



THE CUB NEWS

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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 9/13/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
- 9/18/19: PTA Meeting, 6pm
- 9/20/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
- 9/27/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
- 10/4/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm
- 10/9/19: PTA Fun Run
- 10/11/19: No School/Teacher Training Day
- 10/16/19: Picture Day
- 10/18/19: Early Release @ 2:10pm



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Principal's Message



Stevens Creek Families:

Year two at Stevens Creek is underway, and I couldn't be more pleased with our start! What a fantastic beginning for our Stevens Creek Family! It's so wonderful to see all of our kids beginning to settle into their new classrooms, in addition to their House Families. It is a vital (and fun) process to observe, as kids and adults alike get to know one another and begin to gel as a community of learners. Our support staff will provide another layer of assistance to ensure our classroom communities come together and are able to function at high levels of collaboration, care, and engagement.

For those of you who are new to our STC Community, this is only our second year as a school. That means that we are all still fairly new as a community. Know that this community is built upon a foundation of care, respect, and a desire to ensure each of our kids feels a sense of connection and closeness. We truly want this for each kiddo here. This staff will work tirelessly within each classroom and each House to create as many quality relationships and supports as possible for our kids. A "Can-do, whatever it takes" attitude is pervasive in this joint, and I am appreciative of our staff for this approach.

I am constantly asked about how wonderful it must be as the principal of this new, beautiful building. Of course it is! Who wouldn't love this amazing place?! But, I try to quickly redirect the conversation to what truly makes this the special place that it is. It's the people-the staff, kids, and families! Our Cubs! No building can reach out to our kids, make connections with them, build relationships and understand how they tick, make learning come to life, motivate, engage, and impact their lives each day. A beautiful building is great. Beautiful people who inhabit this place.....much more important. We're all in a good place here. Thank you for playing a part in making it that way! I for one am so appreciative to be a member of this community!

Finally.....communication! It's everything. Clear, open, and honest communication this school year is instrumental to the success of everyone involved here at STC. We talk as a STC staff about how we cannot over-communicate. As a parent myself, I may not always access everything that is going on in my children's school lives, but I still appreciate the ability to do so when I can. This school year, you can expect that each classroom teacher and specialist will continue to use Class Dojo as the one platform of communication for Stevens Creek. Our office staff, or your child's teacher can support you in setting this up if you have not already. I invite you to communicate with your child's teacher, specialists, and support staff often.

As always, my door is open. Never hesitate to reach out to me with questions or requests for support.

Respectfully,

Matt Pewitt
Principal, Stevens Creek Elementary

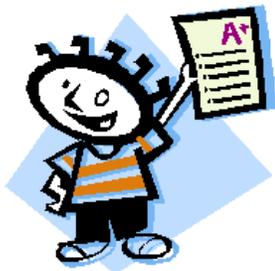
Report Card/Family Access Information

All schools in the district are on a semester calendar for all grades and parents/guardians will receive two report cards; one in January and one in June. Teachers will update students' on-line grades every two weeks so that parents can view their child's progress on an on-going basis. This will include elementary students. For parents that do not have computer access a communication plan will be developed by the classroom teacher.

Parents have the ability to check their student's grades/attendance/student information on-line using the Family Access system. When a student is registered in the school district, parents are assigned a login and password for this Family Access database. To obtain your login and password parents must have an email address on file with the school. Then follow these simple steps:

1. Go to the Stevens Creek Website, www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/stc
2. Click on the *Skyward Link* (located in the blue bar in the middle of the screen)
3. A LSSD Skyward window will open asking for the login and password. If you cannot remember your login and password, click on the *Forgot your Login/Password?* button.
4. Enter your email address.
5. If your email address is on file, the system will send you your account login and a link to reset your password.

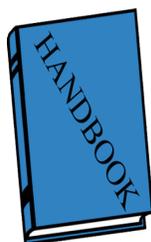
If you experience difficulty and/or don't have an email on file, please contact the Stevens Creek office. At the fall and spring conferences elementary and middle school teachers will continue to provide for parents documentation of student progress.



Stevens Creek Cubs Handbook

The Stevens Creek Cubs Handbook has been prepared and can be found on our school website (under the Our School tab). This handbook is a collection of the most important procedures, routines and expectations we have established which are intended to improve your child's and family's experience at Stevens Creek. Hard copies of the handbook are always available in the office.

We thank you in advance for discussing and supporting these common procedures and for helping your child understand what is expected at Stevens Creek.



Notes From the Nurse @ Stevens Creek

Welcome Back! Here are just a few health room reminders for the upcoming year.

- If ANY medication is required during the school year please speak with the school nurse for designated paperwork. This includes all medications prescribed by a healthcare professional as well as over the counter medications (Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, cough drops, allergy medication).
- Medication is NOT to be transported by students at any time. Parent or guardian is required to sign the medication in with the health room.
- Please remember that if your student has had diarrhea or vomiting; during school hours, after school hours or during the night they are to remain home until 24 hours have passed since the last episode.
- Fevers are a temperature greater than 100.4° F. Please remember that if your student has a fever during school hours, after school hours or during the night they are to remain home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of an antipyretic (fever reducer such as Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen).
- If there are any changes to your student's health history during the school year, please notify the school nurse.
- Parent Communication from the health room will NOT be made with every incident. Phone calls to a parent or guardian will be made if:
 - * A head bump occurred
 - * Possible broken bone
 - * Laceration that may require further evaluation
 - * Fever, diarrhea or vomiting

Any questions at all please contact Doni Henry, STC school nurse, at 425-335-1693 or email at doni_henry@lkstevens.wednet.edu.

Cheers to a healthy school year!



Safe Visitor

Following a district designed policy for safety, we will ask all volunteers and visitors in our building to check-in at the office upon entering. We will use the Safe Visitor system to check you in. Volunteers with a current background check on file will have received instructions via email from our district & Safe Visitor. This Safe Visitor system will require our guest to have their photo taken the first time they visit our school (if no photo is currently on file). Individuals visiting without a background check should be prepared to provide their drivers license to check-in.

If you do not have a background check on file with our district, please visit the district website (www.lkstevens.wednet.edu), click "Community" from the bar across the top and select "Volunteering". You will need to click on and follow the instructions for "Volunteer Application Form". Once complete you will receive an email from Safe Visitor. This email will contain a bar code that will be scanned when you visit our school and check in through Safe Visitor.



September 2019

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1	2 Labor Day-No School	3 Open House, 2:30-4pm 	4 1st Day of School 	5	6 Early Release @ 2:10pm	7
8 Grandparents Day 	9 Kindergarten 1st Day of School 	10	11	12	13 Early Release @ 2:10pm	14
15	16	17	18 PTA Meeting 4-5pm 	19	20 Early Release @ 2:10PM	21
22	23 1st Day of Autumn 	24	25	26	27 Early Release @ 2:10PM	28
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