



THE CUB NEWS

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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

- 4/2/25: PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 4/4/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 4/7-4/11/25: Spring Break
- 4/15/25: Sahara Pizza Night
- 4/18/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 4/21-4/25/25: Book Fair
- 4/25/25: Blood Drive @ STC, 11-5
- 4/25/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 4/29/25: 1st grade Concert, 6:30pm
- 4/30/25: Volunteer of the Year recognition @ School Board 5pm
- 5/1/25: 2nd grade Concert, 6:30pm
- 5/2/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm
- 5/5-5/9/25: Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/7/25: PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 5/9/25: Early Release @ 2:05pm

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Principal's Message

Stevens Creek Families:

Looking ahead to April, we continue to focus on growth for our Cubs- in all aspects of their development. With spring arriving, we also are spending some time as a team really reinforcing our Creek Essentials, and those learning expectations that go along with them. If you're kiddos are talking about "tracking the speaker," that's probably because we are really working on this right now in every space in our building! Whether it's a student or staff member speaking, they have something important to share/learn from, and we want to build that self-control and good habit around listening to one another carefully.

Speaking of growth, we always talk about the fact that it takes a team to grow our Cubs. With that being said, this month we are honoring our volunteers who help us in so many capacities- from providing academic support to our students, volunteering at recess to supervise games, allowing our running club to happen, to ensure we have an active and supportive PTA. Every volunteer allows our community to offer that much more support, connection, and enrichment to our Cubs. Thank you to our volunteers here at STC! We are truly grateful!

For our families with students in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th, we will begin the process of state testing with our Smarter Balance Assessment (SBA) in a handful of weeks for our third, fourth and fifth graders, just as each school across Washington will do. For our third grade Cubs, this will be their first experience with state testing, and our third grade team and support staff have been working to ensure that this will be as positive an experience for each of them as possible.

We frame this for our kids as a fantastic opportunity to show what you've learned to this point. This is also a baseline for our third grade Cubs, as they will have a chance to show growth over the next several years of state testing, just as our fourth and fifth graders have had an opportunity to do. As always, this is just one snapshot into their progress, and our Cubs and their team of adults supporting them have been working so hard. We're excited to celebrate their growth! Our STC Cubs have shown some of the greatest growth via state data over the past several school years, as we focus on their improvement, regardless of where a student begins in their learning journey each school year.

For your planning, the testing season will begin in May, with each grade level testing at various times throughout the month. The testing is at each students' pace, so we utilize windows for our planning to provide enough flexibility for the various needs of our kiddos. Each grade level team and their support staff work to find a balance between testing and instructional time so as to minimize students feeling overwhelmed during this stretch. For third graders, they will take the SBA in math and reading, as do our fourth graders. Our fifth graders take both the math and reading SBA, in addition to the science. Their testing will obviously go a bit longer into May.

A belated congratulations to the Druzhba House as they took the second House Cup of the school year! They seemed to have a great time together at their reward experience, as the Reptile Man brought an array of reptiles and snakes. I saw so many kids with a small alligator hanging around their shoulders. I had to keep walking! Uffda! We have brave children!

April should be a very wonderful month ahead as we capitalize on some great learning opportunities in the coming weeks, and prepare our students for success ahead. Looking forward to the month ahead!

Matt Pewitt
Stevens Creek Principal

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 March 21st

17,655 laps = 2942.5 miles

3rd-5th Student Leaders:

Fabian Vega Coria 764 laps = 127.3 miles

Naksatra Rajkumar 329 laps = 54.8 miles

K-2nd Student Leaders:

Happy Bhupendra 324 laps = 54 miles

Luna Olcsvary 158 laps = 26.3 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.

STC Spring Spirit Week, March 31st-April 4th

March 31st: Mismatch vs. Monochrome

Perhaps contrasting colors are overrated. If you agree, bring on all the vibrant colors and fun prints! Or, perhaps you like to keep it simple-then a monochrome outfit with just one color is for you!

April 1st: Traveler vs. Homebody

Do you dream of tropical beaches, day at Disney or camping in the woods? Dress the part of your traveler hears. Or maybe you're in the mood for a staycation and want to enjoy some jammies!

April 2nd: Wacky Hair vs. Hats

Let's see which one wins today...those with silly, crazy or creative hair styles or rocking your favorite had (hat rule breaker day).

April 3rd: Staff vs. Students

Pick a teacher or staff member to dress up as. See if others can guess who you are. Staff, this is your day to dress as a student.

April 4th Simple vs All Out House Friday

You already know what color to wear on this day, but today you can decide whether to keep it simple or go ALL OUT to represent your house pride!



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:

- April 2nd PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- April 25th Bingo Night @ 6pm
- May 5th-9th-Staff Appreciation Week
- May 7th PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm

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



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration paperwork is now being accepted for the fall of 2025. Registration packets can be picked-up in the office or are available for download from the LSSD website. Once the paperwork is completed, it can be returned to our office.

In addition, once your student is registered for kindergarten you can then sign them up for our "Ready for Kindergarten" program. This three-day opportunity from August 18th-20th offers a safe and welcoming introduction to elementary school for families and students, relieving many first-day anxieties. You can find the reservation link on the LSSD website (www.lkstevens.wednet.edu) on the homepage

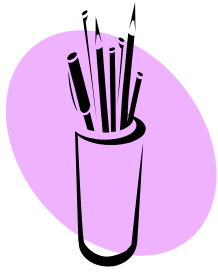


Student Artwork Submissions for the 25-26 LSSD Calendar

Calling all students! Do you have a creative way to capture the world around you? We're looking for student artwork, photography, and writings to be featured in the 2025-26 District Calendar! Here's how to participate:

- Express your creativity-show us your vision of school, life or the world.
- Submit your work to tellus@lkstevens.wednet.edu by Friday, April 25
- Be sure to include your name and grade
- All submissions must be school-appropriate

Selected submissions will be showcased in the upcoming calendar. Don't miss out—submit your work today!



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Sun

Mon



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Wed

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Fri

Sat

30	31	1	2 PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm	3	4 Early Release @ 2:05pm National School Librarian Day!!	5
Spirit Week						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Spring Break-No School						
13	14	15 Sahara Pizza Night 	16	17	18 Early Release @ 2:05pm	19
20 National Volunteer Appreciation Week Administrative Professionals Week Easter	21 National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day! Earth Day	22	23	24	25 Early Release @ 2:05pm	26
Book Fair in the Maker Space						
27	28	29 1st grade Music Concert @ 6:30pm 	30 LSSD Volunteer of the Year Celebration @ 5pm	1	2 Early Release @ 2:05pm	3