

Stone Lake Elementary

A California Distinguished School

Hawker's Herald



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Dear Stone Lake Families,

April is here, and we are definitely seeing a lot more of what a normal Stone Lake Elementary School looks like!

Our B and C Track families have been able to come onto campus for Open House and see all of the fabulous things that their children have done this year, and many of our teachers are busily trying to plan field trips for our students to enjoy. So, it has definitely been exciting to see some semblance of normalcy start returning to our school.

As you can see over to the right in the Important Dates section, we continue to have a lot of things happening at Stone Lake. Track practice is starting up on Monday, April 4th, culminating with that track meet on the 23rd of this month. So far, we have over 60 kids participating!

I encourage everybody to read the Herald this month as it shares information about volunteers at school, our new recess support team, our CAASPP testing schedule and more.

Take care everybody!

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Important Dates



- 4/4 A & C track 5TH grade Nikolaus Ranch field trip
6:00-7:00- Coffee Klatch via Zoom
- 4/5 3:30-4:30- Volleyball game vs. Joseph Sims @ Stone Lake
- 4/7 3:30-4:30- Volleyball game @ Marion Mix
6:00-7:30- NEHS Induction Ceremony via Zoom
- 4/11 C-Track 3rd-6th Grade State Testing Begins (CAASPP)
- 4/12 C & D Track Kinder & 6th grade Promotion photos
3:30-4:30- Volleyball game @ Zehnder Ranch
- 4/14 A,C,D track 6th grade Sheldon Performing Arts field trip
3:30-4:30- Volleyball game vs Florin @ SL
- 4/15 A&D track 4th grade Sacramento History
Museum field trip
Videos for Virtual Spring Showcase due today
- 4/21 4:00-5:00- Volleyball game vs Elliott Ranch @ Stone Lake
- 4/23 Trigg Track Meet
- 4/25 C & D track 4th grade Sheldon Performing Arts field trip
- 4/26 **MINIMUM DAY/TRACK CHANGE**
ALL KINDER EARLY 8:00-11:31
GRADES 1 – 6 8:10 -12 :25
3:30-4:30-Volleyball game@ Franklin Elementary
- 4/28 3:30-4:30- Volleyball game vs John Reith @ Stone Lake
- 4/29 B & D track 5TH grade Nikolaus Ranch field trip

SPIRIT THEME:
PROBLEM SOLVING



California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

We will once again start testing our 3rd through 6th grade students with our state testing tool, the CAASPP. This is definitely an important tool to determine what our students have been learning during this school year.

I always say that this test is definitely not the only tool that educators use to determine progress in grade level standards, but it is the tool that the state uses to determine how our school is doing.

We definitely want ALL of our 3rd through 6th grade students to participate in this test as our school is penalized if we do not reach certain participation rates. We always look forward to seeing our students shine and show what they know!

Here are the testing dates:

C-Track April 11-22

D-Track May 2-13

A&B Tracks June 1-10

Open House Time

Open House is back at Stone Lake!! We invite parents to mark their calendars for the following days:

A-Track May 12

D-Track May 19

There are some guidelines that we ask parents to follow when coming to our Open House:

- All Open House times are from 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.
- To limit traffic in classrooms, we ask that parents with student last names of A-K come from 6:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M. All students with last names of L-Z can come from 6:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.
- We ask that parents please adhere to these times.
- We strongly encourage parents and students to have on masks.

2022 Walk, Bike and Roll to School Day



We will celebrate Walk, Bike, and Roll to School Day on **Wednesday, May 4th**. We have many kids that do all three of these things each day, and this will be a special day for us to highlight those students and maybe add a few more students and reduce the traffic around the school.

Students that Walk, Bike and Roll to school that day will receive a raffle ticket from adults that will be around the school looking for you, and I will be raffling off some Jamba Juice gift cards at the end of the day.

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.

Volunteers at Stone Lake

We are still limiting volunteers at Stone Lake until further notice. Volunteers on the school site are allowed for “essential” purposes (consistent with the guidelines I sent to parents back in December). As you can probably guess, there are not a lot of times that volunteers are essential, but one of those times that we see volunteers really needed is for class field trips.

Many Stone Lake teachers are trying to make up for lost time and book field trips during the next few months. Teachers have probably reached out to families looking for volunteers. Once the volunteers have been identified, volunteers must fill out a form (Carla, our secretary, will send this via email to teacher identified parents), and this form is electronically submitted by the parent to our HR department where they check on fingerprints and COVID vaccination cards that have been uploaded. Anybody that has been fingerprinted longer than five years ago will most likely have to make an appointment to get fingerprinted (this will greatly delay your ability to volunteer).

Unvaccinated volunteers will be required to show a negative test result within 7 day from when they are volunteering. Any medically supervised PCR or rapid antigen test result will be accepted, as long as the test is taken within 7 days of the start of a volunteer assignment. Negative test result documentation must be in writing and indicate that the test was medically supervised when administered. No over-the-counter home administered tests will be accepted.

Please reach out to the school if you have any questions. Feel free to email me as well.

PTO Corner

Hello Stone Lake Families, here is an update on what the PTO is working on for the remainder of the year and how you can show your support to our school.

1) The Virtual Talent show is coming, deadline for submissions is April 15th

<https://bit.ly/StoneLakeSpringShowcaseDigital> flier

There will be a school assembly to show the talent show video to the school and support our students amazing talents. See the digital flyer for info.

2) Our next PTO meeting will be Tuesday April 12th at 6:30pm

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 883 3326 0770

Passcode: HAWKS

3) We will hold our April Dine Out Night at Lamppost Pizza on Wednesday April 20th, it runs for the entire day and the PTO earns 25% of the profits, just mention Stone Lake when ordering.

4) We are excited to begin planning for our first Field Day, Ms. Hermann and the PTO will be collaborating to put on a fun event for our students to enjoy a lot of outdoor activities. A/D tracks will be on Friday May 20th and B/C tracks will take place on Friday June 17th. If you are interested in helping with this event please email president@stonelakepto.org.

5) We will hold elections for the new PTO board for the 22-23 school year in May and are always looking for interested candidates to help out. Please email vicepresident@stonelakepto.org if interested.

6) Our Ice Cream Social will be June 3rd, be on the lookout for grade level raffle basket requests coming home from teachers to help support our raffle. There will be bouncy houses, ice cream, games, a raffle and more. This is a huge event that needs a lot of help so please check out our volunteer link here - <https://forms.gle/t8qiwyGD5JNuiDJV7>

7) Our Amazon Smile fundraiser has brought in over \$1200 this year, thank you to the families that have linked their amazon account to our school! If you haven't done so feel free to check out our website stonelakepto.org for info on how to do that and see our other passive fundraising opportunities.

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:

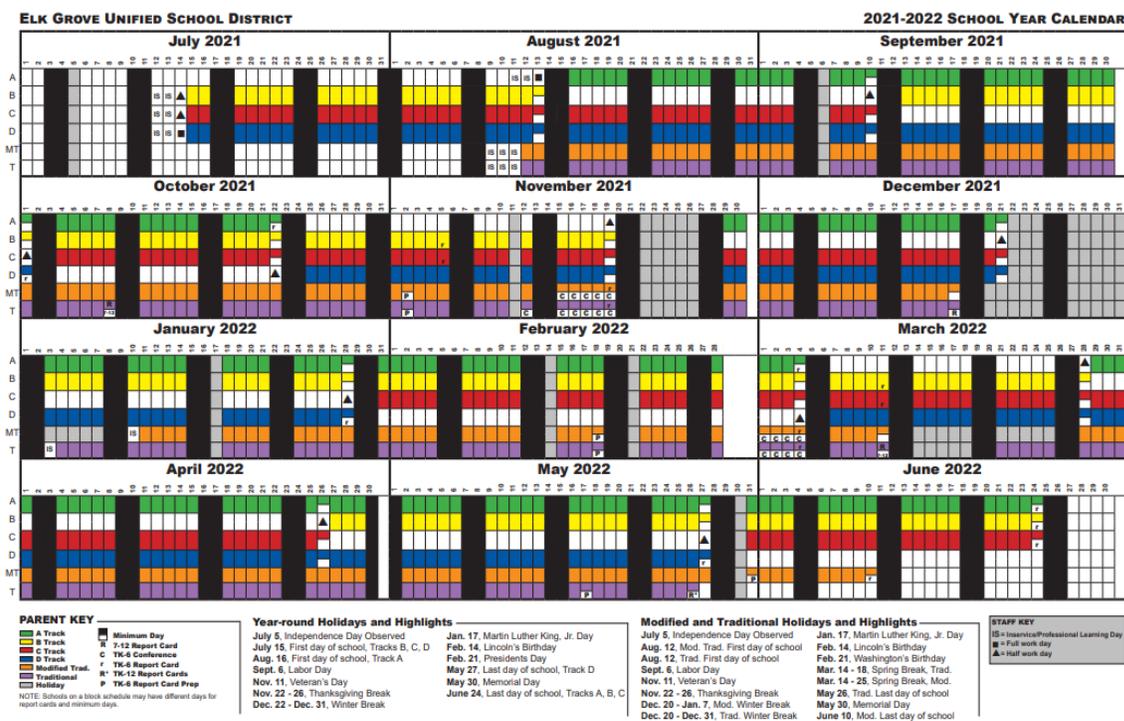
- Bullying - Bullying includes verbal, non-verbal, physical or emotional acts against another student either in person, via electronic device or online.
- Damage or Harm to School or Property - Damage or harm to school property includes intentional destruction to the school or school property in a harmful 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 April 4th 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.

Apr 4th: 6:00 P.M.

May 2nd: 6:00 P.M.

Jun 6th: 6:00 P.M.

2022-2023 TK Kinder Registration

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:



KINDER AND TK STONE LAKE UPDATE

Our kindergarten and TK classes are impacted, and new enrollments ARE NOT guaranteed placement at Stone Lake.

Assist Recess Support is Here!

Q: What is ASSIST?

A: ASSIST is a recess support program that comes to campuses for AM & PM recesses. They will enhance the positive climate on campus with their character education/PBIS based curriculum that focuses on implementing inclusive games and activities. Active supervision combined with engaging activities leads to positive, long term influence.

Q: When is ASSIST scheduled?

A: The district has allocated funding to provide ASSIST on our campus four days a week for four hours a day. Our coaches will be on site Monday-Thursday from 10:00-2:00

Q: How many staff come to support recess from ASSIST?

A: ASSIST provides two (2) trained and cleared staff members per site.

The Assist Team started this week, and they have been on the playground for our recesses supervising basketball games and other activities. We look forward to having additional adults on the campus, with these adults specifically here to engage kids in games while they are at recess.

<http://www.structuredsports.org/recess-enhancement/>

Parents Guide to 504's and IEP's

Many parents have questions about what 504's and IEP's are and how they are used at schools to support students. Below, is the first paragraph of the article that is also linked below. The article does a fabulous job explaining both 504's and IEP's in parent friendly language:

Each year, a greater percentage of students in California qualify for special education. Last year, about 13% of students in California's K-12 public schools received individualized services for special needs, up from about 10% in the early 2000s. Navigating the special education landscape can be daunting for parents trying to get the best education for their children. Here's a guide to Individualized Education Programs, 504 plans and other aspects of special education.

Here is the link to the full article that I also posted on our Facebook page:

<https://edsource.org/?p=669493>

Parent Picnic is Back!



Our Stone Lake Parent Picnic is BACK, and we have scheduled it on **Friday, May 13th**. This is the day where we invite parents to come on campus and enjoy lunch with your child on our grassy quad or our outdoor picnic tables.

This is always a popular day, and it is also a day where the local eateries get quite busy, so please plan ahead. In order to get parents in and out and minimize the amount of people on campus, we do ask that you follow these time frames to eat with your child, since you can see that grade level groups will keep coming.

Lunch Schedule

1st Grade: 11:00-11:20

2nd and 4th Grades: 11:30-11:50

3rd and 5th Grades: 12:00-12:20

6th Grade: 12:30-12:50

Make sure that you mark your calendar for this day, and I will be sure to remind everybody as the date gets closer. This is a tentative event that could possibly be canceled based on circumstances beyond our control. If it looks like there is a potential for bad weather, this will obviously impact the ability to have the event as well.