



# THE CUB NEWS

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## NOVEMBER 2021



### Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 11/4 & 11/5: APEX Fun Run Event
- 11/5/21: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 11/10/21: PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 11/11/21: No School-Veterans Day
- 11/12/21: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 11/19/21: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 11/24/21: Early Release @ 1:00pm
- 11/25 & 11/26: No School-Thanksgiving Holiday
- 12/1/21: Picture Re-takes



### Principal's Message

#### **Stevens Creek Families:**

It feels like we've gotten some great use out of our umbrellas these past several weeks! Thank you for sending your Cubs each day with coats...even if they do sometimes end up on the ground at recess, and then in our Lost & Found! It's remarkable how they never seem to get cold!

On Monday, November 15th, we will award our first of three House Cups this school year. It will go to the House with the most house points from the start of school, up until Friday, November 12! Who will it be? Sonador, Druzhba, Ujasiri, or Pemberi?! The winning House will receive their celebration on Friday, November 19th! It's a close race right now!

With our iReady diagnostic completed for math and literacy, in addition to the other data that our classroom teachers and support staff are collecting weekly, we are up and running with our tier 2 and 3 support groups- designed to provide an intense level of intervention and instruction as we fill gaps in learning. We definitely have areas of need that have shown up, and a strong sense of urgency to move students along the continuum of development. However, our school has achieved the highest growth in the district these past few years, and I am confident that we will continue this. It's just that this year, we have further to go.

I have also had an opportunity to get into classrooms to see the high levels of tier 1 instruction that all of our kids receive. This is the on-grade and above instruction that all students receive, regardless of their individual level. This is where our teachers at STC really shine. They certainly demand our kids' attention, and do such a fantastic job of finding new and creative ways to make our Common Core Standards (oftentimes not very interesting) come alive for our Cubs!

Not that I didn't appreciate the work our teachers and para educators do, day in, and day out- but if you didn't hear from your kiddos of late, we have been battling a bit of a substitute teacher shortage so far this school year. I have had an opportunity to guest teach in several classrooms over the past many weeks, and to see the level of learning our kids are being asked to do is inspiring. It's also very tiring! I was also told that I am definitely not "Mrs. \_\_\_" the other day. You have to love the honesty of our kids! All I could say was, "Yes, I'm clearly not!" :-). What can I say?! Guess that's why I'm just the principal! Hard to stay up with these teachers around here at STC!

I want to acknowledge our specialist team of teachers who have been dropping their roles to keep our vibrant classrooms steaming ahead at full speed! They have been doing the heavy lifting, and it's inspiring to see how our STC team continually comes together to support our kids, and our team as a whole. It's not easy, and I'm very appreciative beyond words. The downside is- our kids lose out on important pieces like PE, music, library, and reading/math support when these amazing folks can't fulfill their roles daily. We are doing our best however to minimize these disruptions- where and when we can. But to say this has been a bit of a barrier to overcome so far is accurate. We'll keep at it though! You can count on that with this team.

As we look ahead to November, I always focus on what I'm thankful for. I find that gratitude keeps me centered. At the top of my list right behind my own family, is this STC one! Thank you for your care, support, grace, and trust. It's this community- our families, our staff, and most importantly, our kids who make this such a special community. I'm thankful for each of you.

Happy November! Let's keep working together to grow our kids- academically, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally. It's a process, and we have much important work to accomplish ahead of us. But we are a strong team, and a special community.

-Matt

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	1	2	3	4	5 Early Release @ 2:05pm	6
7 Return to Standard Time (clocks back 1 hour)	8	9	10 PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm (via Zoom)	11 No School- Veterans Day	12 Early Release @ 2:05pm	13
14 American Education Week	15	16	17	18	19 Early Release @ 2:05PM	20
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