

Stone Lake Elementary
A California Distinguished School
Hawker's Herald



Mark Beard, Principal

February 2026

Vanessa Bond, Vice Principal

Dear Stone Lake Families,

The shortest month of the year is here, but looking at the Important Dates sections, we have packed a lot of things into this month.

First, our basketball teams have both started their seasons, and it has been great watching both teams represent their school. The boys' team is undefeated so far this season!

Many have asked about volleyball. As soon as we get word on the start of the league, we will schedule tryouts. This team is for our 5th and 6th grade boys and girls.

Our Apex Fun Run for A and D Tracks happened last week, and it was a huge success. There is information in the Herald about how we did with this fundraiser. Our B and C Tracks will have their Apex fun later in the month.

In closing, like I said, this is short month with two Monday holidays coming in the next two weeks. I hope you have any amazing month!

Respectfully,

Mark Beard

mhbeard@gusd.net

Important Dates



2/4 – 2/11 BOOK FAIR

2/4 9:00—9:45 D Track Trimester 2 Awards – MP Room

4:00-5:00 Boys' Basketball Game @ Donnor

5:00-6:00 Girls' Basketball Game VS EG Elem – MP Room

2/6 TRACK CHANGE/MINIMUM DAY

**Tracks A, B, D : MINIMUM DAY/ TRACK CHANGE
1-6: 8:30-12:45**

ALL TK/KN : 8:20-11:51

***ASSIST WILL BE CLOSED THIS DAY ! ***

2/9 HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

2/10 9:40-11:45 5th grade A track and TK A track FHS Fieldtrip

2/11 4:00-5:00 Boys' Basketball Game VS Sims – MP Room

5:00-6:00 Girls' Basketball Game @ Hein

2/16 HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

2/17 SPRING Pictures – Tracks: A,B, Pre-K and Levels

4:00-5:00 Boys' Basketball Game Vs Foulks Ranch – MP Room

2/18 5:00-6:00 Girls' Basketball Game VS Sims – MP Room

2/18-2/20 6th grade Nature Bridge Camp

2/19 9:45-12:00 3rd grade A & B track FHS Fieldtrip

2/26 B and C Track APEX Fun Run

10:00 - 12:00 2nd grade A & B track FHS Fieldtrip

CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME:
FRIENDSHIP

Reading Difficulties Screener

Kinder-Second Grade Students

CA ED CODE 53008: READING DIFFICULTIES SCREENER 2025-26

Elk Grove Unified School District



WHAT IS THE SCREENER?

In 2025, 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

11/5/25: 5-6 pm
or
12/4/25: 6-7pm

Zoom: <https://egusd-net.zoom.us/j/86705953679>
Meeting ID: 867 0595 3679

CLICK ON THE QR CODE FOR AN FAQ SHEET



ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE TO PARENTS

KINDERGARTEN
&
TRANSITIONAL
KINDERGARTEN

**If your child turns 4th years old
on or before September 1, 2026**

you may register them for the
2026-2027 school year

New Student Enrollment Packets
available at the school office
or online at **EGUSD.net** starting on:

January 20, 2026
7:30AM

**If you have questions about the
Registration Process please ask your school office staff.**

Transitional Kindergarten Eligible - Child turns 4 years old on or before
September 1, 2026

Kindergarten Eligible- Child turns 5 years old on or before
September 1, 2026

2025-2026 Yearbook News

It is yearbook time! Use the scan code to get your yearbook ordered. 6th Grade families, here is your chance to send that special message to your promoting sixth grader. Lastly, what will our cover be this year? Well, that will be up to a special artist from 4th, 5th or 6th grade.

STONE LAKE ELEMENTARY

YEARBOOKS ON SALE

\$27

ORDER ONLINE
CLICK HERE

ORDER YOUR 2025-2026 YEARBOOK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! ENTER SCHOOL ID NUMBER **732232** TO FIND YOUR SCHOOL!



Dorian

The poster is hand-drawn on a grid background. It features a lightbulb, a green notebook, a blue heart, a globe, a red apple, and a star. The text is written in various colors and fonts, with 'YEARBOOKS ON SALE' in large, bold letters. The price '\$27' is also prominent. A QR code is located at the bottom center, and the name 'Dorian' is written in cursive at the bottom.

Stone Lake Elementary
6th Graders

YEARBOOK DEDICATION AD AVAILABLE NOW

Due by 3/2/26

Celebrate your 6th Grader by creating a Custom Ad in the 25-26 yearbook!

\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100
1/8 Page	1/4 Page	1/2 Page	Full Page

School code 732232 BuyTheYearbook.com

The graphic has a festive, celebratory theme with colorful bunting flags at the top and bottom. The text is centered and uses a mix of blue, red, and white colors. The price options are presented in blue rounded rectangles. At the bottom, there is a red bar with a QR code, the school code '732232', and the website 'BuyTheYearbook.com'.

5th Grade Comprehensive Sexual Health Education

Part of 5th grade curriculum is teaching Sexual Health Education. This does not take place in our classes until Spring, and our 5th grade teachers ALWAYS notify families before it starts.

I did want to share the following link with families that will give you more information about EGUSD Comprehensive Sexual Health Education:

<https://sites.google.com/egusd.net/comprehensive-sexual-health/cshe-home>

The following gives information about upcoming Community Nights (the links below are not live).

2025-2026 Annual Parent/Guardian Community Information Nights

The Elk Grove Unified School District offers Comprehensive Sexual Health Education to students enrolled in 5th grade, Science 7, and High School Health.

In compliance with California Education Code, Section 51938, you are invited to attend a Parent/Guardian Information Night to learn about the instructional requirements of comprehensive sexual health education and the adopted curriculum.

If you have any questions, please contact your site Administrator.

Tuesday
September 16, 2025

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

[Click here to join Zoom Webinar](#)

Tuesday
January 20, 2026

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

[Click here to join Zoom Webinar](#)

Thursday
February 19, 2026

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

[Click here to join Zoom Webinar](#)

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 teacher knowing), and it can also happen at home (without parents knowing).

Students are also able to email one another via Synergy. They are also able to email school staff. I have received Synergy emails from students asking questions about our school.

California School Dashboard

The 2025 CA School Dashboard, the state's accountability system, was publicly released last month.

To help parents and educators identify strengths and areas for improvement, California reports how districts, schools (including alternative schools), and student groups are performing across state and local measures.

For state measures, performance is based on two factors: Current year results, and whether results improved from the prior year. In simple terms, when you look at the results, we want our school to measure in the Green and Blue, and for the most part, we did an Awesome job.

I encourage families to check out the link below; it really gives A LOT of information about how our school is doing. I will review the Dashboard at our Coffee Klatch in January.

The following link should take you directly to Stone Lake's Dashboard:

<https://www.caschooldashboard.org/reports/34673146118053/2025>

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:

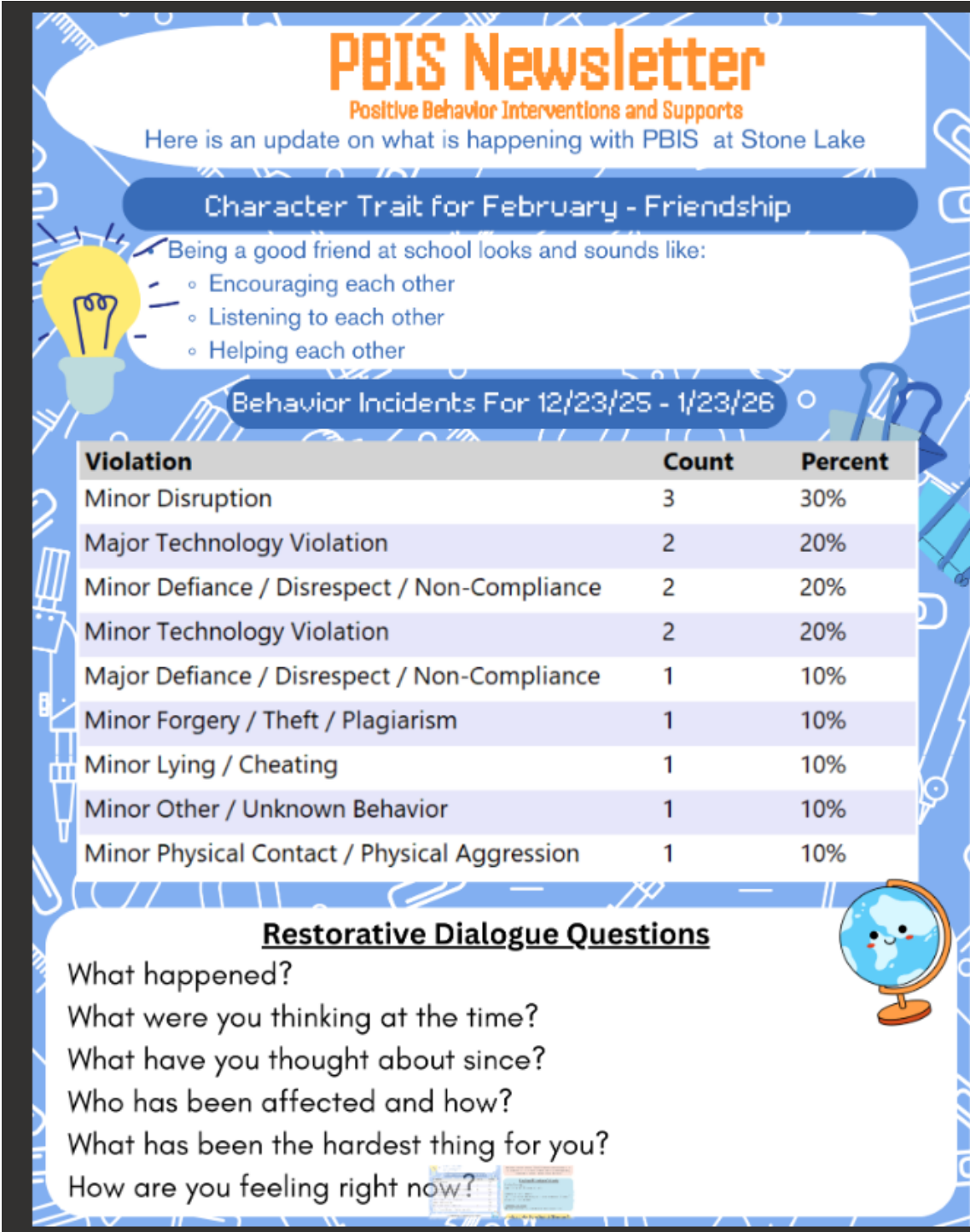
- Bullying - Bullying includes verbal, non-verbal, physical or emotional acts against another student either in person, via electronic device or online.
- Damage or Harm to School or Property - Damage or harm to school property includes intentional destruction to the school or school property in a harmful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

PBIS at Stone Lake for Febraury

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

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

Here is an update on what is happening with PBIS at Stone Lake

Character Trait for February - Friendship

Being a good friend at school looks and sounds like:

- Encouraging each other
- Listening to each other
- Helping each other

Behavior Incidents For 12/23/25 - 1/23/26

Violation	Count	Percent
Minor Disruption	3	30%
Major Technology Violation	2	20%
Minor Defiance / Disrespect / Non-Compliance	2	20%
Minor Technology Violation	2	20%
Major Defiance / Disrespect / Non-Compliance	1	10%
Minor Forgery / Theft / Plagiarism	1	10%
Minor Lying / Cheating	1	10%
Minor Other / Unknown Behavior	1	10%
Minor Physical Contact / Physical Aggression	1	10%

Restorative Dialogue Questions

What happened?
What were you thinking at the time?
What have you thought about since?
Who has been affected and how?
What has been the hardest thing for you?
How are you feeling right now?

ELAC at Stone Lake for Febraury

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 alos 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.

ELAC Newsletter

English Language Advisory
Committee

Reclassification from English Learner to Fluent English Proficient

A student who has met the reclassification criteria determined by the state and district as being fluent in speaking, reading, writing, and listening as it pertains to English Language

Reclassification Criteria

English Fluency:

Summative ELPAC Score: Overall 4

Academic Performance:

Standard nearly met or higher in state assessent (CAASPP)
District ELA assessment

Teacher Evaluation:

Student recieves a C- or better on their report card

What is the State Seal of Biliteracy?

Recognition by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for graduating high school students who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in one or languages in addition to English



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).

Coffee Klatches

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 Zoom 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.

March 2nd: 6:00 P.M.

Apr 6th: 6:00 P.M.

May 4th: 6:00 P.M.

Jun 1st: 6:00 P.M.

26-27 EGUSD Calendar

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

PTO Corner

February is here and with that it is BOOK FAIR and FUN RUN time! Our annual Book Fair opens Wednesday 2/4 and is open everyday 30 minutes BEFORE and 1 hour AFTER school (except on our final day 2/11, the fair will close in the morning that day to allow for clean up.

The Scholastic Book Fair is one of the student's favorite events on campus. Please help make this fair a success by donating a small amount of time before or after school to help us run the fair! You will also be entered to win a Book Fair gift certificate for volunteering! Please see the sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4DA5AB23A64-61495158-book#/>

Also, please join us this Friday 2/6 at 12:45 pm (minimum day) for a FREE Self Love Letter craft and writing activity in the MP room, hosted by BrightLife Kids (Check them out here: brightlife.kids/elkgrove) and the PTO! The book fair will be open for shopping during this time as well.

Our Apex Fundraiser just wrapped up for A, D, and Traditional schedules and the students did an INCREDIBLE job raising funds for our school! Now it's B and C tracks turn to help out our school and have fun doing it! Parents are encouraged to attend the fun run event on Thursday 2/26!

As always, thank you for your support of our incredible school!

Dates to remember:

2/4-2/11 Scholastic Book Fair - open 30 minutes before school and 1 hour after (except 2/11, morning only)

2/6 12:45-2:00 PM FREE Self Love Letter craft activity in the MP room

2/6 Dinner Night Out at Panda Express! All Day - see flyer for details

2/10 7:00 PM PTO General Meeting ***Pushed to a later time due to conflict!**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96643321919?pwd=LPQ1o3WeS0DeFQT1pXpvtjblCvldll.1>

Meeting ID: 966 4332 1919

Passcode: Hawks

6th Grade Science Camp-Last Year

Our 6th graders will once again be heading to the Marin Headlands for their sixth-grade trip, but this will be the last year for the trip here at Stone Lake.

There are multiple reasons that this will be the last year for the trip, but needless to say I know that there will be some disappointed future sixth graders.

Our future sixth grade students will get an amazing experience in sixth grade, with the team planning multiple day field trips instead of the one big overnight field trip.

Talking Points and Absences

We want to make reporting absences as easy as possible for families. This year parents are able to respond to my Talking Points thread to share a student absence. Doing this provides you 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.



The infographic is a dark blue rectangular panel with a dashed white border. It is divided into two main columns. The left column is headed 'See You in Class!' with a thumbs-up icon. It lists three criteria for attending class, each with a checkmark icon. Below the list is a horizontal line, followed by the text 'Heading to class! What should I know?' and 'ATTENDANCE MATTERS!' in large white letters. Underneath that is the equation 'Consistent Attendance = Academic Success!'. The right column is headed 'Best to Stay Home.' with a thumbs-down icon. It lists six criteria for staying home, each with a checkmark icon. Below the list is a horizontal line, followed by the text 'My student is staying home. What should I do next?' and a numbered list of two steps. At the bottom of the infographic are four logos: a heart logo with the text 'SCHOOL FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BENEFIT', a green apple logo with 'HEALTH SERVICES HEALTHY - SAFE - READY TO LEARN', the Elk Grove Unified School District logo with 'EGUSD' in colorful circles, and a circular logo with 'EDUCATIONAL EQUITY'.



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!





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?

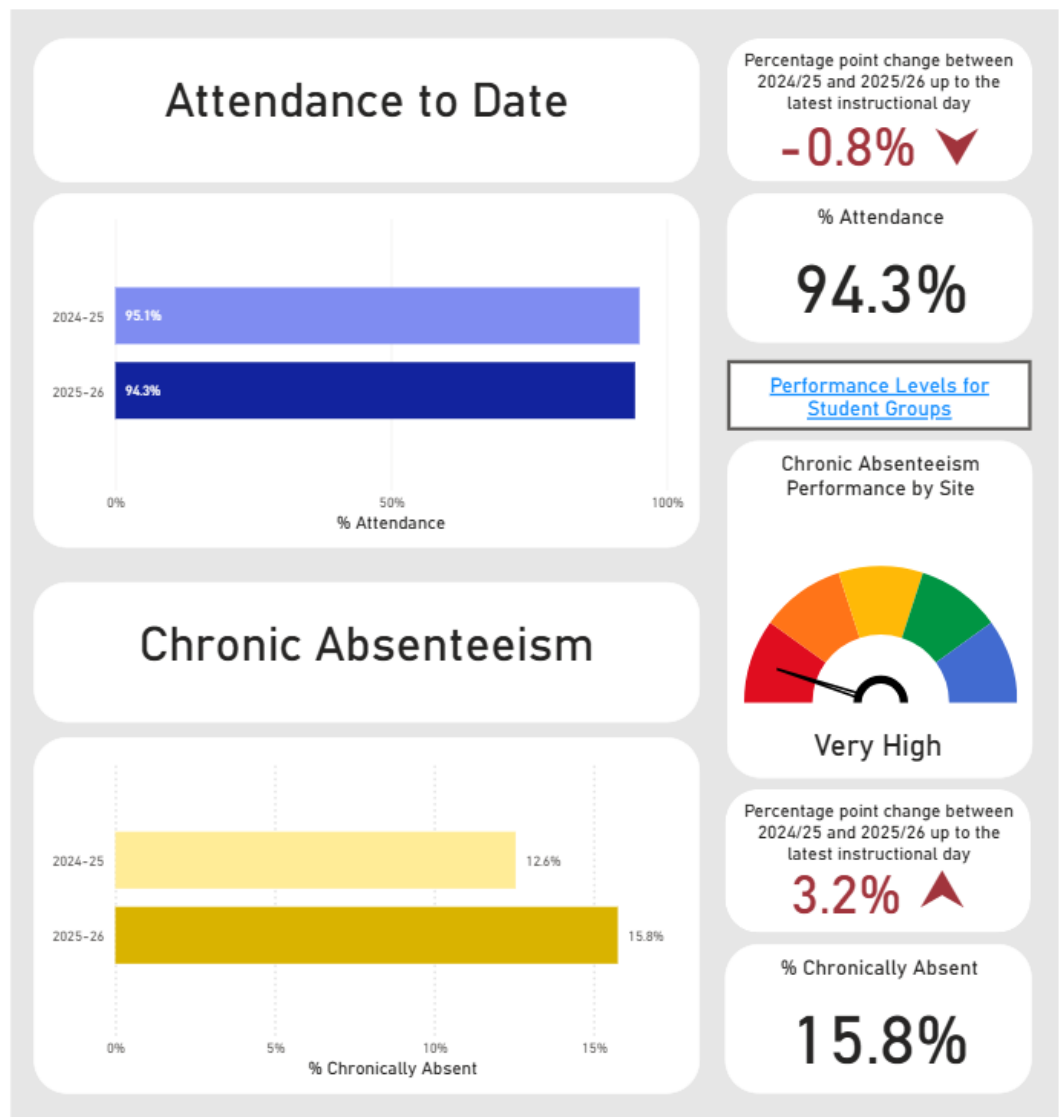
- 1 Notify the school by phone or email.
If possible, let us know before 9am on the day of the absence.
- 2 Repeat this checklist every morning. We hope to see your student back soon!

Attendance Numbers-HELP!!!

Attendance continues 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. In order for students to learn, they have to be in school! The start to this year does not look good so far.

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.

Current Stone Lake Attendance Dashboard as of 2/1/26:



***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.**

School Accountability Report Cards Available

The current School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is available online at the Elk Grove Unified School District website at <https://www.egusd.net/District/Academics/Assessments/School-Accountability-Report-Cards/index.html> . Both a long-detailed format and a short executive summary are posted for parents to learn more about the schools in our community.

Each school's SARC summarizes the school's mission, goals, accomplishments, and highlights the school's unique programs. In addition, state law requires that the SARC contain all of the following: demographic data, school safety and climate for learning information, academic data, school completion rates, class sizes, teacher and staff information, curriculum and instruction descriptions, postsecondary preparation information, fiscal and expenditure data.

The federal law requires that SARCs contain reports concerning the "adequate yearly progress" of students in achieving state academic achievement standards; Title I Program Improvement status; graduation rates at the secondary level; and the extent to which "highly qualified" teachers are teaching core academic subjects.

A hard copy of these reports can be requested by visiting your child's school office. Additionally, these reports have been translated into Spanish at schools with large populations of families who speak these languages. Any questions regarding the SARCs can be directed to me at 916-681-7500 or by contacting Learning Support Services at 916-686-7712.

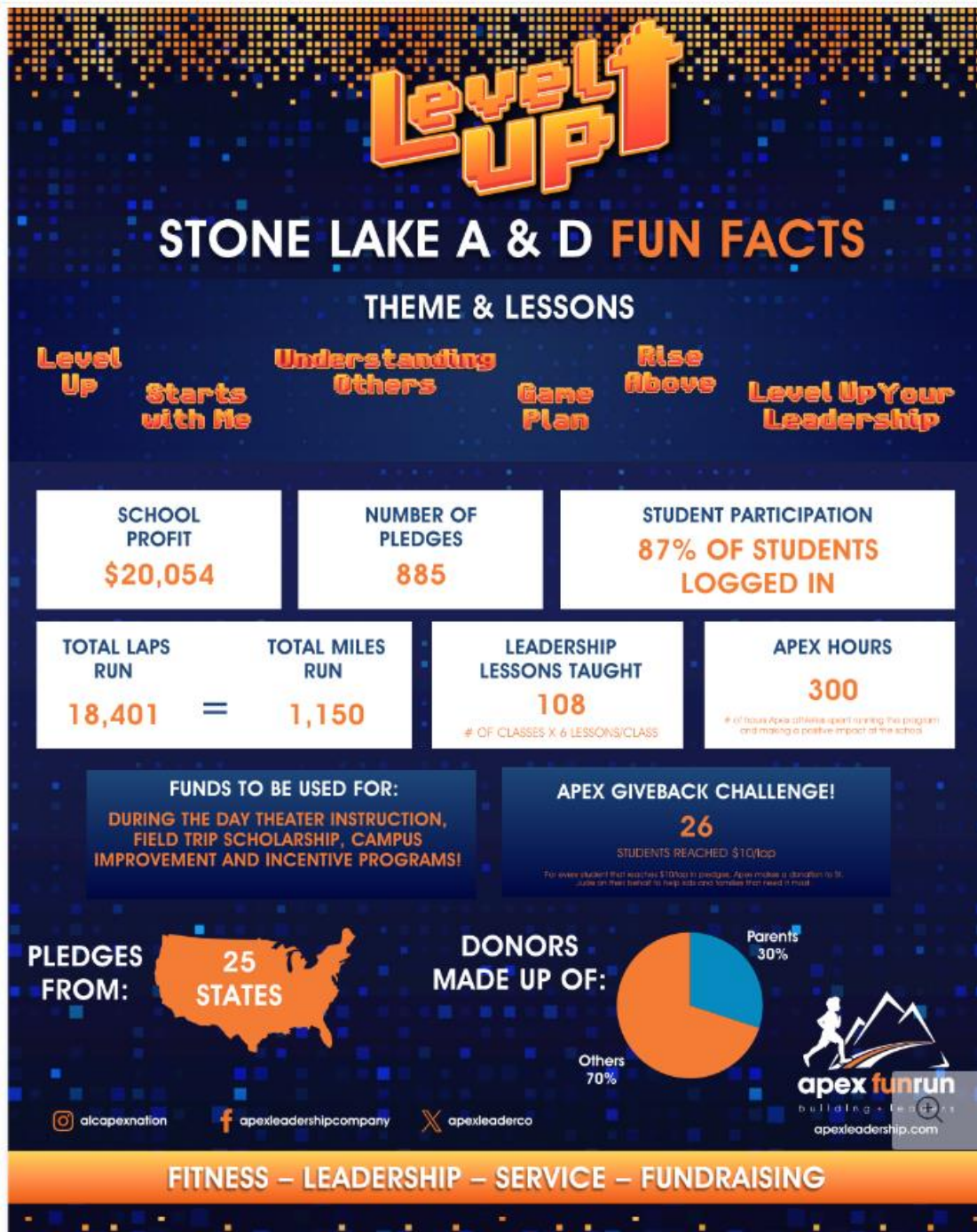
Sincerely,

Mark Beard

Principal

A and D Track Fun Run

We just finished our Apex Fun Run with A and D Tracks, and it was a great week. The Apex crew that we had did a great job engaging our students and staff. Obviously a gigantic kudos to ALL of our families that contributed.



Stone Lake Elementary Presents

READING LAND BOOK FAIR!

Join Us for Sweet Reads!

DATES: Feb 4th - Feb 11th

TIME: Before school 8 – 8:30am
and after school 3 – 4pm
except Wednesday 2:10 – 3pm

Where: MP Room

Book Fair eWallet

The easy way for kids to pay!
eWallet lets your child shop independently!
Visit our schools Book Fair homepage to get
started!

Scan HERE for
our Book
Fair's
Homepage!



We need your
help!
Scan HERE for
Volunteer
Opportunities!



