

Stone Lake Elementary

A California Distinguished School

Hawker's Herald



Mark Beard, Principal

September 2026

Vanessa Bond, Vice Principal

Dear Stone Lake Families,

School has officially started! We have now welcomed all our classes, all of our tracks, and everybody is now in the swing of things.

This is the second Hawker's Herald of the year, and I hope you take some time to read some of the quick articles that I have included.

September is Attendance Awareness Month, and we continue to stress the importance of school attendance. Our numbers are looking better so far this year. Let's keep it going!

I hope everybody has a wonderful month, and I am looking forward to wonderful year.

Respectfully,

Mark Beard

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Important Dates



- 9/3** Fall Pictures – A track, Levels, and Pre-k
- 9/7** HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
- 9/8** 6:00-7:00 Coffee Klatch – Google Meets
- 9/11** MINIMUM DAY/ TRACK CHANGE (A,C,D tracks)
1-6: 8:30-12:45
ALL TK/KN : 8:20-11:51
- 9/23** 9:30-1:00 2nd grade A,B, & C Sacramento Zoo FT
- 9/25** 8:15-2:30 4th grade B & D track Gold Bug Mine FT
- 9/29** 8:30-12:00 KN D track Fog Willow Farms FT
- 9/30** 9:00-9:45 D track Trimester 1 Awards – MP Room

CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME:
ACCOUNTABLE

Volunteers and Fingerprints

New Rules for 26-27

Clearance Process and Requirements

All volunteers must be officially cleared by EGUSD prior to beginning any volunteer services or assignments. To attain clearance, prospective volunteers must successfully complete the following:

- Volunteer Application Packet: This may be obtained from the front office at any school site or at [HR Forms and Resources](#)
- Mandated Training: Through the Public School Works platform, volunteers will be required to take the 60 minute mandated training course.
- Background Check: A California Department of Justice (DOJ) / Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Live Scan fingerprint check and a comprehensive background check are required.

Instructions for New Volunteers: Once new volunteers return the completed application packet to the Human Resources Compliance Department, they will receive a link to schedule a fingerprint appointment at the District office. Please note that a Live Scan clearance may take several weeks to process. It is vitally important that prospective volunteers secure their fingerprints well in advance of any activities requiring clearance.

Instructions for Current Volunteers: Current volunteers who already have valid fingerprints on file with the District will only need to complete the Mandated Training within 6 weeks of the start of school. Failure to provide required documentation will result in the removal from the Volunteer Clearance List. The link below takes you to the instructions for this training.

<https://d16k74nzx9emoe.cloudfront.net/54a8fa59-1e99-42e6-88c5-e1758abc8a6c/Volunteer-PSW-How-To-Guide.pdf>

**PARENTS AND THE SCHOOL WILL GET AN EMAIL FROM EGUSD HR WHEN THEY ARE CLEARED,
AND THAT IS FOR NEW AND CURRENT VOLUNTEERS!**

ED Benefits

Stone Lake Families, we need your help in making sure that you fill out the Educational Benefits information in Parent Vue.

Why you should fill out the Ed Benefits Form

Did You know?
Completing the Educational Benefits Form helps in many areas beyond just school meals. Just one form ensures continued funding to support all students in the Elk Grove Unified School District.

School Budgets
Protects current class size reduction.
Buys school equipment and supplies.

Mental Health
Additional support for counselors and wellness providers.

Transportation
Lowers the cost of transportation.

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Why you should fill out the Ed Benefits Form

Additional Student Support
Helps fund tutoring and enrichment programs.

Fill out your application in ParentVUE or in your school office
One application per family

AP Exams

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EGPD Information

There continues to be a push by EGPD to get information out to families about the rules for E-Bikes and E-Scooters. I added information in our 26-27 Parent Student Handbook, but I wanted to also share it here, and this will stay in the Herald all year as a reminder to families about the rules around these forms of transportation.

Class 1 & Class 2
E-Bike



California Vehicle Code (CVC) Definition

CVC 312.5

A pedal or throttle-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a motor that assists only up to a speed of 20 mph

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	None
Helmet	Bicycle helmet if under 18 CVC 21212
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride CVC 21200
Other Info	No minimum age requirement to ride
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. Helmet Citation, If applicable 2. Right of way citation, If ridden Improperly.	

Class 3
E-Bike



California Vehicle Code (CVC) Definition

CVC 312.5

A low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle equipped with a speedometer, and a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to assist when a speed of 28 mph is reached

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	None
Helmet	Bicycle helmet required regardless of age CVC 21213(a)
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride CVC 21200
Other Info	Must be 16 years or older to ride
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. Helmet Citation, If applicable 2. Right of way citation, If ridden Improperly.	

Motorized
E-Scooter



California Vehicle Code (CVC) Definition

CVC 407.5

- Two wheels with a motor, handlebars, and a floorboard for standing on when riding
- May have a driver seat that does not interfere with the ability to stand and ride

RIDER REQUIREMENTS	
License	Driver's license or instruction permit required
Helmet	Bicycle helmet if under 18 CVC 21212
Where	May ride wherever traditional bicycles may ride - No riding on sidewalks CVC 21200
Other Info	Not to exceed 15 mph CVC 22411
POSSIBLE PENALTIES	
1. 12500(a) VC Citation - Driving without a license and tow with 30-day Impound 2. Helmet citation 3. Right of way violation	

How was School Today?



We always ask our kids how their day went or how school was today. Below are a few questions to maybe switch it up with them a little bit and provide them a chance to maybe share something different, or give them a chance to give you a weird look and say, "Why are you asking me that?" 😊

What made you laugh today?

Who did you sit with at lunch?"

What was the hardest part of today?

Did anything surprise you?

6th Grade 2027 Promotion Dates A, B, C and D Tracks

It is NEVER too early to share these dates with families, and in a very unusual twist this year, both promotions will be on a Thursday!

6th Grade D-Track Promotion: **Thursday, May 27th at 8:45 A.M.**

6th Grade A, B and C Tracks Promotion: **Thursday, June 24th at 8:45 A.M.**

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.

<https://mobile.catapultems.com/elkgroveusd/sle/Report>

Chromebook Tech Capabilities That Parents Should Know

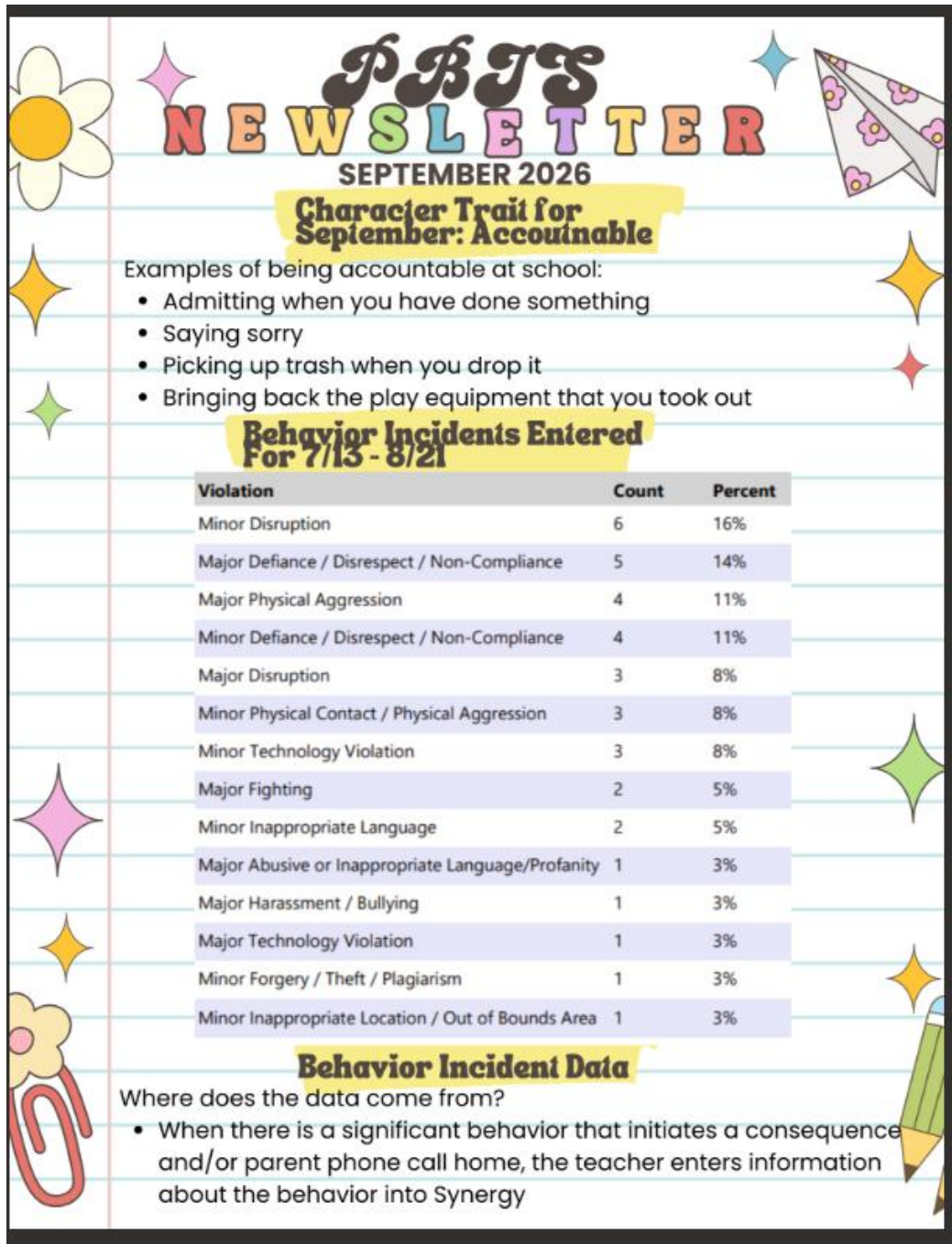


As our district, and many districts around the nation, have entered into a tech heavy learning environment, it has definitely created some struggles for teachers and parents.

I wanted to make sure and share some capabilities of the Chromebooks that allow your children to interact with each other 24 hours a day 7 days a week if not monitored. Often teachers have students create Google documents or Google slides. Both of these have the capabilities to be shared with classmates. Once they are shared with classmates, students can use this as a way to communicate with each other. This communication can happen during the day (without the

PBIS for August

This monthly part of the Herald will include information about PBIS at Stone Lake, and it comes from the desk of our VP, Mrs. Bond.



PBIS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

Character Trait for September: Accountable

Examples of being accountable at school:

- Admitting when you have done something
- Saying sorry
- Picking up trash when you drop it
- Bringing back the play equipment that you took out

Behavior Incidents Entered For 7/13 - 8/21

Violation	Count	Percent
Minor Disruption	6	16%
Major Defiance / Disrespect / Non-Compliance	5	14%
Major Physical Aggression	4	11%
Minor Defiance / Disrespect / Non-Compliance	4	11%
Major Disruption	3	8%
Minor Physical Contact / Physical Aggression	3	8%
Minor Technology Violation	3	8%
Major Fighting	2	5%
Minor Inappropriate Language	2	5%
Major Abusive or Inappropriate Language/Profanity	1	3%
Major Harassment / Bullying	1	3%
Major Technology Violation	1	3%
Minor Forgery / Theft / Plagiarism	1	3%
Minor Inappropriate Location / Out of Bounds Area	1	3%

Behavior Incident Data

Where does the data come from?

- When there is a significant behavior that initiates a consequence and/or parent phone call home, the teacher enters information about the behavior into Synergy

ELAC at Stone Lake for August

When you walk the grounds of Stone Lake, you see the diversity of our students, and if you listen to many of our students, you will also hear the dozens of languages that are also spoken at our school. Our ELAC is headed by our VP, Mrs. Bond, and she will be sharing information about our ELAC in each of our Hawker's Hearalds.

English Language Advisory Committee

ELAC - September

English Learner Proficiency Assessment of California (ELPAC)

- Two types: Initial and Summative
- The Initial ELPAC is given once, when the student starts school and parents indicate there are multiple languages spoken in the home
- The test gives the students a level. This level helps the teacher know where the student is with their English Language skills and how to support them in the classroom.

We need your input!

Every year, we develop a survey called "Needs Assessment Survey"

- The Needs Assessment survey is used to get the perspective of the parents of our multilingual learners
- The survey goes out at the beginning of January
- The results are used to help administration plan for the next school year

How you know how your student did on the ELPAC

- After the student takes the assessment, you will receive a letter in the mail with the results
- To learn more about what each level means, copy and paste this into your browser:
- <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/elpacgpld.asp>

Imagine Learning

Imagine Learning is a program on your child's Chromebook that helps them develop their English skills



1st ELAC Meeting

- September 18, 2025
- 5:30
- Zoom Link: <https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/85288813190>
- Meeting ID: 852 8881 3190

Student/Parent Chromebook Agreement



EGUSD Chromebook Agreement

EGUSD provides Chromebooks for all students in grades 1-12. Chromebooks have become critical for instruction and are to be treated like instructional materials. Students are to bring Chromebooks to and from school every day, just like books. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure the Chromebook is fully charged each day. As with any borrowed school property (textbook or sports equipment), the Chromebook checked out to the student is the responsibility of the legal parents/guardians and the student to ensure the safety and security of the device at home. In instances of non-normal wear and tear, the family may be charged for repairs and/or replacement. **The legal parents/guardians and the student are responsible to work with the school site to recover the cost of repair or replacement (BP 6163.4 and AR 5125.2). When directed by the school site or prior to unenrolling a student from the District, the Chromebook must be returned in similar condition to which it was received.**

Please carefully review the Responsible Use and Care Guidelines listed below:

Responsibility & Care of EGUSD Technology Equipment

- Make the Chromebook available to any teacher or school administrator for inspection.
- Report to a teacher or school administration any inappropriate communications while using the Chromebook.
- Keep the Chromebook free of any physical damage, writing, drawing, stickers, or non-EGUSD labels.
- Never leave the Chromebook in unsupervised areas, to prevent devices from being damaged or stolen.
- Always log out, turn off, and secure the Chromebook to protect student work/information.
- Never, under any circumstances, attempt to gain access to another student's accounts, files, and/or data.
- Never attempt to bypass District security, filters, and/or safeguards on the device.
- Only use a clean, dry, soft cloth to clean the screen and/or keyboard; no cleansers or liquids of any type.
- Never place liquid near the Chromebook to avoid causing accidental liquid damage.
- Use care when transporting the Chromebook in a bag or backpack to avoid damaging the Chromebook.

Legal Parent/Guardian's Responsibility for Using EGUSD Devices at Home

EGUSD has deployed Internet content filtering on district devices in the interest of keeping harmful and inappropriate content from being accessed. No Internet content filtering solution is perfect, at times it may be possible for users to access information that is intended for adults.

- Talk to your children about values and the standards they should follow on the use of the Internet, just as you do on the use of all media information sources such as television, telephones, movies, and radio.
- Regularly monitor your student's device use and Internet activity to ensure only appropriate content is being accessed.
- Ensure your child is maintaining the safety and security of the assigned EGUSD devices and using them responsibly.

Malfunction, Damage, Loss & Theft

- Any EGUSD issued devices that malfunction or are damaged must be immediately reported to the school site or the support number below for instructions, drop-off, repair, and loaner check-out. Students and legal parents/guardians will not be held responsible for any pre-existing damage (small scratches, minor dings, etc.).
- Any EGUSD issued devices that are lost or stolen must be immediately reported to the school site or the number below. Devices that are lost or stolen will result in an initial conversation with school staff, students, and/or parents/guardians. *Determination on continued access thereafter will be made on a case-by-case basis.*

Student Technology Equipment Support

Reach out via the information below if any EGUSD technology issued devices malfunction, become damaged, are lost, or stolen.

For any EGUSD curriculum support and learning opportunities, please work with your student's teacher.

- Email: stusupport@egusd.net
- Phone: (916) 686-0245 (Note: This is a limited support number and you may need to leave a voicemail with a call back number.)

By receiving an EGUSD Chromebook, the legal parents/guardians and the student agree to the terms of this Chromebook Agreement. All EGUSD issued technology equipment is the property of EGUSD and all borrowers will follow the Student Technology Acceptable User Agreement (BP 6163.4 and E 6163.4).

PTO Corner

Spirit wear sales have ended but if you wanted to order we will have another sale in the spring. Orders will be distributed to teachers as they come in.

The next Dinner Night Out will be @ Raising Caine's on 9/9

Join us for our first official PTO meeting of the year being held tonight 9/1 on Zoom at 6:30 pm.

Co-Presidents: Jennifer Parmele & Stephanie Yuen | president@stonelakepto.org

Vice President: Koi Rivers | vicepresident@stonelakepto.org

Treasurer: Ozela Kabir | treasurer@stonelakepto.org

Co-Secretaries: Lisa Geigle & Emmerine Reynon-Lee | secretary@stonelakepto.org

Officer and Staff Liaison: Lotty Kanemoto | officer@stonelakepto.org

Principal - Executive Committee Member: Mark Beard | mhbeard@egusd.net

26-27 EGUSD Calendar

<https://d16k74nzx9emoe.cloudfront.net/9ab7b9f7-d798-4217-ab08-23ae04000a6a.pdf>

2026-2027 Coffee Klatch Dates

Starting on August 3, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. and every first Monday or sometimes Tuesday of the month (except Dec) for the rest of the school year, Stone Lake Administration will be holding meetings with parents to discuss what is happening at Stone Lake and provide all parents the opportunity to connect with the administrative team. We will continue to hold the meetings via an electronic platform (Google Meets for this year) and have them occur in the evening. 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 8th: 6:00 P.M.	Oct 5th: 6:00 P.M.	Nov 2nd: 6:00 P.M.	Jan 4th: 6:00 P.M.
Feb 1st: 6:00 P.M.	March 1st: 6:00 P.M.	Apr 5th: 6:00 P.M.	
May 3rd: 6:00 P.M.	Jun 1st: 6:00 P.M.		

Reading Screener All K-2 Students 26-27

CA ED CODE 53008: READING DIFFICULTIES SCREENER 2026-27

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WHAT IS THE SCREENER?

In 2023, a new state education law was passed requiring all CA school districts to screen all kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students for risk of reading difficulties starting in the 2025-26 school year. This school year, EGUSD will implement the Multitudes screener for all students in those grades about midway through the school year. It is a quick, one-on-one assessment of critical areas of reading and language.

CHECK OUT THE VIDEO WITH
MORE INFO BELOW:



BENEFITS

The results of the screener will be used to help teachers and school staff to know what additional reading supports to provide to students. These earlier interventions may prevent future reading difficulties and special education needs.

EXCEPTIONS

Students will not have to take the screener if:

- they are on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for reading or being tested for one.
- their parent/guardian opts out of the screener (form available in the school office).
- they do not currently have proficiency in English or Spanish (an alternative screening process will take place).

SCREENER RESULTS

- Will be shared with families within 45 calendar days
- Will NOT be used to for diagnosis of a learning disability, special education identification, student reclassification or retention, or on the student report card

FOR MORE INFORMATION

ATTEND A FAMILY INFO SESSION

11/4/26: 5-6 pm
or
12/3/26: 6-7pm

Virtual Meeting
Information to come

CLICK ON THE QR CODE FOR AN FAQ SHEET



Talking Points and Absences

We want to make reporting absences as easy as possible for families. This year parents can respond to my Talking Points thread to share a student absence. Doing this provides you with the opportunity to report and share the absence, and it also allows the school to quickly input the absence, thus allowing the office to forgo calling home to verify the reason for the absence.

Attendance Matters

Please take a look at the following diagram to help guide you as we head towards the cold and flu season.



See You in Class!

- ☒ Have a runny nose or a little cough, but no other symptoms
- ☒ No fever (temperature of 100 or higher) for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medications
- ☒ No throwing up or diarrhea for 24 hours

Heading to class!
What should I know?

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Consistent Attendance
=
Academic Success!



HEALTH SERVICES
HEALTHY • SAFE • READY TO LEARN



Best to Stay Home.

- ☒ Temperature higher than 100 (with or without medicine)
- ☒ Persistent cough
- ☒ Colored drainage from the nose
- ☒ Throwing up or diarrhea
- ☒ Eyes are pink and crusty
- ☒ Instructed by the doctor to isolate from others

My student is staying home.
What should I do next?

- 1 Notify the school by phone or email.
If possible, let us know before 9am on the day of the absence.
- 2 Repeat this checklist every morning. We hope to see your student back soon!

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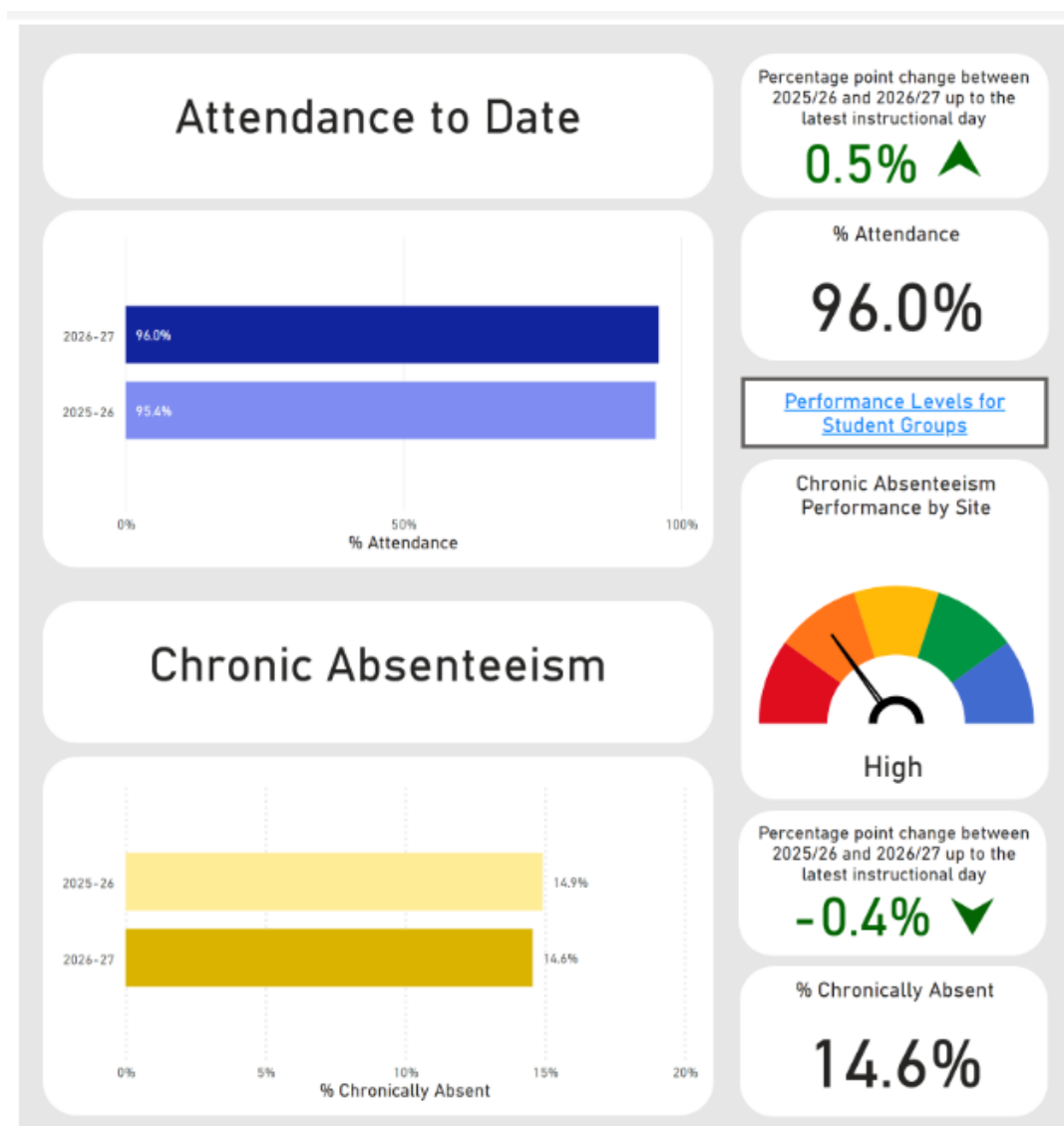


Stone Lake Attendance Monthly Numbers

Attendance has continued to be a focus at Stone Lake over the last few years. I have often discussed attendance during awards assemblies, Coffee Klatch meetings, or anytime I have a parent audience.

Parents, we need your help. This is a nationwide epidemic that is impacting students. Students need to be at school when they are healthy and well. Plan vacations around the multiple long vacation times that year around schools provide your family. Our start this year has been better, GREEN is good but ORANGE is bad!

Current Stone Lake Attendance Dashboard as of 8/31/26:



***Chronic absenteeism is defined as a student that misses 10% or more of their enrolled school days regardless of the reason, excused or not excused.**

Library Books at Stone Lake

I wanted to share with parents some information about our library.

Stone Lake families can access and search the exact books that we have in our library. This can be done by following these steps:

- 1. Go to the EGUSD website**
- 2. Click on “EGSUD Portal” at top of the page or access the portal from our website**
- 3. Login with your child’s login information**
- 4. Find and click on the Follett Catalog**
- 5. Browse by keywords, titles, author, etc.**
- 6. In the upper left-hand corner, one may click “Destiny Discover” to get to a page that randomly highlights 15 of the most recently added library books along with other highlighted books.**

I hope this information proves useful to both parents and students.