



THE CUB NEWS

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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 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
- 2/8/25: Report Cards available on Skyward
- 2/11/25: Sahara Pizza Night
- 2/14/25 & 2/17/25: No School- President's Day Holiday
- 2/20/25: Class Picture Day
- 2/21/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 2/21/25: 5th grade Dance 6-7:30pm
- 2/22/25: STC Night @ the Everett Silvertips
- 2/28/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 3/3/25-3/6/25: Conferences, release @ 1:00pm

Principal's Message

Stevens Creek Families:

February is upon us! Snow, or not to snow, that is the question on our kiddos' minds! I keep hearing it debated out on the playground. Time will tell, I guess!

There are so many rewarding and fun times in a school year, and this month is all about that. Growth is what we always talk about around our building. Growth can be measured in big and small ways, can vary in how we test in method and measurement, but rest assured, we are seeing growth from our Cubs in so many different ways. For example, growth in literacy skills leads to developing readers who can appreciate, talk about, and remember what they are reading- applying it to their writing skills as they share their amazing thoughts with their classmates and teachers. As students acquire math skills and fact knowledge, their brains are freed up to apply and solve much more complex problems. Our jobs are so amazing, as we get to see those lightbulb moments. We are seeing a lot of light bulbs lighting up right now! And, we are on the cusp of others lighting up soon!

We continually speak to the importance of grit with our Cubs. You will hear that message in every classroom and learning space you visit here at STC. We know our kids can do hard things, and there's nothing better than to hear classmates say aloud, "You've got this!" when a fellow student is standing up and searching for that next great thought. Coupled with grit, we also continually work on building empathy, care, respect, and compassion for our fellow Cubs. These ideas are embedded in our STC Essential 55. Realizing that students (and families) continually go through tough times in their lives, especially with a community of 715 students, we feel grit, care, respect, compassion and empathy are stabilizing forces and lifelong skills/perspectives we want our kiddos to possess far beyond their time with us.

Attendance! Talk about how we get those lightbulb moments!! We appreciate it so much when our Cubs are here each day, on time! Without our Cubs being here each day, those moments are difficult to achieve. In fact, missing days, especially with the pace and depth of our curriculum and teaching these days, creates gaps and anxieties in our kiddos more quickly than you would imagine. Thanks for partnering with us to improve student learning through regular student attendance each day! We know what a difference it makes for our Cubs! We have even added a new and fun little twist to attendance. House points are awarded to the House with the best attendance percentage each week, in addition to the greatest growth from week to week. These House points become potential difference makers in our House Cup competition! The kids and staff have been enjoying this wrinkle, and we get an opportunity to celebrate something that is meaningful to us- seeing our kids each and every day!

Speaking of growth...report cards will be "live" in Skyward beginning on February 8 for families to see. The report cards this year have been updated and revamped a bit, so our teacher teams are still getting used to them, just like you will be. The district will be sending families out directions on how to access your child's report card in case you need it. After going through your Cub's new report card, you may very well have questions. Here's some great news!

Looking ahead a few weeks to the first week in March, conference week will happen March 3-6, with a 1:00 dismissal M-Th. Friday will be a regular 2:05 dismissal similar to the fall conference schedule. This is a fantastic opportunity to sit down in person with your child's teacher again, here at STC. However, if an online Google Meet conference will work better for you, please let your child's teacher know that too, otherwise the default will be in-person. Conference sign ups will go live on Skyward via your child's teacher later this month. Please look for communication from your child's teacher. Please call the office with any questions on how to sign up if you have any difficulties, or need support with this. We'd love every family to conference with their child's teacher! It's an important connection point during the second part of the school year which we highly recommend.

Finally, just a reminder that there is no school February 14-17 with mid-winter break and the observance of President's Day.

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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 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 January 23rd

12,804 laps = 2134 miles

3rd-5th Student Leaders:

Quinten Fauland 473 laps = 78 miles

Sam Sathish 244 laps = 40 miles

K-2nd Student Leaders:

Happy Bhupendra 220 laps = 36 miles

Om Surhabi 220 laps = 36 miles

Niharika Dhawa 94 laps = 15 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 31st PTA Winter Carnival
- February 5th PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- February 21st PTA sponsored 5th grade Dance 6-7:30pm
- 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?

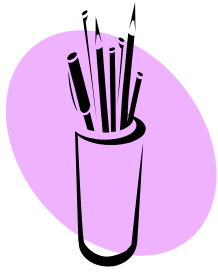
When winter weather hits, our top priority is the safety of students and staff. Our district's geography is taken into account when the decision is made. One part of our area may be clear while other areas are struggling with snow or ice.

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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