.

Matt Pewitt
Principal, Stevens Creek Elementary

Veterans Day Assembly

Stevens Creek Elementary would like to honor those who are currently serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces. Please join us in showing our appreciation on Friday, November 8th at 9:45am. We will be hosting a reception for veterans, their family members and students in the Maker Space following the assembly. All family members are welcome.

We look forward to seeing and honoring all of these special individuals.



Stevens Creek Picture Re-Take Day Wednesday, November 20th

If your child was absent, you didn't order pictures on our original picture day or you are unhappy with your original photographs; student pictures will be re-taken Wednesday, November 20th in the morning. If you are having your child's picture re-taken, please have them bring their original picture packet with them. These need to be returned to our school photographer. If you would like to order student pictures, the order forms are available in the office. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office, 425-335-1690.



Watch D.O.G.S

Come be a Watch D.O.G. (Dads of Great Students) at Stevens Creek. It's a day of encouraging students, being a positive male role model, demonstrating the importance of education and simply being an extra pair of eyes, hands and ears to enhance campus security. Signing up is just two easy steps done on-line from the Stevens Creek Website. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Pam, pamela_murkerson@lkstevens.wednet.edu



Dads of Great Students

Yearbook News

Yearbooks are on pre-sale! (delivered to students the last week of school). You can pre-order your 2019-2020 Stevens Creek Yearbook through March 1st, However, shout-outs or 5th grade kinder photos & orders must be in by December 13th. Order forms are being sent home with students on Thursday, October 31st. You can also order on-line @ <http://commpe.pictavo.com/> (there is a 5% fee to order on-line).

In addition we are having a yearbook cover contest for our students! Any student interested in designing a cover can pick up a packet in the office, the deadline for submissions is Dec 6, 2019.

If you have questions, please reach out to the PTA, stevenscreekpta@gmail.com.

ClassDojo @ Stevens Creek

At Stevens Creek we have chosen ClassDojo as our family communication platform. Our hope is that all families will utilize this system.

What are these Parent Tools?

- **Messages:** Direct message (much like a text message), only the sender and receiver can see this. This is private between you and the teacher you are communicating with over Dojo.
- **Class Story:** Only parents in your child's class that are logged on with the special code can see these posts.
- **Commenting on a Class Story:** If you comment on a Class Story, only the other parents in that class can see your comments
- **School Story:** Every parent logged on in the Stevens Creek community can see posts and comments.
- **Reports:** You can click on reports and see old information or new information about your child, you can also check all their classes here (Music, PE, & Classroom).
- **Notifications:** You will receive an email or a notification if something has been posted pertaining to your child, or if you get a message from one of your child's teacher.
- **Miscellaneous:** Only staff can post to Dojo. Parents may comment but not make a formal post.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.



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.

Crusin' Cub Stats as of October 28th

6,015 laps = 1002.5 miles

3rd-5th Student Leaders:

Tessa Harkey, 47 laps = 7.8 miles
Sean Harwood, 76 laps = 12.6 miles

K-2nd Student Leaders:

Alaa Alghazali, 46 laps = 7.6 miles
Jackson Polittle, 82 laps = 13.6 miles
Yvehenii Kovalov, 82 laps = 13.6 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.

Mark Your Calendar

- 11/6/19: PTA Meeting @ 6pm in the Library (there will be door prizes and a kick-off to a membership drive for November)
- 11/8/19: Veterans Day Assembly, 9:45am
- 11/11/19: No School-Veterans Day Holiday
- 11/12/19-11/15/19: Food Drive for Lil Hungry Hearts
- 11/13/19: Family Reading Safari, 6:30-8pm
- 11/15/19: Family Game Night @ Team Fitness, 6:30-8pm
- 11/20/19: Picture Retake Day
- 11/21/19: Sahara Pizza Night
- 11/28/19 & 11/29/19: No School-Thanksgiving Holiday
- 12/17/19: 3rd grade Music Concert, 6:30pm
- 12/17/19: 4th grade Music Concert, 7:30pm
- 12/19/19: Sahara Pizza Night
- 12/23/19-1/3/20: No School-Winter Holiday
- 1/6/20: School resumes
- 1/15/20: PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
- 1/20/20: No School-Martin Luther King Holiday
- 1/23/20: Sahara Pizza Night
- 1/24/20: End of the Semester
- 1/27/20: No School
- 2/14/20 & 2/17/20: No School-President's Day Holiday
- 2/20/20: Sahara Pizza Night
- 2/24/20-2/28/20: Conference Week, Release @ 1:05pm
- 2/24/20-2/28/20: Book Fair
- 3/12/20: Kindergarten Music Concert, 6:30pm
- 3/12/20: 2nd grade Music Concert, 7:30pm
- 3/26/20: Sahara Pizza Night
- 3/30/20-4/3/20: No School-Spring Break
- 4/23/20: Sahara Pizza Night
- 5/1/20: National School Principal Day
- 5/6/20: National School Nurse Day
- 5/14/20: 1st grade 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
- 6/11/20: Field Day
- 6/15/20: Last Day-Dismissal @ 1:05pm





November 2019

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					1 Early Release @ 2:10pm	2
3 Return to Standard Time (clocks back 1 hr) 	4	5 Election Day!! 	6 PTA Meeting, 6pm in the Library	7	8 Veterans Day Assembly, 9:45am Early Release @ 2:10pm	9
10	11 No School- Veterans Day 	12	13 Family Reading Safari, 6:30-8pm @ Stevens Creek	14	15 Early Release @ 2:10PM Family Game Night @ Team Fitness, 6:30	16
Food Drive for Lil Hungry Hearts (We will have a House competition, collection bins in the grade level pods)						
17	18	19	20 Picture Retake Day	21 Sahara Pizza Night	22 Early Release @ 2:10pm	23
24	25	26	27 Early Release @ 1:05pm	28 No School- Thanksgiving 	29 No School- Thanksgiving Holiday	30