THE CUB NEWS

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Stevens Creek Events at a Glance

10/1/26: Ujasiri Night, 5:30-7pm

10/2/26: Early Release @ 2:05pm

10/2/26: Bingo Night, 6-7:30pm

10/7/26: Picture Day

10/7/26: PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm

10/8/26: Sundaes with Sonador, 6-7pm

10/9/26: Early Release @ 2:05pm

10/16/26: Early Release @ 2:05pm

10/19/26: No School-LID Day

10/20/26: Sahara Pizza Night

10/23/26: Early Release @ 2:05pm

10/23/26: Trunk or Treat, 6:30-7:30pm

10/26/26-11/5/26: APEX Fundraiser

10/30/26: Early Release @ 2:05pm

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Principal's Message

October has arrived, Stevens Creek families!

Right now, we are working hard to create a strong sense of belonging for each and every one of our Cubs. That work starts on day one, and it never ends. We know that relationships, belonging, safety, and genuine care are the foundation our Cubs need to reach their full potential- both academically and socially, throughout the school year.

Our Houses- Sonador, Pemberi, Druhzba, and Ujasiri, are an important part of building those relationships and creating a strong sense of community. These layers of connection are at the heart of what we are all about here at STC.

As you know, Fridays are extra special around here! Our adults have lunch and go to recess with their House students, creating time for relationships to grow in a relaxed and fun setting. During the educational portion of House Time, students work together on important social skills, build connections, and, of course, have some fun along the way.

This year, we are continuing to make our Friday House lessons responsive to the needs of our students. We are using behavior data, and survey feedback from both students and adults at STC to help ensure that our lessons build essential skills that will support students in all aspects of their school day.

One of the activities each House will be working on during October is creating its first House chant. Every few months, we hold what we call a school chant-off! It's a quick and spirited assembly where our Houses come together to perform the cheers they have created and practiced over several weeks. We usually invite a special guest(s) to judge the performances, and House points are awarded based on the chants.

Our first chant-off will be Friday, November 20 @ 11:55 AM.

This process is about so much more than creating a great cheer. It builds House pride, camaraderie, collaboration, creativity, and a sense of belonging. And, of course, it's always a lot of fun!

House Time in October will also include small-group lessons focused on anti-bullying strategies and becoming powerful bystanders. We want our students to understand that they have a voice and that they can play an important role in creating a safe and welcoming school community. Our Cubs will learn practical strategies for responding when they see someone being treated unkindly or unfairly and how they can become part of the solution.

All of our students will be learning these same essential strategies within their respective grade-level bands this month. This work is about student empowerment and helping our Cubs find the confidence to use their voices.

We will also continue celebrating students for attending school each day. We know that consistent attendance- being at school five days a week whenever possible, makes a meaningful difference in students' learning, relationships, and overall school success.

When students miss a day or two, they often return realizing just how much they have missed. For our Cubs, this can become an overwhelming and stressful cycle. That is why attendance and belonging go hand in hand.

Our Cubs need to feel welcomed. They need to know they belong. They need opportunities to develop their voices and learn how to self-advocate. And they need adults who listen, ask questions, and genuinely take the time to know them.

Our job is to listen, be curious, and learn about each student so that we can create a school experience where they want to be here each day—curious, challenged, connected, and excited about opportunities to learn new skills. In order to accomplish all of this, we need them here.

We built STC with the goal of enriching our students throughout the year through a variety of experiences and opportunities. With that in mind, October also brings our annual fundraiser!

This year, our ASB and PTA are joining forces once again for the fundraiser. Half of the proceeds will go to PTA, while the other half will go to ASB. These funds allow us to continue supporting extracurricular activities and experiences such as House reward field trips, student recognition, and assemblies that enhance learning and create memorable experiences for our Cubs.

Once again, we are excited to partner with Apex Leadership Company, who will be leading our fun run fundraiser. More information will be coming soon, but the fundraiser will take place October 26–November 5.

Thank you for your continued support! Your partnership makes a difference in the experiences we are able to provide for our students.

Finally, don't forget about our annual Trunk-or-Treat, hosted by our wonderful PTA, on the evening of October 23 in our upper parking lot! Rain or shine, it will be on! Not only is this a favorite event for our Cubs, but it also gives them a chance to wear their costumes to school! I love seeing how many of our adults get into the spirit as well.

Thank you, as always, for being such an important part of our STC community. We are grateful for the partnership, energy, and support you bring to our Cubs and to our school.

Together, we are creating a place where every student feels known, valued, connected, and proud to belong. Go Cubs!

Matt Pewitt
Stevens Creek Principal

Personal Items @ School

Per our STC Handbook: Personal items such as toys, electronics, card collections, **may not** be brought to school. Unauthorized items will be collected by staff members and returned to the student at the end of the day.

Sensory tools (not toys, such as squishies, dumplings, fidgets) will be provided by our building or family per a student's IEP, 504 Plan or other coordinated plan between the home and school team. We ask that students **not** bring these items (squishies, dumplings, fidgets, etc.) to school before an established plan is in place. We make a clear distinction between toy vs. tool with our Cubs who need them. These generally remain in the classroom or learning space unless the plan calls for differentiation of this school expectation.

If you have any questions please reach out to Mr. Pewitt, Mrs. Selby or Mrs. Nickerson.

Reminder: STC Picture Day Wednesday, October 7th

Dorian Studio will be here to take individual student pictures on October 7th. ALL students will have their picture taken for official enrollment documentation. Picture order forms were sent home with students today, October 1st. The purchase of picture packets is optional. If you would like to order individual student pictures, complete the order form and return it to school with your student on Picture Day, October 7th. Please do not return these order forms prior to our picture day as we do not have a secure place to hold them. You may also order pictures on-line w/ Dorian Studio. This information is included on the order form.

Students who may be absent on this day will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on our "re-take" day, November 18th.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the office.



Sahara Pizza Night, October 20th

Stevens Creek has once again partnered with Sahara Pizza in Lake Stevens for a monthly pizza night. For every pizza order placed, Stevens Creek ASB will receive a $5.00 donation. The two classes with the most orders on our pizza night will receive a pizza party compliments of Sahara Pizza. The donations we receive from Sahara Pizza will be used for House Activities and support ASB activities such as assemblies & field trips. Our next Sahara Pizza night is October 20th. Look for the Sahara Pizza flyer to come home in your child's Thursday folder the week before our pizza night. Be sure you use this flyer with the teacher name noted and provide it to Sahara Pizza. Don't worry if the flyer gets misplaced, you can write down Stevens Creek and the teacher on a piece of paper or give this information when placing an order over the phone.



October is Bully Prevention Month

The month of October is dedicated to Bully Prevention. Students will enjoy learning and practicing how to be an Upstander at STC through activities to support inclusiveness, friendship and kindness during House Time. If you have any questions, please reach out to our counselor, Mrs. Nickerson (Teresa_nickerson@lkstevens.wednet.edu).



Stevens Creek PTA

PTA Board 2026-2027

Megan Gepner & Jessica Holloman: Co-Presidents
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Stephanie Declercq-Secretary
Leah Keys & Ashley Brach: Co-Treasurers

Be sure to check your child's weekly Thursday folder, the STC PTA Facebook page, STC Instagram and your email for important information about our PTA. We encourage you to attend a meeting, see how you can be involved and hear about our organization. Here are some important upcoming events:

- October 2nd PTA Bingo Night @ 6-7:30pm
- October 7th PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm
- October 23rd Trunk or Treat Event @ 6-7:30pm
- October 26th-November 5th APEX Fundraiser

To contact the PTA just drop them an email at: stevenscreekpta@gmail.com



1st & 4th grade Universal Screener

Each year the district administers the NNAT3 as a Universal Screener to all 1st & 4th graders. This is a simple, digital, nonverbal screener that most students think of as a game. When this was implemented 9 years ago, it greatly increased the diversity within our HiCap Program as it measures a student's cognitive potential no matter the English language ability and/or educational background. This is an important aspect of our HiCap system. This quick screener will be done in the classroom sometime during the month of October under the direction of the classroom teacher and district Highly Capable coordinator.

Volunteering vs. Visiting

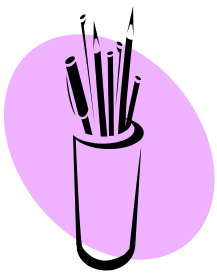
We love our volunteers and welcome visitors at Stevens Creek. You are valued partners in the education of Lake Stevens' students.

To ensure the safety of our students and to avoid disrupting the learning environment, we ask that prior arrangements be made with the teacher before coming in to volunteer. In addition, we also have opportunities for volunteering in the Library and during Running Club (Tuesday & Thursday during lunch recesses). Check your email for the Sign-up Genius for these opportunities.

Visitors are also welcome during student recess and lunch times. If you would like to enjoy some fun at recess or have lunch with your student, you are welcome to do so, however, extending your visit into the classroom is not permitted.

All visitors & volunteers entering our building must have completed a Volunteer Application and receive clearance through SafeVisitor. To complete the LSSD Volunteer Form: Visit the LSSD website, ***www.lkstevens.wetnet.edu***, find the Community tab, then select ***Volunteer Program***. You will then select the link ***"Complete an online volunteer application to get started".*** Be sure to submit at the end. You should receive an email from the district once this has been processed. Then you are ready to volunteer.

In addition, we encourage all potential volunteers to visit the LSSD website (***www.lkstevens.wetnet.edu***) under the Community tab and review the LSSD Volunteer Handbook. Volunteer expectations, student interactions, boundaries and guidelines are outlined in this handbook.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National School Principal's Month				1 Ujasiri Family Night 5-6:30pm	2 Early Release @ 2:05pm Bingo Night, 6-7:30pm	3
4 National Fire Prevention Week	5	6	7 Picture Day PTA Meeting @ 6:30pm	8 Sundaes with Sonador, 6-7pm	9 Early Release @ 2:05pm	10
11 National School Lunch Week	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day	13	14	15 Kinder Pumpkin Patch Trip 5th grade Parent Night, 6-6:30pm	16 Early Release @ 2:05PM	17
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PTA Apex Fundraiser