Stone Lake Elementary
A California Distinguished School
Hawker's Herald

Mark Beard, Principal **February 2022** **John Lyman, Vice Principal**

Dear Stone Lake Families,

Happy Chinese New Year to all! It continues to be busy around Stone Lake. We continue to see a number of students testing positive for COVID, but the numbers are slowly decreasing.

I wanted to point out that when there is a positive case in the class, a NEW notification is sent out, and I wanted to share a relevant portion of this notification:

"*All students in the classroom are considered exposed and are asked to follow the guidelines below. Your child may continue to attend school.*

Your child should get tested for COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status within 3-5 days from the date the positive case was last on campus, date listed above, or sooner if your child starts to show ***symptoms****. If you are receiving this letter and it has been past 5 days since the last on campus date, it would be recommended to test as soon as possible. You may get tested at testing locations listed below or by clicking here to find a testing site near you. Over-the-counter (at-home) tests may also be used. If your child has tested positive within the last 90 days and remains symptoms free, testing is not necessary."*

As you can see, ALL students are considered exposed, and you are encouraged but NOT required to have your child tested following the timelines.

Lastly, as you can see to the right, we are happy to have some normality return to school, and part of that normality is after school activities. Basketball is happening, band is coming, and hopefully volleyball and track and field are not too far behind.

Take care everybody!

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Important Dates

Black History Month

2/1	**Chinese New Year-Year of the Tiger**
2/3	**4:00-5:00- Boys Basketball game @ Irene B. West**
2/4	**5:00-6:00- Girls Basketball game @ Joseph Sims**
2/7	**6:00-7:00- Coffee Klatch via Zoom**
2/8	**6:30-7:30- PTO Meeting via Zoom**
2/10	**5:00-6:00- Girls Basketball game @ McGarvey**
2/11	**4:00-5:00- Boys Basketball game @ Reith**
2/14	**HOLIDAY- LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY**
2/17	**4:00-5:00- Boys Basketball game vs Mix @ Stone Lake** **5:00-6:00- Girls Basketball game vs Elk Grove Elementary @ Stone Lake**
2/21	**HOLIDAY- WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY**
2/24	**4:00-5:00- Boys Basketball game @ Hein** **5:00-6:00- Girls Basketball game vs Cosumnes River @ Stone Lake** **4:00-9:00-BJ's Dine out Night bring flyer to get credit for Stone Lake**

SPIRIT THEME:

FRIENDSHIP

Me + You = Friends

Parent/Guardian Visitation Guidelines During the COVID-19 Pandemic

While we encourage parent/guardians to visit our schools and view educational programs, due to current COVID-19 conditions we expect parents and/guardian to follow our COVID-19 Safety Plan, and site health and safety protocols.

Please know at every school all adults will need to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours.

Visits during school hours should be first arranged with the teacher and principal/designee. Provide 24 hours notice to the principal and the teacher that you would like to schedule a visitation.

If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during noninstructional time. We ask that only one parent/guardian visit during the scheduled time to minimize the number of visitors on campus during a single day.

After receiving confirmation of your scheduled visitation, and to ensure the safety of students and staff on campus, all visitors shall register immediately upon entering any school building or grounds during school business hours and will be required to observe the following protocols:

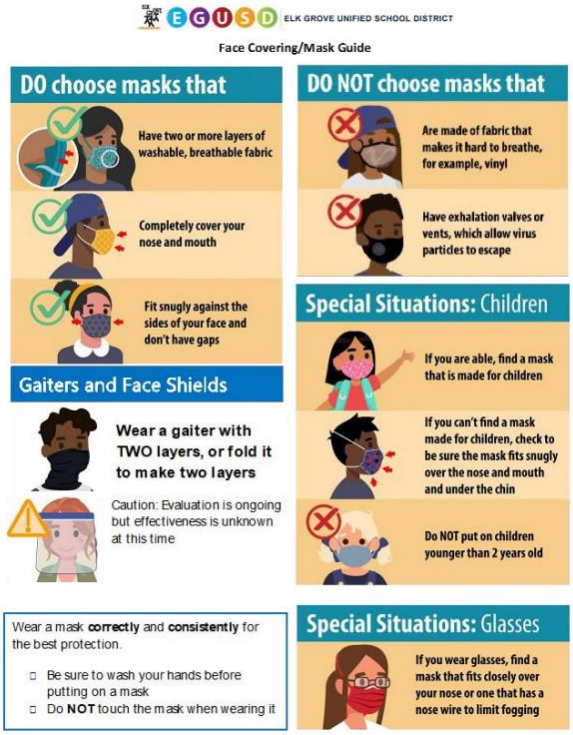
- Complete a Health Screening Questionnaire upon arrival
- Sign in with the front office and show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours
- Wear a face covering at all times while on campus
- Maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible
- An escort will take you to your child's classroom and no other areas of the school due to contact tracing protocols
- To limit potential exposure, visits are limited to one class for no longer than an hour.
- You will be asked to remain in a designated observation area in the classroom, again due to contact tracing protocols
- Please remember that no electronic listening or recording device may be used in a classroom without the teacher and principal's permission.

Sports News

Our basketball seasons for our 5th and 6th grade boys and girls are up and running. Our first games start this week, and they will continue throughout the month of February. Thanks so much to Mrs. Smoldon, our PTO president, and Mr. Lallian for coaching our boys' team this year.

We are hoping to have a co-ed volleyball team and a track team as well. The annual Trigg Track Meet has returned, and it is scheduled for April 23rd. While we have coaches for our volleyball team, we are definitely looking for some parent help to support track. Please reach out to me if you are interested.

Face and Mask Guide to Follow



PTO Corner

Thanks to everyone for participating in our various dine out nights this year. We have already doubled our projected income from this and are excited to offer the February dinner which will be at **BJ's restaurant from 4-9pm on Thursday February 24th**. Flyers will be going home with students about a week before the event, make sure to mention you are with Stone Lake when ordering.

Our next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday February 8th at 6:30pm via zoom. Link: https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/88333260770

Meeting ID: 883 3326 0770 Passcode: HAWKS

We will be starting to plan a few spring events and could use some help so please join us. We are hoping to be able to do a couple events - possibly a skate night, bingo night, field day and of course our Ice Cream Social.

Some ways your PTO funds are being/have been used recently: purchasing reversible uniforms and sporting equipment for our 5-6th grade athletic teams that can be reused for years to come. Providing a staff lunch heading into the holiday break, reimbursing teacher supplies and getting the Young Rembrandts art program going.

Our new board will be elected in May, if you have any interest in joining the PTO or learning more please reach out to president@stonelakepto.org

Don't forget about signing up for Amazon Smile How to sign up for AmazonSmile (aboutamazon.com) and recycling those ink cartridges https://planetgreenrecycle.com/ Stone Lake Code 31257

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:

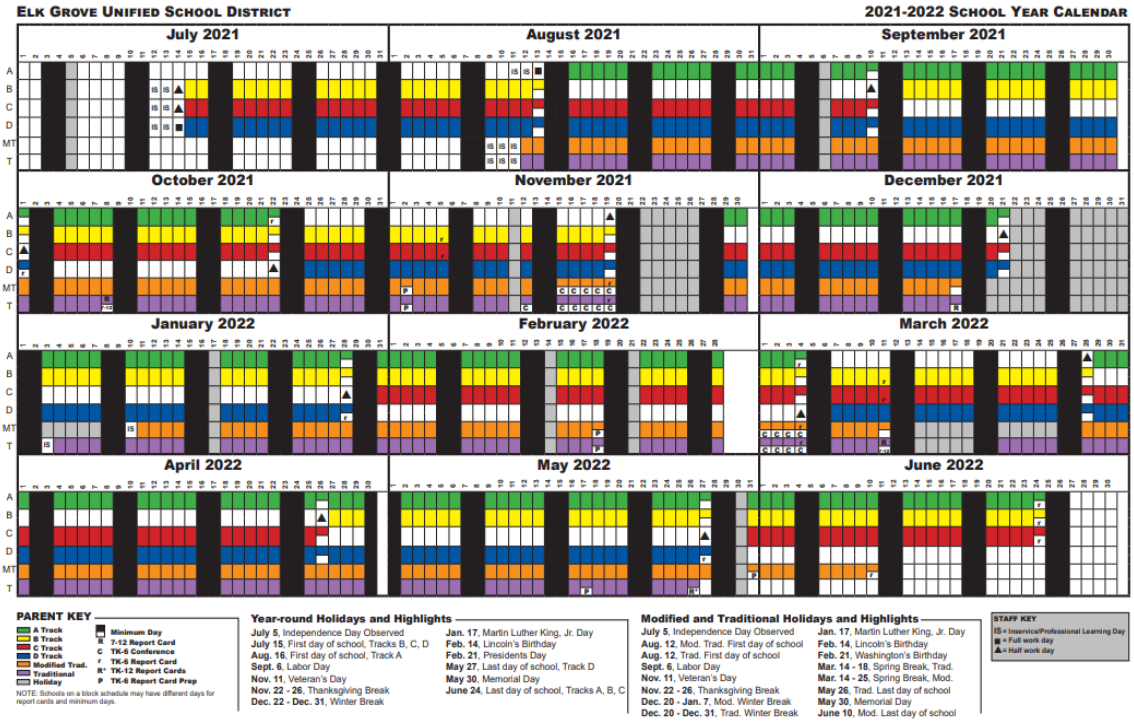
- Bullying - Bullying includes verbal, non-verbal, physical or emotional acts against another student either in person, via electronic device or online.
- Damage or Harm to School or Property - Damage or harm to school property includes intentional destruction to the school or school property in a harmful 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



The 2022-2023 Calendar has been published!

http://www.egusd.net/schools/calendars/

Coffee Klatch

Our next Coffee Klatch will be on January 3rd at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom. 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.

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.**

2022-2023 Registration News

It is that time of the year to make sure to register your incoming kinder and TK child. There is A LOT of information, so I have included the link below.

http://blogs.egusd.net/pressroom/2021/01/12/elk-grove-unified-welcomes-registration-of-new-preschool-transitional-kindergarten-kindergarten-and-first-grade-students/

The following shares the most relevant and important information:

No More Sexual Health Ed. For 6th Graders

Historically, students in the Elk Grove Unified School District received instruction on comprehensive sexual health education, typically in the spring of their 6th grade year. However, as a result of examining the needs of health education in elementary grades and aligning to the California Health Education Content Standards and Framework, comprehensive sexual health education will no longer be taught in 6th grade, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year.

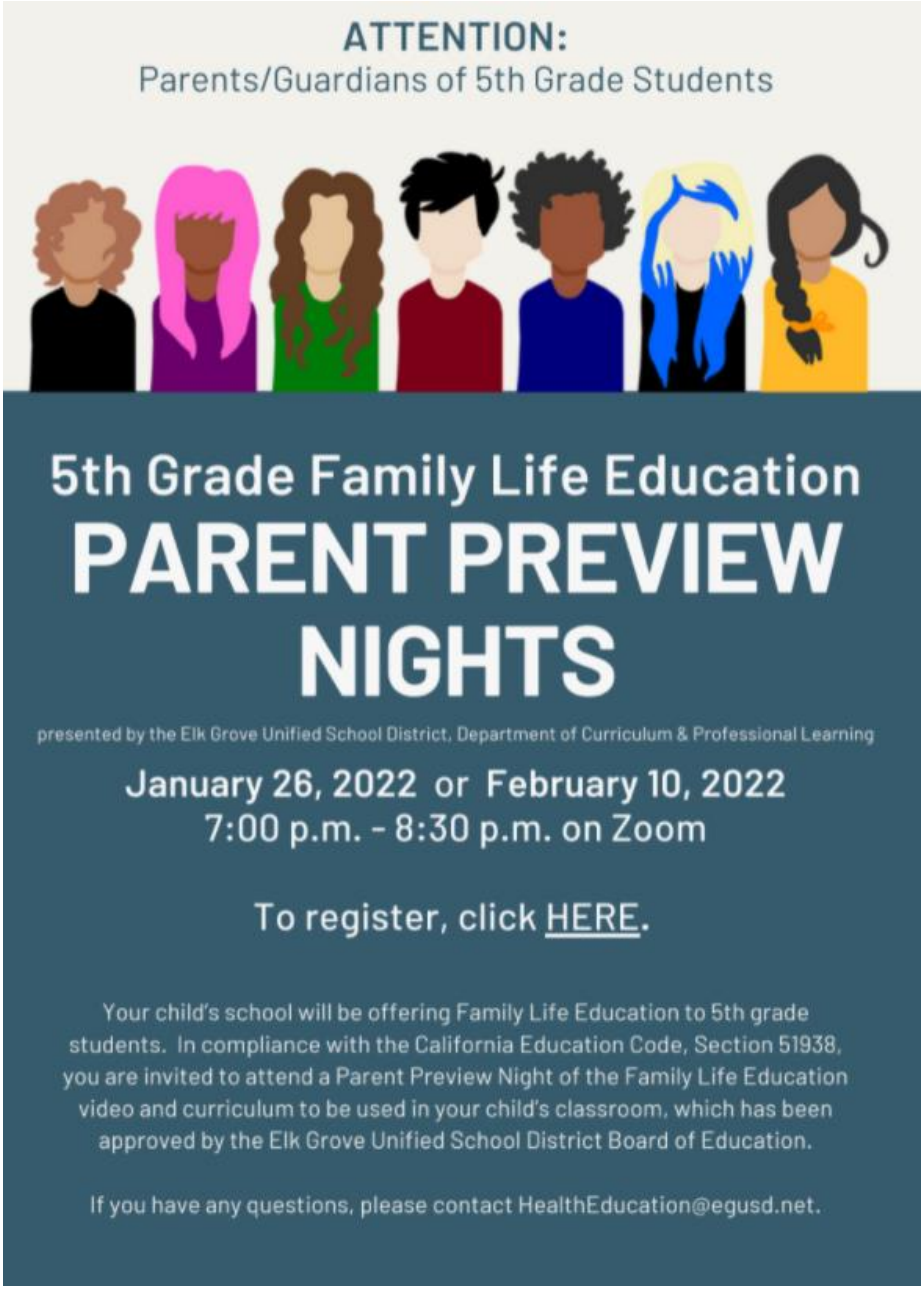
The following list includes resources for parents/guardians who wish to engage in conversations with their student(s) at home about comprehensive sexual health in the absence of classroom instruction:

- **Talk with Your Kids** (https://www.talkwithyourkids.org): tips for parents on how to talk with their children at different ages to support them in making healthy and informed decisions to reduce their risk for unintended pregnancies, STD transmission, and experience healthy relationships
- **Amaze for Parents** (https://amaze.org/parents): resource to help parents and guardians talk to their kids about everything from babies to bodies to gender to consent to relationships, including resource guides and videos
- **Proctor & Gamble Resources for Parents** (https://www.pgschoolprograms.com/Parents): videos and reading list to support conversations between parents and children about puberty
- **Common Sense Media Parents Need to Know** (https://www.commonsensemedia.org/parent-concerns): articles, videos, and FAQs that increase parent and student awareness of the influence of technology on personal safety, relationships, and social- and emotional-health

*Please note that these are resources for use at home by parents/guardians and are not the adopted EGUSD elementary comprehensive sexual health curricula used in the classroom.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher or email HealthEducation@egusd.net.

5th Grade Family Life Preview Night



Click here to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6J0vJUVO9_fMuv_Y4mUxbDCI4a--qFiKY2z3U8lxzUvhZXA/viewform

Open Enrollment

On Friday, January 28, 2022, Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) will begin accepting Open Enrollment requests for the 2022-2023 school year. Students who are currently enrolled in EGUSD and wish to apply for Open Enrollment at one of twelve available middle and high schools, parents/guardians will need to log on to ParentVUE to make your school selection. The Open Enrollment process will be available **Friday, January 28, 2022 through Tuesday, February 8, 2022.**

If you need to register for a ParentVUE account, please contact your child's school to obtain an activation code and instructions. Once you have your account set up you will be able to select an Open Enrollment school.

Only students who are CURRENTLY ENROLLED and live within the EGUSD boundaries by January 1, 2022 are eligible to apply for Open Enrollment. If your student is not currently enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year, you will need to first register at the RESIDENT SCHOOL to obtain an EGUSD Student ID number and ParentVUE access code. Enrollment information can be found at:

- http://www.egusd.net/enrollment/how-to-enroll/grades-tk-12/
- http://www.egusd.net/open-enrollment

Open Enrollment School Sites for 2022-2023

Middle School – Grades 7 – 8	**High School – Grades 9 – 12**
You may only select ONE middle school for the 2022-2023 School Year	**You may only selection ONE high school for the 2022-2023 School Year**
Harriet Eddy Middle School	Cosumnes Oaks High School
Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School	Elk Grove High School
Samuel Jackman Middle School	Florin High School
Joseph Kerr Middle School	Laguna Creek High School
Elizabeth Pinkerton Middle School	Valley High School
James Rutter Middle School	
T.R. Smedberg Middle School	

Remember, if you live in Stone Lake's boundaries and your child is in 6th grade, they will automatically transfer over to Toby Johnson Middle School. Class selection and other information will be coming in the months ahead.

LCAP Survey Results Parents and Students

I know there are many surveys that parents are asked to complete, and I wanted to share some results of the most recent LCAP survey.

Students and parents were asked in this survey to rank the importance of certain areas within a school and also rank the current state of affairs in those particualr areas.

Let me help with some of the abbreviations. **Enr.** means the number of studnets enrolled. **# Resp**. means the number of people who repsonded. **Resp. Rate** is the percentage that repsonded. **% Imp.** is the percentage of people who rated the item as "Very Important" or "Most Important". **Imp. Rank** is the highest ranked item by people. **% Sat.** is the percentage of people that rated the item as "Very Satisified" or "Satisified".

I inlcuded the the top five for both groups.

Stone Lake Student Responses

	All Students					
	Enr.	# Resp.	Resp. Rate	% Imp.	Imp. Rank	% Sat.
07-Good teachers	263	150	57%	95%	1	97%
06-Good principals	263	152	58%	94%	2	98%
18-A safe school	263	154	59%	94%	3	92%
24-Clean, well-maintained, welcoming schools	263	154	59%	90%	4	88%
14-Classrooms where I feel welcome to ask questions	263	152	58%	90%	5	89%

Stone Lake Parent Responses

	All					
	# Fam.	# Resp.	Resp. Rate	% Imp.	Imp. Rank	% Sat.
07-Good teachers	522	152	29%	100%	1	94%
18-A safe school	522	152	29%	97%	2	93%
06-Good principals	522	152	29%	95%	3	96%
24-Clean, well-maintained, welcoming schools	522	152	29%	92%	4	96%
03-Challenging and interesting courses	522	151	29%	89%	5	82%

How Was School Today?

We often ask our child this question when we first see them after school; however, below are some questions that you can add to your arsenal of questions that might allow the conversation with your child to expand more than normal.

1. Tell me about a moment today when you felt excited about what you were learning.
2. Tell me about a moment in class when you felt confused.
3. Think about what you learned and did in school today. What's something you'd like to know more about? What's a question you have that came from your learning today?
4. Were there any moments today when you felt worried? When you felt scared?
5. Were there any times today when you felt disrespected by anyone? Tell me about those moments.
6. Were there times today when you felt that one of your classmates demonstrated care for you?
7. Were there any moments today when you felt proud of yourself?
8. Tell me about a conversation you had with a classmate or friend that you enjoyed.
9. What was challenging about your day?
10. What do you appreciate about your day?
11. What did you learn about yourself today?
12. Is there anything that you'd like to talk about that I might be able to help you figure out?
13. Is there anything you're worried about?
14. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
15. Is there a question you wish I'd ask you about your day?

Here is the link to the short full article.

https://www.edutopia.org/blog/parents-fifteen-questions-replace-how-was-school-today-elena-aguilar