



# THE CUB NEWS

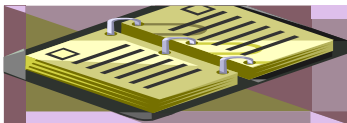
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## OCTOBER 2024



### Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 10/2/24: PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 10/3/24: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 10/9/24: Picture Day
- 10/11/24: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 10/15/24: Sahara Pizza Night
- 10/18/24: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 10/21/24: No School-LID (Learning Improvement Day for teachers)
- 10/25/24: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 10/25/24: PTA Trunk or Treat Event
- 10/28-10/31: Release @ 1pm, Conference Week



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### Principal's Message

#### Stevens Creek Families:

October is just about to arrive, Stevens Creek Families! We are really working hard to create a sense of belonging for each of our Cubs right now. It starts on day one, and it never ends. We know that relationships, a feeling of belonging, safety, and care are the foundation for our Cubs to reach their full potential- academically and socially, this school year.



One of the fun ways we are trying to learn more about our Cubs is through simply asking more questions! We are also encouraging them to ask more questions of us, too. After all, the more curious we are about one another, the more connected we can become! Mrs. Holt, our amazing PE teacher, shared this book with us in August as inspiration for our STC team's focus. She loves to use this book with her own kiddos at home! Sometimes more creative questions can lead to more responses than you get from that ol' question, "How was your day today?" So, I'm sharing this out with our families, more as inspiration to ask questions of our kids when they arrive home. Even our adult teams here at STC are using a few of the questions from the book to get their meetings started.

Our Houses- Sonador, Pemberi, Druhzba, and Ujasiri are all working to build those relationships right now during House Time as well. These layers of potential relationships are what we are all about here. As you know, Fridays are extra precious to us around here, as our adults each have lunch and go to recess with their House kids, and during the education portion of House Time, we spend time together working on vital social skills, connections, and having some fun together.

One of the activities that each House will be working on is their first House chant. Every few months, we have what we call a school chant off! It's a quick assembly where our Houses come together to perform their House cheer that they create and practice for several weeks. We usually have a special guest come to judge, and House points are awarded to the most well-performed chant. We'll be doing our first one at the end of November! This process really goes a long way in building House pride, comradery, and collaboration.

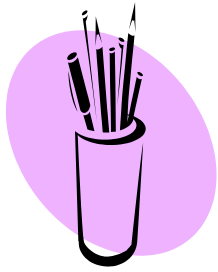
We will continue to work on celebrating students attending each day here at Stevens Creek. We know the data shows that when students attend regularly, five days per week consistently, we can really make a difference with them! When they miss a day or two, they often come back realizing how much they have missed. It can become an overwhelming and stressful cycle for them. Related to this, we also know our Cubs need to feel welcomed, a genuine sense of belonging, and an ability to self-advocate- finding that voice inside them. Our jobs are to listen, be inquisitive, and learn about them so we can ensure that they want to be here each day- curious and challenged with opportunities for new skills.

Just a reminder that we have fall conferences coming up at the end of October. We will be conferencing the evening of October 28th, in addition to after school on October 29, 30, and 31 with families! (For students, this is a 1:00 dismissal M-Th, and 2:05 regular dismissal on Friday of that week). This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, learn about early progress via baseline assessments, and the plans moving forward for success this school year. We will also have a spring conference in early March! In order to be a partner in this learning journey, we know you must have a clear picture of where your Cub is, and we want to make sure that you have this! Expect communication from your child's teacher on how to sign up via Skyward later in the month.

Finally, just an FYI about a new event this school year that LSHS is putting on- an [Elementary Family Football Night](#): Friday, Oct. 4 at LSHS! Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and kickoff is at 7 p.m. "The LSHS athletic department is inviting elementary families and their students to participate by attending the game. Tickets can be purchased at the gate. The LSHS cheerleaders and Vikings are joining students for photo booths, giveaways, and the opportunity to parade down the track at halftime with school signs and pride."

Matt Pewitt  
Stevens Creek Principal





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