

Stone Lake Elementary

A California Distinguished School

Hawker's Herald



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Dear Stone Lake Families,

The year is off and running, and at a year around school, it is a quick turnaround, especially for our B and C track families and staff. We hope that everybody has had a wonderful start to the year, and we anxiously await the arrival of our A-trackers, and our PALSS students.

For our new families, the Hawker's Herald is my monthly newsletter to families. The Herald shares important dates, school information/data, PTO information, and sometimes topics related to the field of education.

Each year we are always looking for parent help, and this year is no different. We need TWO parents to sit on our Stone Lake School Site Council, and we need some parents to help out with the 5th and 6th grade basketball teams. There is information in this Herald about that.

Lastly, I invite ALL of our families to stop by our monthly Coffee Klatches, tonight is the first one of the year, and they are always done via Zoom, and there is a schedule of them in this and every Herald. I hope to see you tonight at 6:00 P.M.

Mark Beard

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Important Dates



- 8/4 6:00-7:00 Coffee Klatch – Zoom**
- 8/7 FALL PICTURES – B,C & D Track**
- 8/14 1st day of school for Traditional Classes**
- 8/15 MINIMUM DAY/ TRACK CHANGE**
1-6: 8:30-12:45
ALL TK/KN : 8:20-11:51

- PTO DNO at Chevy's**

- 8/18 1st day of school for A track**
- 8/26 8:45 – 12:40 5th grade A & C Track Nicolaus Dairy Farm Fieldtrip**

CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME:
WISE

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.

While I am sure most of you know this information, I am sure that some do not know about this. Therefore, I am hoping to periodically share this information with staff. I have instructed our staff to make sure that this information is included in their Back to School Night presentations as well.

Basketball Coaches Needed

If you are interested in coaching either our boys basketball team or our girls basketball team, send me an email. Both of these teams are for our 5th and 6th grade students, and the season starts in January and usually lasts about a month.

Please reach out to me if you are interested. mhbeard@egusd.net

Parents Needed!

Dear Stone Lake Parents and Guardians,

The School Site Council is an advisory group of parents and school staff with an even number of representatives from each group. The purpose of the School Site Council is to monitor the Site Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The Site LCAP is a legal document used to allocate the funds of various programs. The expenditure of every dollar of the Site LCAP funds must be directly linked to an activity in the school plan. The plan is developed to meet the educational and social and emotional needs of all the students at the school.

The Council meets 5 times per year via Zoom (**so you can serve from the comfort of your own home**). **We need to nominate and elect TWO new parent representatives to our Council for the 2025-2026 school year.** Each member is elected for a two-year term to provide input on the development and approve the Site LCAP. To be a voting member on the Council, you must be elected into the position. You may self-nominate and vote for yourself. Currently, we have the following parent representatives: Mr. Nate Townsell, Mrs. Phobe Kelley, and Ms. Nicolle Graves serving their second year on the council.

If you would like to become a member of this School Site Council, please nominate yourself, or another parent you know who is interested, by emailing, Mr. Beard at mhbeard@egusd.net your name by **August 29th**.

Once parents are identified, I will also ask for a short bio to include in the election that will be sent out to the community, and I will share examples of bios that other school site council parents have shared.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Mark Beard, Principal

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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 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

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

We are excited about the new school year! Remember, the new school year is a blank canvas - let's fill it with colorful experiences, meaningful connections, and the joy of learning!

What is PBIS?

- Introducing, modeling, and reinforcing positive behavior
- Teaching behavioral expectations and rewarding students for following them
- The purpose of school-wide PBIS is to reinforce our climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.

Who is PBIS for?

- Every student on campus
- enables most (80% or more) students to experience success

Where can you see PBIS being implemented?

- Passport stations at the beginning of the school year
- signs across the campus
- Monday Morning Announcements
- HAWK ticket parties
- Prize Trolley
- Spirit Assemblies
- In the classroom
- Monthly Character Trait Rally (NEW!)

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.

ELAC Newsletter

English Language Advisory
Committee

Purpose of ELAC for parents

- Provide advice to the principal and school staff to improve learning for multilingual students
- To learn more about programs offered to students
- To talk about the importance of attendance
- Voice concerns
- Share ideas with other parents
- Participate in the school-wide survey about needs and wants for your multilingual student(s)

Designated English Language Development

- Multilingual learners are working with the teacher in a small group
- 30 minutes a day
- Students get small group instruction on skills they need extra instruction and practice with

Current Plan

- Pinpoint where students need extra support
- Use designated English Language Development time to give extra support to students
- Use strategies throughout the lessons to support our multilingual students in mastering the skills being taught

1st ELAC Meeting

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

Integrated English Language Development

Supports used during lessons to help practice and master the skills that are being taught.

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

Starting on August 4, 2025, 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 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.

Aug 4th: 6:00 P.M.	(Tu)Sept 2nd: 6:00 P.M.	Oct 6th: 6:00 P.M.
Nov 3rd: 6:00 P.M.	Jan 5th: 6:00 P.M.	Feb 2nd: 6:00 P.M.
March 2nd: 6:00 P.M.	Apr 6th: 6:00 P.M.	May 4th: 6:00 P.M.
Jun 1st: 6:00 P.M.		

25-26 EGUSD Calendar

Breaking news!!! The 25-26 EGUSD calendar has been released and approved by the Board. For all of the early planners, this calendar will provide you will all the important dates for the upcoming school year!

B, C and D Tracks start school on July 16th

A track starts school on August 18th

<https://d16k74nzx9emoe.cloudfront.net/2678c0af-f941-42f5-a769-b1e6c4789416.pdf>

PTO Corner

A big WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL 🍎 to new and returning Hawks! We are gearing up for an awesome school year full of fun and memories! Our PTO membership drive is in full swing for B, C, and D tracks. As a reminder, membership does NOT mean you are obligated to attend meetings or volunteer (though we always welcome you to!) It comes with the perk of raising money for the school and working towards your child's class goal of earning a pizza and or popsicle party! Our PTO is able to provide many things for the school and students including free events, teacher reimbursements for classroom supplies, Prize Trolley prizes, and so much more. Every donation helps! The membership drive ends August 8th!

Here are the top classes so far:

1. Mrs. Torres - 4th Grade B Track **89%** of her class are members!
2. Mrs. Kanemoto - Kinder B Track **73%** of her class are members!
3. Mrs. Canaveri - 1st Grade B Track **70%** of her class are members!

 SHOUT OUT TO B TRACK for dominating the top 3 spots! C and D track, you can still take the lead!

Join here: <https://forms.gle/nGNLNKPfL7WXgJCv7>

We have a couple fun events to look forward to this month, the first is our August Dinner Night Out (DNO) where you take the night off cooking and our school receives a percentage of sales back and one of our local restaurants. Our August DNO is at Chevys 8/15 from 10am -11 pm, we hope to see you there! We are also thrilled to host our first *PARENTS ONLY* event at the Lakeside Clubhouse **August 22nd from 6-8pm** where we will be hosting a Trivia Night with light refreshments. This is a great opportunity to meet other Stone Lake parents/caregivers and enjoy refreshments, and win prizes - all for free!

 **RSVP HERE:** <https://forms.gle/GbhoeSdz92fsHg6u9>

Finally, each PTO corner will include a few dates to remember. This month we will be holding our first general PTO meeting of the year, ALL are welcome!

Important dates:

8/12 - PTO General Meeting on Zoom **6:30-7:30 PM**

<https://zoom.us/j/96643321919?pwd=LPQ1o3WeS0DeFQT1pXpvtjblCvdlI.1>

Meeting ID: 966 4332 1919

Passcode: Hawks

8/15 - Chevy's Dinner Night Out 10am- 11pm

8/22 - Parents Only - Trivia Night @ the Lakeside Clubhouse **6-8 pm Free, RSVP above!**

Student Perspective Survey Results

Last year our 5th and 6th grade students took the Student Perspective Survey. This survey is broken into multiple sections, but there are main components: Climate, Classroom Conditions, and Social Emotional Learning.

Over the next few months, I will share these results of this survey via the Hawker's Herald and also talk about them during our monthly parent meetings.

For the purposes of reading this table, the N=Number of students taking the survey.
FAV=Favorable responses to the questions.

Component	Subcomponent	Item	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
			N	Fav	N	Fav	N	Fav
Climate	Overall	ALL	209	76%	176	77%	192	78%
	School Connectedness/Sense of Belonging	ALL	209	74%	176	79%	192	76%
		Are students treated fairly in class?	209	71%	174	67%	192	71%
		Are you happy to be in this class?	208	75%	175	80%	192	74%
		Do you feel close to people in this class?	209	62%	175	77%	192	65%
		Do you feel like you are part of this class?	206	78%	174	84%	189	84%
		Do you feel like you are part of this school?	207	86%	176	89%	190	89%
	Climate of Support for Academic Learning	ALL	209	84%	175	84%	192	86%
		Do you know how to get help outside of normal class time?	209	76%	173	79%	192	82%
		Does your teacher encourage you to work hard so you can be successful?	208	93%	174	91%	192	93%
		Does your teacher give you a chance to take part in classroom discussions or activities?	209	86%	174	84%	192	91%
		Does your teacher help you with your schoolwork?	209	80%	174	81%	189	77%
	Knowledge & Fairness of Discipline, Rules, and Norms	ALL	209	81%	176	83%	192	85%
		Are classroom rules fair?	206	84%	174	80%	191	85%
		Are students treated fairly when they break classroom rules?	208	76%	171	71%	191	80%
		Do students treat your teacher with respect?	206	68%	175	70%	191	69%
		Do you feel respected at this school?	207	74%	176	76%	190	79%
		Do you know how you are expected to behave in this class?	209	95%	174	97%	191	97%
		Do you know what the class rules are?	209	89%	173	95%	191	95%
		Does your teacher clearly tell you what will happen if you break class rules?	209	73%	176	83%	192	82%
		Does your teacher treat you with respect?	209	90%	173	89%	191	93%

Highlights and Questions

- Overall Climate results increased
- Why do students not feel close to people in their class, especially at a year around school where many have been together for years? **Only 65% fav rating**
- Our school does an Awesome job teaching the rules to students. **95% know the rules**

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 by a thumbs-up icon and the text 'See You in Class!'. It contains three checklist items, each with a white checkmark in a square box. 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. Below that is the equation 'Consistent Attendance = Academic Success!'. At the bottom left of this column is a small image of hands holding a heart and the 'HEALTH SERVICES' logo. The right column is headed by a thumbs-down icon and the text 'Best to Stay Home.'. It contains five checklist items, each with a white checkmark in a square box. 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 right of this column is the 'E G U S D' logo and the 'EDUCATIONAL EQUITY' logo.



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!

Elk Grove Unified School District



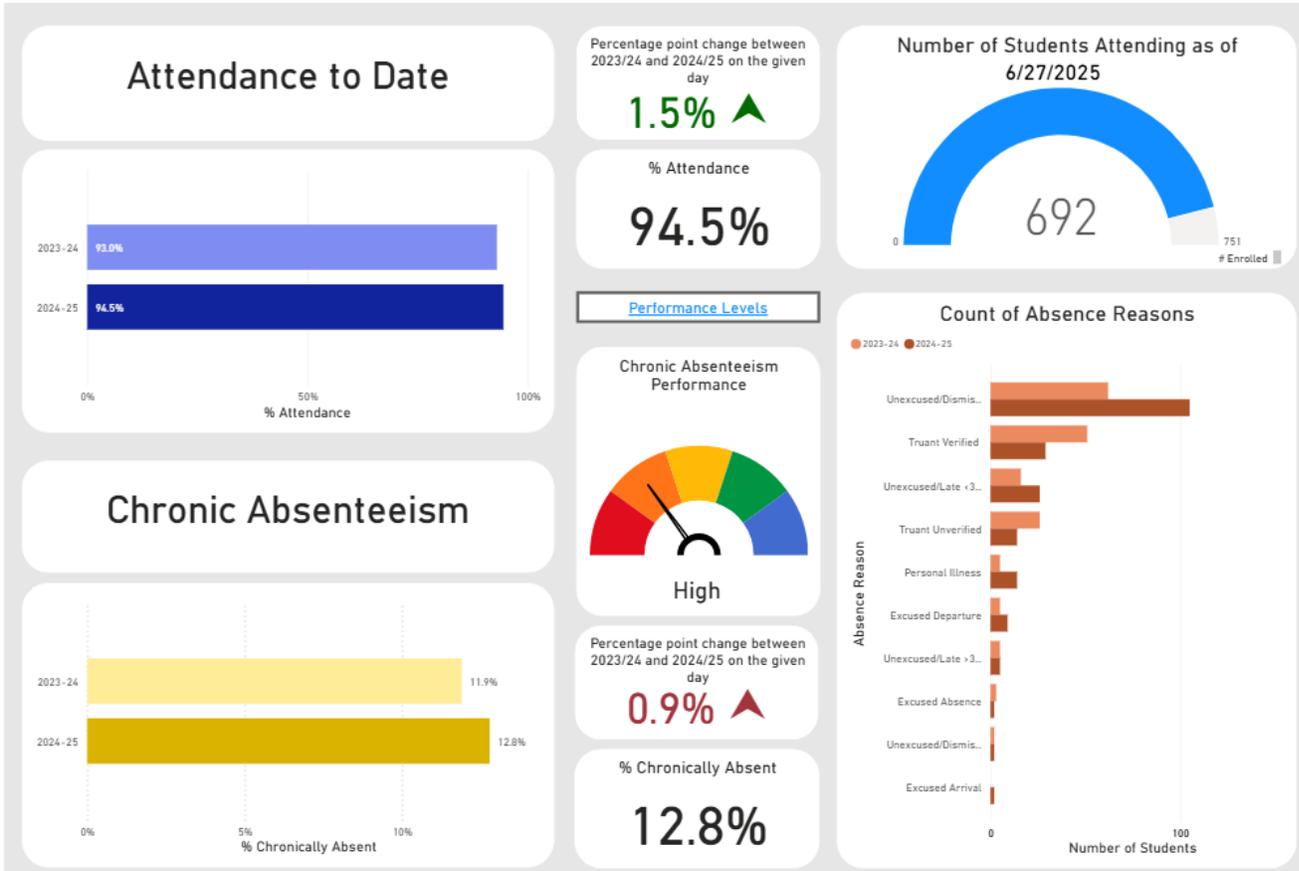
2024-2025 Attendance Numbers-FINAL NUMBERS

Attendance has been 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!

Sadly, our attendance numbers finished off the year in mixed fashion. Our overall attendance number improved from 93% to 94.5%, but our chronic absenteeism numbers WENT UP from 11.9% to 12.8%. What this is saying is that almost 13% of our students, about 90 students, missed 17 days or more of school.

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 6/27/25:



***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.

2025-2026 Stone Lake Staffing

The table below shows the final staffing for the 2025-2026 school year.

A-Track	B-Track	C-Track	D-Track
Mrs. Tateishi-AM TK Mrs. Wong-PM Kinder	Mrs. Kanemoto-AM Kinder		Mrs. Rouse-PM TK Mrs. Keenan-AM Kinder
Ms. Tucker-1 st Grade	Mrs. Canevari-1 st Grade		Mrs. Roberson-1 st Grade
Mrs. Stovall-2 nd Grade	Mrs. Mellinger-2 nd Grade		Mrs. Tadich/Mrs. Pizante-2 nd Grade
Mrs. Moore-3 rd Grade	Mrs. Trujano-3 rd Grade	Mrs. Mason-3 rd Grade	Mr. Roberts-3 rd Grade
Ms. Starke-4 th Grade	Mrs. Torres-4 th Grade	Mrs. Albertson-4 th Grade	Mrs. Tsukamoto-4 th Grade
Mrs. Goodwin-5 th Grade	Mr. Vazquez-5 th Grade	Ms. Wilson-5 th Grade	Mrs. Lunsford-5 th Grade
Mrs. Houston-6 th Grade	Mrs. Bohlmann-6 th Grader	Ms. MacRae-6 th Grade	Mr. Esguerra-6 th Grade

PE-Ms. Meyer

Computer Resource Teacher-Mrs. Alessi

Academic Intervention Teacher-Mrs. Glaeser

LC Team: Mrs. Daues, Mrs. Apel, Mrs. Ray, Ms. Martinez

PALSS and ABSS Classes: Mrs. Vidulich, Ms. Pfeifer, Ms. Phillips, and Ms. Kerins

Mental Health Therapist: Mrs. Smith

Librarian: Mrs. Bush

A-Track, Preschool and PALSS Classes-We're Waiting for You!

The 25-26 school year has started! I wanted to share the important dates for our A-Track families, as your special day is rapidly approaching!

A-Track Dates

August 18th A-Track FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 18th Kinder Back to School Night 5:30 P.M.-6:15 P.M.

August 18th 1st-3rd Grades 6:00 P.M.-6:45 P.M.

August 18th 4th-6th Grades 6:45 P.M.-7:30 P.M

PALSS Classes and Preschool

August 14th FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL