



THE CUB NEWS

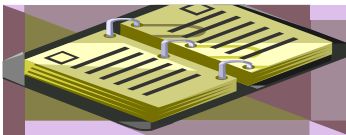
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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 10/1/21: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 10/8/21: No School-Teacher Professional Learning Day
- 10/13/21: Picture Day
- 10/31/21: PTA Meeting, 6:30pm
- 10/15/21: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 10/22/21: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 10/25/21-11/5/21: APEX Fundraiser, sponsored by ASB
- 10/29/21: Early Release @ 2:05pm



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Principal's Message

Stevens Creek Families:

Welcome to October! We are now a month into the school year, and it has been so wonderful to have our kids back in the building—working to build meaningful connections, learning together, and developing new routines and habits. Quite honestly, we have the best kiddos and families around. We are so thankful as a staff to be serving such an amazing and thoughtful community here at STC.

After this first month, we also know that this is anything but a typical school year. We are certainly working with some additional constraints and barriers that we must continue to work through.

And, our kiddos are working to build up stamina again—both our younger Cubs and our veteran ones right now. We are working very intentionally to provide our kids opportunities to build healthy new relationships with fellow Cubs, and of course, how to work through normal bumps in the road. Our staff will continue to be committed to developing our kids' social-emotional skills along with their academics, our primary responsibility. These skills work hand and hand. After all, when we have those SEL skills, and know how to better navigate our social world, we are happier and more content for it. We are also more successful learners. Research has certainly shown this. That's what we want for each of our Cubs—success in both realms.

Not only during House Time do we learn about and acquire these skills, but during class, and with our counselor, Mrs. Nickerson. She is a wonderful support for our kids and families who need another level of support. Do not hesitate to reach out to her with questions, ideas, or if you just need a sounding board!

All of this must take place around the many safety precautions and health requirements we are operating under. We are continually looking for ways to make school look and feel as normal as possible, while still operating in the safest way possible. Thank you for your care and support of our Cubs. It truly is a partnership that we take very seriously here.

With this partnership in mind, as a community we can continue to support one another by keeping students home if they are showing symptoms of illness. Staff also need to share in this partnership by staying home if they are not feeling well. It's better to be safe than sorry—especially with the potential of affecting other folks in our school community so significantly. If you're unsure, our health room is here to support you and answer any questions you may have. Nurse Linda and our health room assistant, Ms. Hannah, are truly amazing.

Respectfully,

Mr. Pewitt
STC Principal

Stevens Creek Picture Day Wednesday, October 13th

Dorian Studio will be here to take individual student portraits. ALL students will have their picture taken for official enrollment documentation. Portrait order forms will be sent home with students next Thursday, October 7th. 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 13th. Please do not return these order forms prior to our picture day as we do not have a secure place to hold them.

Students who may be absent on this day will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on our "re-take" day, December 1st.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the office.



A Few Friendly Reminders

- **Student Absences:** If your student is unable to attend school due to illness or for some other reason, please call the STC Attendance Line (425-335-1691) before 9:15am (calls can be made at any time and a voicemail message left). You may also email our Attendance Secretary, Pam Murkerson at pamela_murkerson@lkstevens.wednet.edu. Automated attendance calls are sent out each day @ 11am for unexcused absences. To avoid receiving this automated call, please contact the office prior to 11am if your student will be absent.
- **End of Day Transportation:** If there is a change to your child's mode of transportation home at the end of the day (parent pick-up instead of bus, bus with a friend, bus instead of parent pick-up, etc.) please send a note with your student that morning or call the office before 3:00pm. We will then inform your child's teacher of this change.
- **Lost & Found:** Our lost & found racks are filling up with jackets. The racks are located in cub way near the outside door to the playground. To help us get lost items returned to the appropriate student, please be sure to label your child's jackets and lunch box. If your student 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 vehicle unattended in the drop off area or in the line of cars waiting on the hill.

Stevens Creek PTA News

PTA Board:

Tawny Waters-President
Samantha Brown-VP Membership
Caitlin Bardsley-VP Volunteering
Open-Secretary
Angela Boyd-Treasurer
Open-Fundraising Coordinator

The PTA is excited for another year @ Stevens Creek. Be sure to check your child's weekly Thursday folder for important information about our PTA.

Stevens Creek Spirit Wear is currently on sale. Order forms were sent home last week. You can also order on-line @ [stevenscreekpta.com](https://www.stevenscreekpta.com). The deadline for ordering is October 15th.

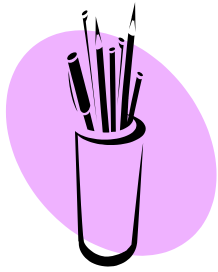
Please consider joining PTA. To join our PTA visit this link: <https://www.memberplanet.com/packetview/stevenscreekpta/membership>

We have already begun planning and gathering pictures for our 2021-2022 Yearbook. We will begin our pre-sale orders very soon. Look for information to come home in your child's Thursday folder.

Our next PTA Meeting will be on October 13th @ 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.





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10 National School Lunch Week	11	12	13 Picture Day PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm (via Zoom)	14	15 Early Release @ 2:05PM	16
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