



THE CUB NEWS

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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 12/2-12/6/24: Book Fair
- 12/2-12/6/24: PTA sponsored Read-A-Thon
- 12/3/24: Book Fair open late, 3:45-7pm
- 12/6/24: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 12/10/24: Picture Retakes, 9:15-11am
- 12/12/24: Candy Cane Lane, 5:30-7pm
- 12/13/24: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 12/16-12/20/24: Spirit Week
- 12/17/24: Sahara Pizza Night
- 12/20/24: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 12/23/24-1/3/25: No School-Winter Holiday Break
- 1/8/25: PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 1/10/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm

Principal's Message

Stevens Creek Families:

December is here! Let's hope that we are finished with the winds that swept through our community recently! What a storm it was!

One thing we can count on is the temperature outside will continue to fall. We can plan for that at least. However, I have to say that it's plenty warm inside STC right now with all of the hard work our Cubs are generating inside! Although every one of our kiddos has their own unique strengths and varying starting points of skill at the beginning of each school year, there is one thing in common in order for our team to meet these unique needs.

Our team must know our kids as individuals. It's this deep value we grow for each Cub here that allows our team to meet them at where they are. How do you grow that value and appreciation for each Cub? Through genuine curiosity, time, and effort, and working as a team to gather information on our students. Eventually, we accomplish this. But this process never ends.

After that, the care and trust- the relationship we work at each day to grow and build, is the final foundational piece for student success. It's this sense of family and connection that we work toward. It's then that we can truly create a place where kids feel comfortable taking risks, making mistakes, and learning from them in productive ways. I'm seeing this in our classrooms and other learning spaces.

It's only then that we can really expect our Cubs to engage at the deep levels of learning our teachers and support staff look for each day. I have the privilege of seeing this highly engaging learning experience daily, as I visit classrooms and learning support areas. It's difficult to break down this complex process that leads to students finding success. But I feel we are on the correct path here at STC! We continue to be in the highest national percentile for our students reporting a sense of belonging and positive school climate, in addition to student achievement. However, we never stop working at this each day. There are always aspects that need attention and improvement.

Our House system is another way we provide our adults and students an opportunity to connect and grow connections. Fridays together as Houses, and events like our chant off (congratulations to Ujasiri for winning the first one of the school year!) create the opportunities for us to build family and a sense of belonging. And our race for the first House Cup of the school year is tight right now! Which House will come away with the Cup? We'll find out on Monday, December 9th! Which flag will be flying by itself on the pole? Which House will be going on the first reward field trip?!

Speaking of connection, we continue to over-communicate our desire for our Cubs to be here each day. Apologies for this, but school attendance will continue to be a major focus for us at STC as we move through the school year. We can not affect change and grow our Cubs when they miss school. Life and sickness happens, and we certainly understand this, especially as many of us our parents ourselves!

However, the reality is that missing school creates a difficult and potentially overwhelming cycle for our kids who miss even two days of school per month on average (3.5 weeks in a school year!). The pace of learning, and the complexity of knowledge and skills that our Cubs engage in each day makes missing lessons, discussions with classmates, and practice difficult to make up/catch up on. Again, we are partners in this growth for our Cubs, and want to make sure we are upfront and transparent about the importance of regular school attendance! Thanks for teaming with us, and also understanding that we want the same success you do for our Cubs!

Finally, we hope to see you at this year's STC Candy Cane Lane! It will take place starting from 5:30-7:00 pm on December 12. You can expect our front drop off/pick up area in front of the school full of lights and decorations to enjoy, and even some STC team members! We will also have our radio station up and going for festive music to accompany the drive through! Thanks to our team of volunteers who make this a reality for our families and community!

We have three weeks of opportunity before we send our Cubs off to winter break. We will work to make each day, and each week count! I wish our Cub families an amazing holiday season coming up, with much time spent with family and friends! Take care!

Matt Pewitt, Stevens Creek Principal

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Stevens Creek Picture Re-takes, December 10th

Due to our No School day on November 20th, we have had to reschedule our picture re-takes. If your child was absent, you didn't order pictures on our original picture day or you are unhappy with your original photographs; student pictures will be re-taken the morning of December 10th. If you are having your child's picture re-taken, please have them bring their original picture packet with them. These need to be returned to our school photographer. If you would like to order student pictures, the order forms are available in the office or on-line at MyDorian.com.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to



Cruisin 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 parent volunteers). Every time a student runs 6 laps it is a mile. 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.

Cruisin Cub Stats as of November 21st

6662 laps = 1110 miles

3rd-5th Student Leaders:

Fabian Vega Coria 258 laps = 43 miles

Violet Hansen 127 laps = 21 miles

K-2nd Student Leaders:

Happy Bhupendra 110 laps = 19 miles

Niharika Dhawa 60 laps = 10 miles



Be sure to encourage your child to wear their running shoes and participate in this fun, healthy activity during lunch recess on Tuesday & Thursday.

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found racks are overflowing. Please have your student check the racks/bins for any lost jackets, coats, water bottles, hats & gloves. Our lost & found will be donated to a charity/out-reach organization at our winter break. We recommend writing your child's name in their jackets & coats. This helps us get the jackets returned to the appropriate student before donating them.



Book Fair is Coming: December 2nd-6th

Our library staff is excited to host a Book Fair at the beginning of December. Students will be able to visit the book fair and make purchases during the school day @ their Library time. Parents will be able to visit the Book Fair on Tuesday evening, December 3rd, between 3:45-7pm. Details & additional information along with the Volunteer sign-up that will be sent home later in November via email. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Mrs. Wrobel (deborah_wrobel@lkstevens.wednet.edu) or Mrs. Banister



Stevens Creek PTA

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Here are some important upcoming events:

- December 2nd-6th, Read-A-Thon
- January 8th PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- January 31st PTA Winter Carnival
- February 5th PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- March 5th PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm

To contact the PTA send an email, stevenscreekpta@gmail.com



Stevens Creek Giving Tree

At STC we recognize that there are less fortunate families within our school & community. To help these families during holidays celebrated throughout the year, we will be sponsoring a holiday "Giving Tree". We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys, books & gift cards for elementary age students or older (as we have families with middle & high school siblings). Donations can be dropped off at STC during office hours, during our Candy Cane Lane & Light Festival on December 12th or they can be sent in with your student. The final day we can accept donations is Friday, December 13th. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office, 425-335-1690.



Spirit Week, December 16th-20th

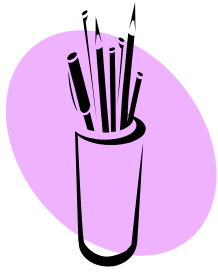
ASB sponsored Spirit Week coming soon. Whether you pick one day or all five, let's see your winter wonderland spirit.

- Monday, December 11th: "Baby It's Cold Outside" Bundle up in your favorite winter scarf.
- Tuesday, December 12th: "Peaceful Plaid" Have any plaid/flannel in your closet? Show off those squares
- Wednesday, December 13th: "Deck the Halls" Get decked out in a fun winter shirt or sweater
- Thursday, December 14th: "Have Yourself a Merry Little Hat Day" Have a fun and festive hat? Enjoy this rule-breaker day to wear a special hat to school.
- Friday, December 15th: "Silent Night" Prepare for winter break in your comfiest PJs.

Read-A-Thon

STC's first Read-a-Thon sponsored by the PTA. Students will keep track of their reading minutes during the week of December 2nd-6th. At each grade level, class with the most minutes read in the week will win a Pizza Party. The class that reads the most minutes for the entire building will get to silly string Mr. Pewitt. Check your child's folder (being sent home November 27th) for the details and Reading Log. Be sure to keep track of your reading minutes and return your Reading Log to the office by Monday, December 9th.





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1	2	3 Family Night @ the Book Fair, 3:45-7pm	4	5	6 Early Release @ 2:05pm	7
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22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28
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29	30	31 New Years Eve	1 New Years Day	2	3	4
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