

# Stone Lake Elementary A California Distinguished School Hawker's Herald



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Dear Stone Lake Families,

Happy Halloween to everybody! October was a fabulous month at Stone Lake. The book fair and the fall festival were two Awesome events for our school and provided a lot of fun for our students. We also ended the month at our last spirit assembly raising \$300 for Caps for Kids, the non-profit organization that provides caps signed by athletes, entertainers and other notables to children with cancer when they lose their hair. Thank-you parents for allowing your children to bring money for this.

November brings the start of the holiday season, but it also brings the competition to crown Stone Lake's best speller. This Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Stone Lake Spelling Bee. The winner of this competition will move forward to the EGUSD Spelling Bee in December.

This month we are also still collecting cans for the Kids Can Food Drive. All of the food collected will be donated to the Elk Grove Food Bank. In addition, our National Elementary Honor Society held a movie day at our last track change, and the \$900 collected from that event is being donated to the Kids Can Food Drive. What a great idea NEHS students!

As usual, I wish everybody a fabulous month of November and an Awesome start to your holiday season.

Respectfully,

Mark Beard

## Important Dates



- 11/3 4:00-8:00 P.M. - PTO Fundraiser Night @ Rockin' Jump
- 11/4 8:30-10:30- Stone Lake Spelling Bee- MP Room
- 11/6 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS- SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
- 11/7 8:30-9:00- Coffee Klatch-Library
- 11/8 ELECTION DAY  
6:00-7:00-PTO Meeting- Library
- 11/10 9:00-11:30-Mrs. Sack & Mrs. Alarcon Food Processing Plant field trip
- 11/11 HOLIDAY – VETERAN'S DAY- NO SCHOOL
- 11/14 8:30-11:30-2<sup>nd</sup> grade C & D Discovery Museum field trip
- 11/16 8:30-9:30 – Mrs. Wong's Thanksgiving Show- MP Room
- 11/17 8:30-9:00- B Track Awards Assembly – MP Room  
9:30-10:30-Mrs. Tateishi & Mrs. Seko Thanksgiving Show MP Room  
5:00-7:00- Rize & Dance Showcase Performance MP Room
- 11/18 MINIMUM DAY – TRACK CHANGE  
SPIRIT THEME: FANCY FRIDAY  
ALL KINDER EARLY 8:00-11:31  
GRADES 1-6 8:10-12:25



11/21 - 11/26

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Schoolwide Theme

Being Appreciative



Have you said "Thank You" today?

## Stone Lake Attendance Numbers

During our last School Site Council meeting, I shared some very disappointing news regarding our school attendance. The following information was shared with our SSC comparing our 14-15 school year to our 15-16 school year:

14-15 Student Absences	15-16 Student Absences	14-15 Tardies	15-16 Tardies	14-15 Early Dismissals	15-16 Early Dismissals
2,242	3,047	1,792	2,521	1,919	2,093

We had an increase of 805 student absences last year, an increase of 729 student tardies, and an increase of 174 early dismissals where students did not return to school. Students that miss more than 10 percent of the school year are considered chronically absent, and this 10 percent can be identified at any point during the year. For example, if your child was absent four or more days during the first 40 days of school then they are considered chronically absent. We want students at school on time each day, and we hope parents can plan vacations during off track time.

The new state school accountability report card will specifically call out chronic absenteeism as one of the criteria to measure schools. As a school administrator, the single most important factor in student achievement is students being at school each and every day, and this is vital in every grade, but especially in our primary grades.

I ask that our Stone Lake Community work with us to make sure that our kids are at school each day, on time, and ready to learn.

## Math Olympiad

This month we embarked on a new after school GATE program in math. The program is called Math Olympiad. Math Olympiad was created in 1977 by Dr. George Lenchner, an internationally known math educator, the [Math Olympiads](#) went public in 1979. Last year nearly 170,000 students from 6,000 teams worldwide participated in the Olympiads. All 50 states and about 30 other countries were represented. The program provides enriching classroom activities to strengthen problem-solving skills of all students. The highlights for students are the five monthly math tests/contests administered from November through March. Students become excited by the immediate feedback received and the competition with other students all around the globe. We currently have around 30 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students participating under the guidance of Mrs. Houston. Math On!



# Measure M



November 8<sup>th</sup> is almost here, and we hope people are planning to head to the polls, if you have not already voted. Measure M, is the local bond measure that is aimed at helping our district secure funding for the major facility improvements that are needed for our quickly aging schools. Some of the potential projects slated for our school are as follows:

- Major building systems upgrades including heating and air conditioning, roofing and alarms or intercom
- Security measures including camera systems and fencing
- Technology improvements
- New shade structure(s)
- Restroom renovations
- Playfield and playground improvements
- Drinking fountains
- Sidewalks
- Interior and exterior paint
- Carpeting and flooring improvements

## Parent Education Classes

EGUSD puts on parent education classes throughout the year for all interested parents. The focus of these workshops is to provide parents and staff with mental health supports for their student's success within the school and home setting. All times are from 6:00-7:30 P.M.

11/16/2016	Eating Disorders	Pleasant Grove High School Library
1/18/2017	Drugs and Alcohol Awareness	District Office Rm 117
2/17/2017	Whole Brain Child	Pleasant Grove High School Library
3/16/2017	Mindfulness	Ehrhardt Elementary
4/20/2017	Nurtured Hearts	Isabelle Jackson
5/17/2017	Positive Behavior Change	Pleasant Grove High School Library
6/7/2017	Setting Limits	District Office Rm 117

# Alliance Redwood Trip

Another year of Alliance Redwoods has come and gone, and it was another memorable trip for our sixth graders, despite the rain. This trip would not be possible without our Stone Lake PTO paying for the busses and the support of the Awesome parent chaperones that I have listed below. Thanks to all of you! Thanks also to our sixth grade team!!!

**Lisa Flores (her second trip)**

**Sonja Mendoza**

**William Kobane**

**Paul Tateishi**

**Lilliane Fisher**

**Marny Egan**

**Ericka Lutin**

**Leslie Matthews**

**Gayle McKnight**

**Autumn Owen**

**Adam Pollack**

**Steve Pogemiller**

**Jody Rosner**

**Craig Yee**

**Chris Lee**

**Olga Basurto**

**Cathy Labucay**

**Troy Newman**

**Terrance "Shon" Tilby**

**Chris Allen**