



THE CUB NEWS

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JANUARY 2025



Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 1/8/25: PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 1/10/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 1/12/25: STC Night @ the Everett Silvertips
- 1/14/25: Sahara Pizza Night
- 1/17/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 1/20/25: No School-Martin Luther King Holiday
- 1/24/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 1/27/25: No School-Learning Improvement Day (LID)
- 1/31/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 1/31/25: PTA Winter Carnival, 5:30-7
- 2/5/25: PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 2/7/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 2/11/25: Sahara Pizza Night

Principal's Message

Stevens Creek Families:

Happy New Year! Welcome back, STC family! Here we go with 2025!

We are off and running as we jump right back into learning here at STC! We also want to help our Cubs transition back in a positive way as we get them back into the swing of things. This is so important when we've had a few weeks away from the building, and haven't been asking them to think and work so hard each day! We will be reviewing those 55 Creek Essentials, and providing reteaching and support for any kiddos who show a need for more support in the transition back!

We are so excited to welcome each of our Cubs back, and see those smiley faces again! I am so pleased with how our students have been taking such good care of one another during these first four months of the school year. On a daily basis, I hear students encouraging and supporting each other in our classrooms- from "You've got this, so-and-so!" to modeling what it looks like to be a successful learner, to helping a fellow classmate out with a tricky problem. It always surprises me just how much it affects me when I see this each day during my classroom visits. It truly warms my heart! Our teachers are doing such an amazing job of creating safe, nurturing, and intentional learning environments. Warm-demanding is what we talk about!

Attendance will continue to be a huge focus for us as we kick off 2025! We are celebrating those students who are attending each day of a given week with our "Five to Thrive" focus during House Time, each Friday. We have also added another fun way to celebrate 100% daily attendance for classrooms, beginning this month! In addition, we are working to support students and families who are struggling to get to school on time, each day. We want to beagle to both connect and celebrate each day a student is here at school, on time!

This month, our Cubs will work on their second iReady diagnostic assessment of the school year- their second of three diagnostics left to participate in. This will not only adjust their personalized pathway (skills specific to their needs) in math and literacy, but the results of this second diagnostic will also provide students, teachers, and our support teams with critical feedback so that we can make adjustments to classroom instructional plans and groupings. Teachers and support specialists will also be assessing students via other one-to-one and small group measures during this month. Progress will also be shared with each of our families via report cards going home at the beginning of February. And, our second conference week isn't all that far away either- the first full week in March!

Our Cubs will also be celebrating the life, accomplishments, and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will be spending time during House Time this month to learn about his message, and how it connects to our own Creek Essentials. We will also be talking to the kids about how they can shine their own light on our school community. After all, as Dr. King said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Each House will be taking part in a presentation put together by our team that will help our kiddos better understand why they have a day off January 17 to celebrate MLK Day.

Once again, welcome to 2025! Here's to continued growth and improvement for our Cubs in all areas of their development, and their lives! We are honored to be doing this work with you. Thank you! STC is truly a special community! Again, Happy New Year!

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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 crusing' 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 December 19th

10,611 laps = 1768.5 miles

3rd-5th Student Leaders:

Fabian Vega Coria 397 laps = 66 miles

Naksatra Rajkumar 195 laps = 32.5 miles

K-2nd Student Leaders:

Happy Bhupendra 171 laps = 28.5 miles

Niharika Dhawa 87 laps = 14.5 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.

Stevens Creek PTA

PTA Board 2024-2025

Rachel Beyer-President

Toni Plemel-Vice President

Danyele Peters-Secretary

Megan Gepner & Jessica Holloman-Co-Treasurers

Here are some important upcoming events:

- 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



Bond 2025: Creating space. Ensuring safety. Building futures.

To address the needs of our students and schools, Lake Stevens School District is rerunning the November school construction bond in the Feb. 11, 2025, special election. Why?

- **We listened to our community** through a feedback survey and listening sessions, and the response was clear: Rerun the bond in February 2025
- Our immediate needs **have not changed**. To address overcrowding, aging facilities and ensure our school facilities are safe and functional for students, the projects of the bond need to be addressed.
- We received more than 58% of the votes—which is just shy of the 60% supermajority required by the state to approve bond measures.
- The state does not provide funding for school construction **unless our community approves a bond**.
- Thanks to lower interest rates, community growth, and the 2005 bond being fully-paid, the tax rate for the February 2025 bond **will be lower**.
- **Our community is growing**. To ensure our schools and facilities continue to meet the needs of our students, we need to modernize and expand our schools. A quality education is a point of pride for our community; the bond builds on past successes.

Learn more about the bond and the potential impact it will have on your students at www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/bond.

What's changed?	What's the same?
<p>Interest rates have decreased</p> <p>Community growth has expanded the number of taxpayers</p> <p>What this means:</p> <p>Less taxpayer impact</p> <p>2005 bond paid-in-full in 2025</p>	<p>Our needs. Our projects. Our bond amount. \$314 million.</p> <p>Addressing growth</p> <p>Replacing aging facilities</p> <p>Safety and security</p> <p>Supporting student well-being and success</p>

How We Communicate Inclement Weather?

Is school a go? How will I know?

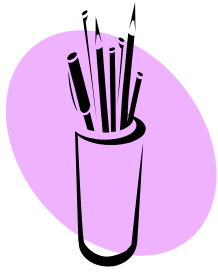
When winter weather hits, our top priority is the safety of students and staff. Our district's geography is taken into account when the decision is made. One part of our area may be clear while other areas are struggling with snow or ice.

1. **How the decision to close schools is made**
To help make the best possible decision, weather forecasts are monitored throughout the process. District staff members drive the roads beginning at 3 a.m. checking schools and routes that are frequently impacted and report road conditions to the superintendent by 5 a.m. A decision and announcement is made as quickly as possible. This process sometimes changes based on weather conditions.
2. **Information is shared using these communication channels:**
 - FlashAlert, www.flashalert.net. Local TV, radio and newspapers pull information from FlashAlert. You can subscribe to receive text and email alerts from FlashAlert.
 - Social media
 - Text message
 - District mobile app
 - Email to families
 - District website
 - We do not use our automated calling system for school delays and closures due to weather. If no messages are posted, schools are open and operating on normal schedules.

3. Delay and Closure Options

- Schools start on time (no message will be shared)
- Schools start on time with limited bus service.
- Schools start two hours late (no a.m. preschool, no out-of-district transportation, no morning Sno-Isle bus)
- Schools are closed (no after school activities, athletics or facility use)
- Options are subject to change depending on weather conditions.

NEW: If a two hour delay is needed on a Friday, school will do away with the 85 minute early release & shift to a normal M-TH dismissal time.



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