

Stone Lake Elementary

A California Distinguished School

Hawker's Herald



Mark Beard, Principal

September 2021

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Dear Stone Lake Families,

Happy September to everybody! We have completed almost two months of school, and it continues to be Awesome having kids back on campus, but we obviously are having some obstacles.

The **decision tree**, which has now morphed into the **decision forest**, creates a situation where we have very little leeway when it comes to symptoms that kids exhibit here at school. Now, one symptom that is listed on the decision forest chart (shown on page 3) will require the student to be sent home. They will then have to be either PCR tested, or receive an alternative diagnosis and return to school after an improvement of symptoms.

Since this new decision forest has started, we have had to exclude many students from school based on the chart. We know this impacts families, but we have no choice, and we hope everybody understands if and when you receive a phone call from our school nurse. Also, if your child is impacted by this, please make sure to connect with your child's teacher ASAP to pick-up work.

On another note, we know pictures are important for our families, and we are once again trying to schedule pictures. The days for pictures are included in this Herald. There have also been a lot of questions about activities such as sports and band, and at this time these activities at the elementary level will still be on hold.

Respectfully,

Mark Beard

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Important Dates



9/6 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL

9/7 6:00-7:00- Coffee Klatch via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/86453115937>

Meeting ID: 864 5311 5937

Passcode: 530664

9/10 Minimum Day

ALL KINDER 8:00 AM-11:31 AM

GRADES 1-6 8:10 AM- 12:25 PM

9/14 PTO Meeting 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

9/22 FALL PICTURE DAY A & D TRACK, PALSS CLASSES

9/30 D track Awards Assembly via Zoom

SPIRIT THEME

ACCOUNTABLE



**I can BEE
RESPONSIBLE**

**by knowing and doing
what is expected of me.**

Fall Pictures...Back On!



We are attempting to reschedule fall pictures, and the dates below are tentative and subject to change.

September 22: Tracks A and D PALSS Classes and Pre-K

October 6: Tracks C and B

Face and Mask Guide to Follow

 ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Face Covering/Mask Guide

DO choose masks that	DO NOT choose masks that
 Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric	 Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl
 Completely cover your nose and mouth	 Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape
 Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps	
Gaiters and Face Shields	
 Wear a gaiter with TWO layers, or fold it to make two layers	 If you are able, find a mask that is made for children
 Caution: Evaluation is ongoing but effectiveness is unknown at this time	 If you can't find a mask made for children, check to be sure the mask fits snugly over the nose and mouth and under the chin
	 Do NOT put on children younger than 2 years old
Special Situations: Children	
Special Situations: Glasses	
<p>Wear a mask correctly and consistently for the best protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Be sure to wash your hands before putting on a mask<input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT touch the mask when wearing it	 If you wear glasses, find a mask that fits closely over your nose or one that has a nose wire to limit fogging

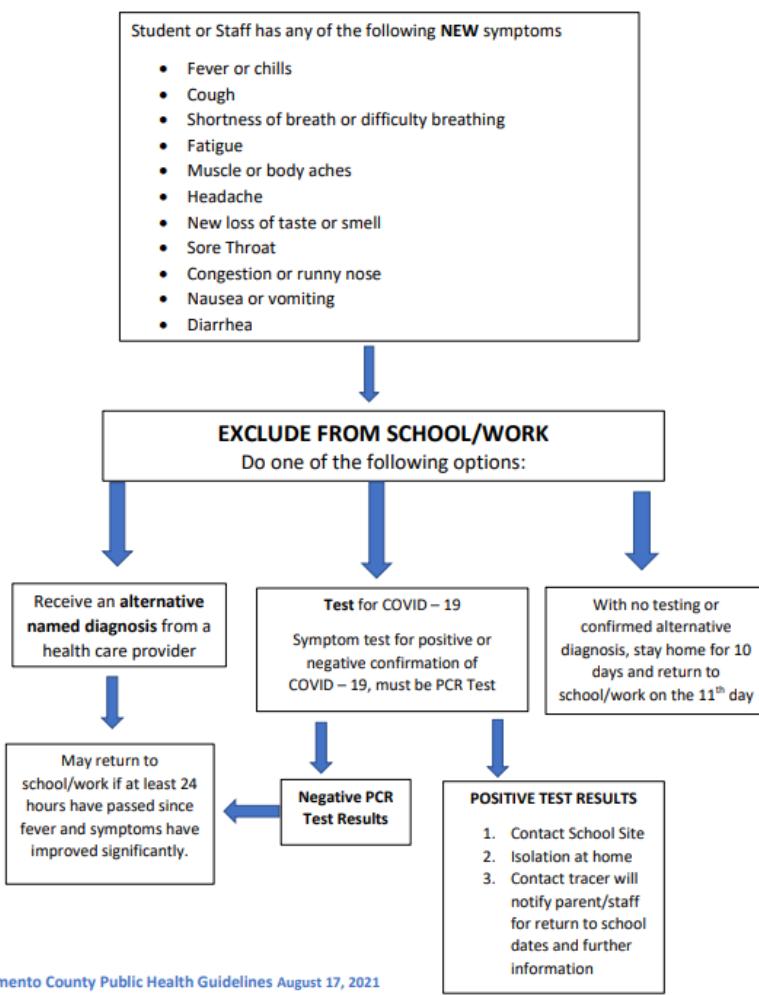
Decision Forest

Below is the updated decision forest that has already been sent out and is what we are currently following. As many of you know, if a student exhibits at school any of the below symptoms, they are sent home and required to get a PCR test or a confirmed alternative diagnosis.

We all understand the huge burden this is causing families, but we continue to follow the guidance set by Sacramento County Public Health.

COVID – 19 SYMPTOM & QUARANTINE DECISION FOREST FOR K – 12 SCHOOLS

TREE # 1 STUDENT OR STAFF WITH SYMPTOMS



Stone Lake Mural

All I can say is WOW!!! I am so proud of the mural that our Franklin High School students created on one of our outdoor storage sheds. This beautiful mural was completed recently, and I could type the entire story about the creation of this mural, but instead, I invite you to please click on the link below where the artists that created this beautiful masterpiece are interviewed by our EGUSD communications team.

[Click here to see their story.](#)



Air Quality

Below is an index that we will use as a school and as a district to guide what we do when air quality is bad. We give students the option to stay inside for recess during the “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups” period.

Air Quality Index Guidelines

Air Quality Index - Particulate Matter	
301 – 500	Hazardous
201 – 300	Very Unhealthy
151 – 200	Unhealthy
101 – 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups
51 – 100	Moderate
0 – 50	Good

▫ 351-500 HAZARDOUS

- School Closure

▫ 301-350 HAZARDOUS

- School districts may consider school closures

▫ 201-300 VERY UNHEALTHY

- Outdoor athletic events cancelled
- Outdoor lunch and recesses cancelled
- Outdoor P.E. cancelled
- All activities should be moved indoors
- Keep doors closed while indoors

▫ 151-200 UNHEALTHY

- Outdoor athletic events cancelled
- Outdoor lunch and recess cancelled
- Outdoor P.E. cancelled

▫ 101-150 UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS

- Students diagnosed with respiratory conditions should be allowed to stay indoors and have access to their quick-relief medications

PTO Corner

Thank you to all who participated in our membership drive. Mrs. Trujano, Mrs. Kanemoto and Mrs. Tadich/Mrs. Pizante won the pizza parties for B-D tracks. The A track competition concludes this Friday (9/3) and the winning class gets a pizza party next week, currently Mrs. Goodwin's class is in the lead for A track. If you didn't get your membership in yet you still can, there is no deadline to become a member. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGuTVTP5GImMVEz-zOzQPrCQG57xBLfoldGxMLNNJmPM_0PA/viewform?usp=sf_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGuTVTP5GImMVEz-zOzQPrCQG57xBLFoldGxMLNNJmPM_0PA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The Book Fair is coming! We are so excited to partner with a local small business, A Seat at the Table Books to run our book fair. The store will go live on Friday 9/3 and run through Friday 9/17. Please check out the flyer to see our store info. https://drive.google.com/file/d/170GVovezROlaxb_Ewx_b4Teg58DQu72G/view?usp=sharing We do plan to host a read-a-thon this fall so getting some new books could be fun for the upcoming read-a-thon.

Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday 9/14 at 6:30pm via zoom. These meetings are open to ALL Stone Lake families, please plan on joining us.

<https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/88333260770> join with the link or

Meeting ID: 883 3326 0770

Passcode: HAWKS

We will be planning out our read-a-thon and some type of fall festival/boo through activity so please join us with ideas.

Keep your eyes open for info about our first Drive Through Dinner with Naga Thai Bistro, pre-orders will be required and due by 10/7 and the dinner will be available for pick up on Thursday 10/13. A sign-up form will be coming out later in Sept. Know any restaurants that want to pair up for a dine out night or drive through dinner?? Reach out to vicepresident@stonelakepto.org

Don't forget about Amazon Smile, Box Tops and Ink Cartridge recycling. Quick and easy ways for Stone Lake to earn money.

EGUSD Incident Reporting System

Elk Grove Unified School District's online Incident Reporting System continues to be active, even during distance learning. EGUSD encourages students, parents and community members that "if you SEE something, or KNOW something, to SAY something." In addition to being able to tell a teacher or school official, file a hand-written report or inform the District's Safety and Security Department, parents and students in the communities of Elk Grove Unified now have access to an online incident reporting tool for reporting any one of these four types of incidents 24/7:

- Bullying - Bullying includes verbal, non-verbal, physical or emotional acts against another student either in person, via electronic device or online.
- Damage or Harm to School or Property - Damage or harm to school property includes intentional destruction to the school or school property in a harmful or malicious manner.
- Discrimination or Harassment - Discrimination or Harassment includes acts against another person on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, age, or personal beliefs either in person, via electronic device or online.
- Harm to Self or Others - Harm includes intent or desire to injure yourself or others.

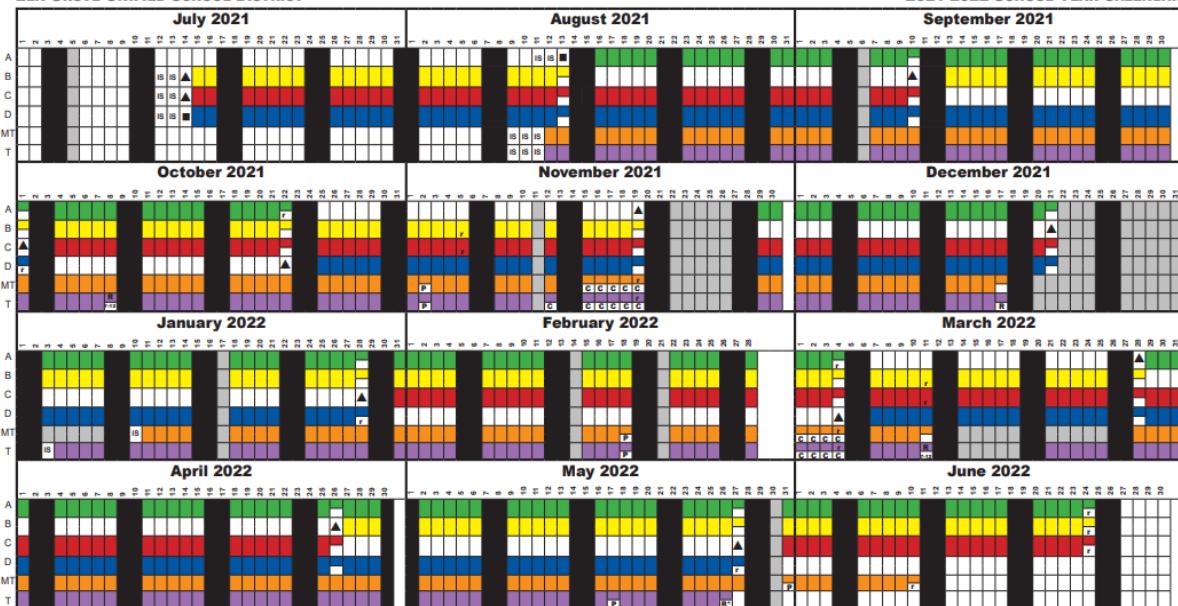
EGUSD is focused on providing multiple systems of support for the wellness of all students. In addition to the District's awareness campaign for helping students gain access to mental health services, this online incident reporting system is another form of support that District leaders and staff hope will help students maintain Healthy Body, Healthy Learning and Healthy Mind.

Please review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document and if you have further questions, please contact your home school.

20-21 School Calendar

<http://www.egusd.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2021-2022-YR-School-Year-Calendar.pdf>

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



PARENT KEY

■ 8 Track	■ Minimum Day
■ 8 Track	■ 7-12 Report Card
■ C Track	■ TK-6 Conference
■ Modified Trad.	■ TK-6 Report Card
■ Traditional	■ TK-6 Report Cards
■ MT	■ TK-4 Report Cards
■ T	■ TK-4 Report Card Prep

NOTE: Schools on a block schedule may have different days for report cards and minimum days.

Year-round Holidays and Highlights

July 5, Independence Day Observed	Jan. 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
July 1, First day of school, Tracks B, C, D	Feb. 14, Lincoln's Birthday
Aug. 16, First day of school, Track A	Feb. 21, Presidents Day
Sept. 6, Labor Day	May 27, Last day of school, Track D
Nov. 11, Veteran's Day	May 30, Memorial Day
Nov. 22 - 26, Thanksgiving Break	June 24, Last day of school, Tracks A, B, C
Dec. 22 - Dec. 31, Winter Break	

Modified and Traditional Holidays and Highlights

July 5, Independence Day Observed	Jan. 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Aug. 12, Mod. Trad. First day of school	Feb. 14, Lincoln's Birthday
Aug. 12, Trad. First day of school	Feb. 21, Washington's Birthday
Sept. 6, Labor Day	Mar. 14 - 18, Spring Break, Trad.
Nov. 11, Veteran's Day	Mar. 14 - 25, Spring Break, Mod.
Nov. 22 - 26, Thanksgiving Break	May 26, Trad. Last day of school
Dec. 20 - Jan. 7, Mod. Winter Break	May 30, Memorial Day
Dec. 20 - Dec. 31, Trad. Winter Break	June 10, Mod. Last day of school

STAFF KEY

■ = Internship/Professional Learning Day
■ = Full work day
▲ = Half work day

EGUSD Looking for Substitute Teachers



The Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) will propose an increase in substitute teacher pay rate to the Board of Education at the September 7, 2021 Board Meeting. Contingent upon Board approval, the newly proposed rates will be retroactive to September 1, 2021. The proposed rates range from \$160 to as high as \$350 per day and simplified the tiered system making it easier and faster for an interested substitute to stay in an assignment for a longer period of time. Details can be viewed here: [EGUSD Proposed Certificated Substitute Teacher Rates](#)

EGUSD Superintendent Christopher Hoffman stated, “Our substitute teachers are essential. They help us efficiently provide professional development for our teachers and with many being retired EGUSD teachers, they also have established relationships with our students and site personnel, making them our preferred substitutes—that merits a pay increase.”

Each year, EGUSD reviews its strategy for retaining and recruiting its substitute teachers and this year, competitive pay played a role in that strategy. In previous years, the District’s adoption and implementation of new curriculum called for a similar approach. Currently, substitute requests are on par with pre-pandemic levels, however the number of unfilled requests have grown due to a shortage of substitute teachers. The District hopes the new pay rate will not only grow its pool of active members, but also attract more individuals to accept long term assignments.

Coffee Klatch

Our next Coffee Klatch will be on Sept 7th at 6:00 P.M. This is a great forum for parents to ask questions and connect with other parents. Below is the schedule for this year's Coffee Klatches. Please mark your calendars for the dates and times that work for you.

Sept 7th: 6:00 P.M.

Oct 4th: 6:00 P.M.

Nov 1st: 6:00 P.M.

Jan 3rd: 6:00 P.M.

Feb 7th: 6:00 P.M.

Mar 7th: 6:00 P.M.

Apr 4th: 6:00 P.M.

May 2nd: 6:00 P.M.

Jun 6th: 6:00 P.M.

Chromebooks are Coming for 1st and 5th Graders

The Plan

As part of a multi-year deployment plan, beginning this year, and continuing every year moving forward, EGUSD will assign new Chromebooks to students in grades 1, 5, and 9. Over the course of 4 years we will retire our existing inventory of Chromebook devices and move to a model where every EGUSD student receives a new Chromebook in grades 1, 5, and 9. This will also set up a system where Chromebooks are retired as they reach the end of their usable lifespan.

The Goal

In addition to ensuring EGUSD students have access to the technology they need, district issued devices are managed with proper policies for students. On district devices, web browsing is filtered for age-appropriate content both in the classroom and outside of school. District owned and managed devices are preloaded with testing applications, shortcuts to common websites, web applications and services.

The Next Step

For students in 1st and 5th grades, **who have an older model Chromebook assigned to them**, we will ask those students return their current Chromebook and power cords. We know who those students are, and those are the students that we will target with this distribution.

This will most likely start happening during the month of September, and again, we will have a list of the students in 1st and 5th grades that need the new Chromebook, and we will reach out to start the process of exchanging them for the new one that will be with them for the next four years. This process will likely happen during the school day.

Student Awards



We will definitely celebrate students and their accomplishments this year, but we will most likely have to adjust the way we have typically done these celebrations. Traditionally, we have done track celebrations in the MP room, with parents included. That will most likely not happen this year, and we will probably have to do some kind of virtual celebration. We will keep parents posted, as our D-Track Awards Assembly is scheduled for September 30th.

On another note, let me share the awards that we will hand out this year:

Primary Classes

HAWKS Award-For students that embody being Hard working, Accountable, Wise, Kind, and Safe (typically five students)

Writers Who Soar-Usually awarded to two or three outstanding writers

Intermediate Classes

Writers Who Soar

Honor Roll-Awarded to students with GPA's of 3.5-3.99

Principal's List-Awarded to students with GPA's of 4.0

In light of this year, we will NOT be awarding Perfect Attendance awards.

CAASPP Scores

The district received a partial student score file representing approximately 75% of the total number of expected CAASPP scores. All scores received in that file were imported into Synergy. Communications messaged parents about the availability of official score reports in ParentVUE. Parents may have access to their child's official CAASPP score report in ParentVUE. The testing contractor expects that the final student score file will be released to districts in late Fall. At that time, the remaining scores will be imported into our student information systems and EGUSD-produced score letters will be mailed to families without a ParentVUE account.

Lexile and Quantile Reports are also available in ParentVUE. The report is titled "LEXQUAN." In the event that you receive questions from parents regarding the new Lexile and Quantile measures, below is a brief summary (provided by CPL) that you may wish to use.

This year, in addition to the more accurate and familiar CA Assessment of Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Score Report, there is also a new report: The Lexile and Quantile Report. Lexile and Quantile numbers span a continuum, with scores increasing as grade levels increase. This information is helpful when searching for appropriate resources to further your child's ELA and math learning. When considering Lexile levels as a guide to choosing appropriate reading material for your child, please be aware that a Lexile is used as just one descriptor of the complexity of a text. A Lexile is computer-generated and uses indicators like sentence length and number of repeated words to establish a value. It does not take into account the complexity of the subject matter. For example, Charlotte's Web and The Grapes of Wrath have the same Lexile level of 680. Click [here](#) to learn more about recommended Lexile bands for different grades as well as considerations for text complexity as described by our CA state standards. Click [here](#) to learn more about mathematics Quantile levels.