



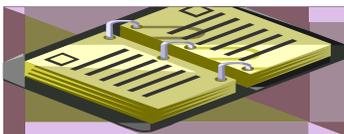
THE CUB NEWS

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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 10/4/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
10/11/19: No School-Teacher Training Day
10/14/19: Kinder Picture Day, (due to field trip on October 16th)
10/16/19: Grades 1-5 Picture Day
10/18/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
10/21/19-10/25/19: Conference Week, Release @ 1:05pm
10/21/19-10/25/19: Book Fair in the Maker Space
10/25/19: PTA Harvest Festival
11/1/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
11/6/19: PTA Meeting, 6-7pm



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Principal's Message



Stevens Creek Families:

Nothing can replace the power of a relationship. For this team here at STC, it's one of our founding principles. But, it's more than words on a page. It's a daily commitment. It's a way of operating. In fact, for some around here, building relationships might be more of an obsession! If you hang out here, you'll see our adults working hard each moment of the day to build these connections with our kiddos in different ways. Honestly, I see it constantly throughout my day. Opportunities present themselves in all sorts of ways- in the classroom, during class time, a walk down the hallway, lunchtime, House Time, recess, etc. We want to know our kids. Your kids are OUR kids. They matter. We want you to know this. And these relationships we build with our kids are vital. It's not all that different then parenting, right? It pulls at your heart strings constantly. Never do I go home at the end of a day not worrying about at least one kiddo in our STC family. But it's these relationships that power us through. Kids, families, teachers...all of us go through different obstacles and challenges in our daily lives, at different times, and in different ways. But we all go through them. When you get a community of 620 kids together, at different times we're all dealing with different things- good, bad, and sometimes just plain ugly. The care and the trust we build over time and that comes from growing a relationship-that's what gets us through as a community. That's what endures. That's why we've all been able to thrive here. Thank you for partnering with us as we work to (as Mrs. Nickerson, our counselor often says) "Love on your kids" while holding them accountable to high expectations of care, kindness, and respect.

Switching gears a bit....on the reading and mathematics front, if your child is in first through fifth grade, he or she has at this point completed our online math and reading diagnostic through our iReady reading and math programs respectively. The information that we ascertain from these short assessments is truly remarkable. It provides us a snapshot of each child's strengths, in addition to specific areas for our teachers to target. Then our grade level teams and each classroom teacher, along with our support specialists can plan for each child's instruction moving forward. We can then track each student's growth over several weeks to ensure that proper growth is occurring and our teachers' instruction is on the mark to what each child needs. It's informed teamwork at its best! And if you're the parent of a kinder-well, don't worry. Our K team is collecting some fantastic baseline data that will be shared with you soon!

Speaking of informing....we have parent-teacher conference here at Stevens Creek coming up the third week of this month. Beginning the week of October 21st, we will host conferences. If you have not had communication with your child's teacher about scheduling a conference yet, know it will be coming. We hope to see each of our families here this week. We'll do our very best to work around your busy schedules, as this is such a valuable time and an opportunity for all of us to connect! Thanks for making time to be here for your child's conference!!

Respectfully,

Matt Pewitt
Principal, Stevens Creek Elementary

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

At Stevens Creek we believe that conferences are an important factor in achieving our goals. This is a special time set aside for parents and teachers to talk about the individual progress and academic goals of each student. Conferences are a critical link in creating a partnership between home and school.

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences have been scheduled for the week of October 21st through 25th. School will be released at 1:05pm and we will be serving lunch prior to dismissal.

Conference scheduling and confirmation will be done through Skyward. Please look for information/email from your child's teacher regarding conferences.



SAVE THE DATE

Harvest Festival

Be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, October 25th for the Stevens Creek "Fall Festival". The PTA is working hard to plan an exciting evening for our Cub Families. There will be games, refreshments & prizes. Look for more information to come home in your child's Thursday folder soon.



Stevens Creek Picture Day Monday, October 14th (Kindergarten) Wednesday, October 16th (grades 1-5)

Dorian Studio will be here to take individual student portraits as well as class/group photos. Due to a Kindergarten field trip on the 16th, their picture day has been moved to Monday, October 14th. ALL students will have their picture taken for official enrollment documentation. Portrait order forms will be sent home with students on Thursday, October 10th. The purchase of picture packets is optional. If you would like to order individual student pictures, complete the order form and return it to school with your student on Picture Day, October 14th or October 16th. Please do not return these order forms prior to our picture day as we do not have a secure place to hold them. Unfortunately Dorian studio is unable to accept late picture order forms, however, on-line ordering is available after the picture date. All students will receive a complimentary class/group photo.

Students who may be absent on this day will have the opportunity to have their individual picture taken on our "re-take" day, November 20th.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with both picture days. If you can volunteer, please call the office (425-335-1690) or email Ms. Toni (toni_plemel@lkstevens.wednet.edu).

Please contact the office if you have any questions.



A Few Friendly Reminders

- **Visiting Stevens Creek:** We welcome all of our volunteers & visitors. If you are in the building when student's are present, we ask that you check in through Safe Visitor in the office and wear a "Guest" lanyard while in the building. Having a background check on file will expedite this process. Visit the Lake Stevens School District website under the Community tab. It only takes minutes to do the background check. If you have items to be delivered to your student, we ask that you drop them off at the office and office personnel will ensure they get delivered. If you would like to visit your child's classroom, we ask that you make prior arrangements with the teacher. Coordinate with your child's teacher on volunteering.
- **Lost & Found:** We have 4 lost & found racks as well as 2 bins located around the corner from the office. To help us get items returned to the appropriate student, please label your child's jackets and lunch box with their name. If your child is missing a jacket or lunchbox please encourage them to check the lost & found.
- **Student Drop Off & Pick-up** The drop off and pick-up area is located along the front of the school in the curb lane. We ask that you not park in this area. To ensure student safety, please do not have your student enter or exit your vehicle on the left side, always exit to the right (curb side). Please do not leave your car unattended in the drop off area or line of cars waiting.
- **Student Absence:** If your student is unable to attend school due to illness or for some other reason, please call the Stevens Creek Attendance Line (425-335-1691) before 9:20am (calls can be made at anytime and a voicemail message left). You may also email our Attendance Secretary, Pam Murkerson at pamela_murkerson@lkstevens.wednet.edu. If your student will miss 3 or more school days, we ask that you complete a Student Trip/Leave Form prior to leaving. These are available in the office or on the Stevens Creek website (on the homepage under headlines). Automated attendance calls are sent out each day @ 10:30 for unexcused absences.
- **End of Day Transportation:** If there is a change to your child's end of the day transportation (parent pick-up instead of bus, bus with a friend, bus instead of parent pick-up) please send a note with your student that morning or call the office before 3:00pm. We will then inform your child of this change.

Sahara Pizza Night Coming Each Month

Sahara Pizza in Lake Stevens will be sponsoring a Stevens Creek Pizza Night each month. For every pizza ordered placed by a Stevens Creek family, we will receive a \$3.00 donation. The class with the most orders placed on pizza night (7 or more orders) will receive a classroom pizza party. Donations received from Sahara Pizza will be used for ASB & Field Trip activities & scholarships. The first pizza night is Thursday, September 26th. Look for the pizza flyer to come home on the 26th and each month.



PTA Fun Run Fundraiser

Mark your calendar for the PTA Fun Run on Wednesday, October 9th. More details, information & donation envelopes will be coming home soon. The fun run will take place during school hours.



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, and their class miles will be tracked by our PE teachers. 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. We will kick off our running club on October 9th with our "Fun Run" sponsored by the PTA. Our official running club will begin Tuesday, October 15th during our lunch recesses. If you would like to volunteer, for running club please check out the information on our website and click the sign-up genius link to volunteer.



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.



Yearbook News

Yearbooks are on pre-sale! (delivered to students the last week of school). Visit the PTA website at www.stevenscreekpta.com/yearbook for more information. Orders can be placed online through commpe.pictavo.com for a small fee; OR you can order via the order form that will come home in your child's Thursday folder.

Any photos of school events or clubs, as well as Kindercub photos and shout outs, can be sent to STCyearbk@gmail.com or uploaded through the order website as well (listed above). Yearbook orders can be placed until March 1st but Kindercub photos and shout outs must be ordered by Dec 13th! If you are interested in joining the yearbook committee please feel free to email us! We are also 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.

Stevens Creek Book Fair, Fall 2019

As the weather gets colder, the book sales heat up! Our Stevens Creek fall book fair is coming and we've got some great books at incredible prices! We will have both an ONLINE and ON-Site book fair so everyone will have an opportunity to shop. (for our online book preview <http://bookfairfiles.scholastic.com/flippingbooks/fl9-custom-booklist/fl9-custom-booklist.html#p=5>)

Online book fair - October 12-25

In-School book fair (in the Maker Space) - October 21-25

We need volunteers! The PTA will be sending a sign-up link.

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.

Why should I create a ClassDojo parent account?

ClassDojo deepens understanding between teachers, parents, and students. In the classroom, teachers can use ClassDojo to encourage positive behaviors like curiosity and perseverance. Teachers can also send real-time messages to parents using the "Messaging" portion of ClassDojo to provide parents with updates on what is happening at school.

At home, parents are able to review their child's progress with Student Reports, and also communicate simply and safely with their child's teacher.

ClassDojo is 100% free for teachers, parents, and students to use anywhere in the world. We hope you join the over 45 million already using ClassDojo :)

As a parent, the app will allow you to do the following:

- Review the last two weeks of points received by your child
- Safely and privately message with your child's teacher
- View, like, and comment on the pictures and/or videos that your child's teacher posts to Class Story
- View, like, and comment on the pictures and/or videos that your child and child's teacher post to Student Story
- View whole-school news posted to School Story
- Safety and Protections for your Child

In October 2014, ClassDojo released our latest [Terms & Conditions](#) and [Privacy Policy](#). Reviewing these may help you feel safe in using this program. The safety and security of users is a top priority for ClassDojo! Here are the highlights:

- We never sell or share any of your students' data. As per our privacy policy: "we neither rent nor sell your Personal Information or student's Personal Information to anyone" - all personal information is kept secure and entirely private.
- Furthermore, we use professional data security services - like Amazon's Web Services - to store data in the most secure way possible. Their servers are physically located in high-security data centers - the same data centers used to hold secure financial information. You can read more about their security measures here: <http://aws.amazon.com/articles/1697> Our database provider uses the same https security connections used by banks and government departments to store and transfer the most sensitive data.
- The ClassDojo site, by default, uses industry-leading SSL encryption across the board in all districts which allow it.
- The most important regulation with regard to student's information is COPPA. To that end, we have vetted all of our data practices with TrustE and , the online security certification provider, and have posted their seal of approval on our privacy page here: <http://www.classdojo.com/privacy>
- Lastly, ClassDojo complies with the U.S. - E.U. Safe Harbor framework and the U.S. - Swiss Safe Harbor framework as set forth by the U.S. Department of Commerce regarding the collection, use, and retention of personal data from European Union member countries and Switzerland. Class Twist, Inc. has certified that it adheres to the Safe Harbor Privacy Principles of notice, choice, onward transfer, security, data integrity, access, and enforcement. To learn more about the Safe Harbor program, and to view Class Twist, Inc.'s certification, please visit <http://www.export.gov/safeharbor/>

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



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