

Steve Luther Elementary School

Weekly Update

Helen Chung, Principal November 6, 2026

CALENDAR

November 11
No School – Veterans Day

November 12
View Report Cards

November 13
World Kindness Day
Trimester 1 Awards

November 23-27
Thanksgiving Recess

Independent Study

If your student is absent you can contact the office and see if they are eligible for Independent Study. Please see the attachment with more information.

NO SCHOOL on November 11 in honor of Veterans Day



Reports Cards

Available on Aeries on

November 12

Please see attachment to print report cards.

Cocoa & Crafts

A Winter Wonderland Night

PTA Family Night
December 5
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm



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Every School Day Matters!

Dear Cypress Families,

Every school day is an opportunity for your child to learn, grow, build friendships, and feel connected to our school community. At Cypress School District, we believe that **every student, every moment, and every opportunity matters!**

We know that family circumstances, illnesses, and unexpected situations sometimes make it difficult for students to attend school. We want to partner with you to support regular attendance and help students stay connected to learning when they must be away.

Why Attendance Matters

When students attend school consistently, they:

- **Build strong academic foundations** in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- **Develop friendships and a sense of belonging** with classmates and teachers.
- **Participate in meaningful learning experiences** that cannot always be replicated at home.
- **Build positive habits** that support lifelong success.

Did you know? Missing just two days of school each month adds up to approximately 20 days per school year — nearly four weeks of missed learning!

Even excused absences can affect learning. We encourage families to make daily attendance a priority whenever their child is healthy and able to attend.

What Is Short-Term Independent Study?

We understand that sometimes students must be away from school for an extended period. Short-term independent study may be an option to help your child continue learning during a planned absence.

Through independent study:

- Students receive assignments aligned with classroom learning.
- Families work with the school to complete an independent study agreement.
- Students complete their assigned work while away.
- All completed assignments must be returned by the established deadline.
- Teachers review completed work to determine eligible attendance credit.

Important: Independent study is not an automatic excused absence or simply a packet of makeup work. Students must complete the required assignments for attendance credit to be considered. Email Christen Jackson at cjackson@cypsd.org for more information.

📝 Planning an Absence? Contact Us Early!

If you anticipate that your child will miss school, please contact Christen Jackson at cjackson@cypsd.org **as far in advance as possible** to discuss whether short-term independent study is an appropriate option.

Here's how families can help:

1. Notify the school office about the anticipated absence.
2. Discuss independent study options and complete any required paperwork.
3. Help your child complete assignments during the absence.
4. Return all completed work by the deadline provided by the school.

Short-term independent study may be available for eligible absences of up to 15 school days, subject to district procedures and requirements.

🗓️ Did Your Child Miss School? Ask About Attendance Recovery!

We know that absences happen! Cypress School District offers opportunities for students to **recover attendance through eligible learning opportunities**, including short-term independent.

If your child has missed school, please contact Christen Jackson at cjackson@cypsd.org to learn about opportunities to recover some of those absences.

Our school team can help you understand the available options and determine what may work best for your child.

Every day of learning counts, and we are here to help your child stay on track!

💗 We Are Here to Help!

If your family is experiencing challenges with attendance, please reach out to us. Whether your child is struggling with getting to school, health concerns, or other circumstances, our school team is here to partner with you and identify supportive solutions.

Our goal is not simply to improve attendance numbers. It is to ensure every child feels connected, supported, and successful at school.

Thank you for making attendance a priority and for being an important partner in your child's education.

Together, we can make every school day count!

Warmly,

Helen Chung

Printing Report Cards on Aeries

- Log in to Aeries

  https://cypressesd.asp.aeries.net/Student/LoginParent.aspx

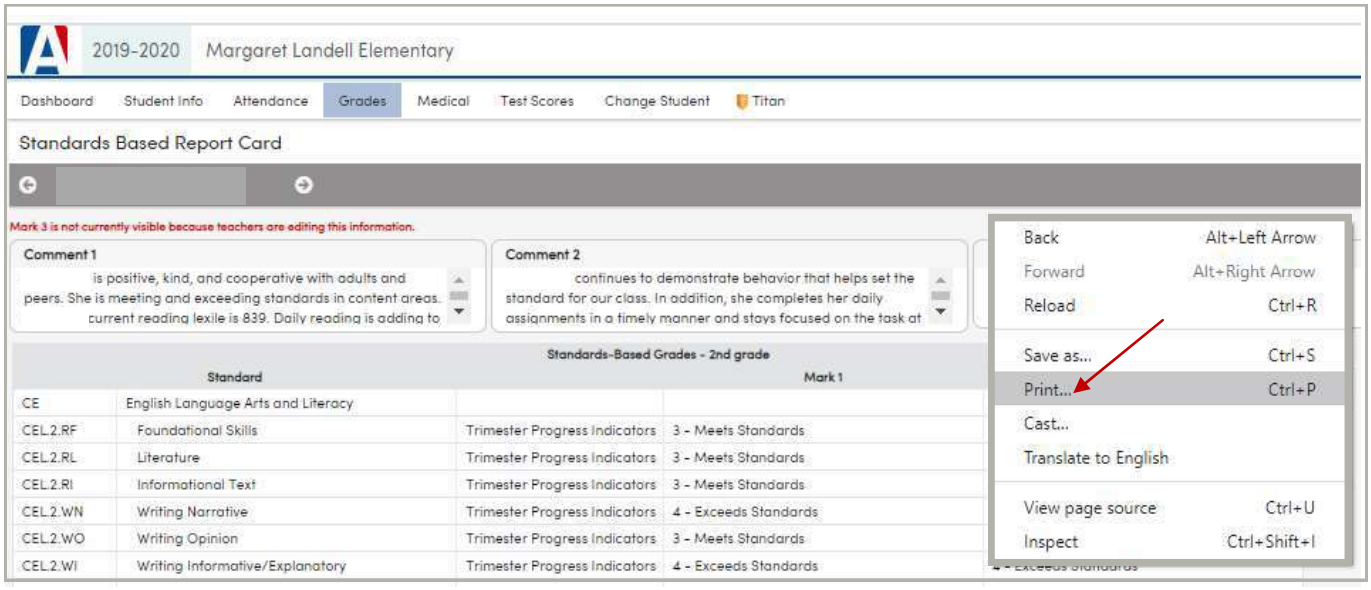
- Hover over the "Grades" tab



- Right click

  * To right click using a mouse, press down the right button on the mouse.
  * To right click using a keyboard, press the "Shift" + F10 keys for Windows.
  * To right click on a Mac, hold down the "Control" key and click on the mouse or trackpad.

- Select "Print"





Second Harvest Farmers Market

Clara J. King Elementary School	
Thursday, July 16, 2026	Thursday, February 18, 2027
Thursday, August 20, 2026	Thursday, March 18, 2027
Thursday, September 17, 2026	Thursday, April 15, 2027
Thursday, October 15, 2026	Thursday, May 20, 2027
Thursday, November 19, 2026	Thursday, June 10
Thursday, December 17, 2026	Thursday, July 15, 2027
Thursday, January 21, 2027	Thursday, August 19, 2027

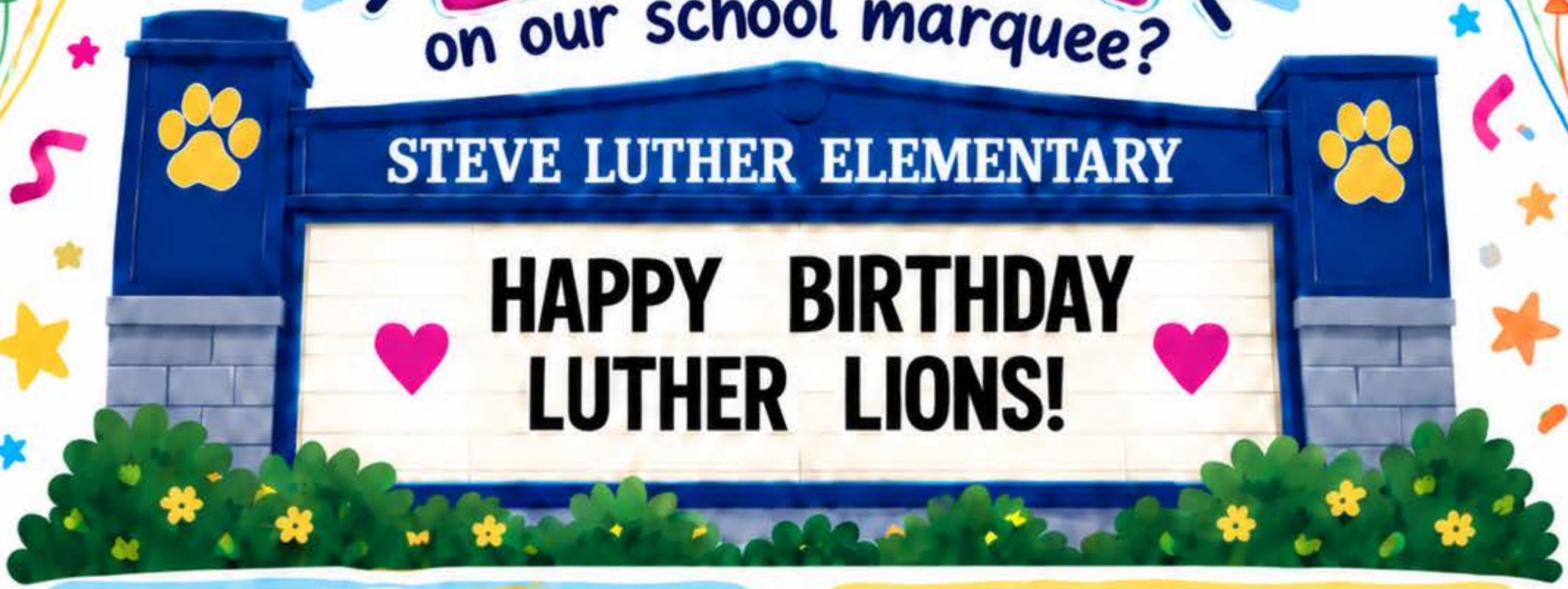
Free Farmer's Market for the community:

Need a Proxy Pick-Up form? Email vohlman@cypsd.org.

3:45 - 4:45 p.m. ** Bring Bags

Luther Community

Want to see your child's **BIRTHDAY** on our school marquee?



$15 for the day

$25 to have it display all week!

How to Pay

Zelle to:
lutherpta@gmail.com

OR

Deliver cash to the PTA mailbox

Please provide the following information:

- First Name
- Last Initial(s)
- Birthday (Optional)

By submitting payment, you consent to allow your child's name to be posted on the marquee in celebration of their birthday.

Proceeds will help fund Luther PTA activities and events.

Let's celebrate our Luther Lions!

Cocoa & Craft Night



LUTHER FAMILY NIGHT SPONSORED BY THE PTA ON 12/4/26 IN THE MPR FROM 5:30-7PM.

HELP DECORATE OUR WINTER MANTEL WITH CRAFTS + COCOA/ COFFEE. DESSERTS & PHOTOBOOTH!

Presented by the
Community Activities and
Beautification Committee

La Palma's 39th Annual

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

WED, DECEMBER 2

Santa's Village

4:00 pm

Tree Lighting Ceremony

5:30 pm

Central Park 7821 Walker Street

La Palmas