



# STONE LAKE GAZETTE

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# Stone Lake Is Ready To Be Back!

by Sara Cheema

Stone Lake is determined to provide the best in education for all of its students. Since COVID, there have been many changes to our school. The changes most students don't like are assigned seating and wearing masks, but Stone Lake cares for its students.

At Stone Lake, we have amazing teachers and staff who make students feel welcomed and loved. We have sports teams and other activities that students can participate in such as the NEHS! We also love celebrating our students by giving them rewards for their hard work and dedication.



First Day of School Assembly - Mr. Beard welcomes students.

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## Note From the Editor

I am excited to begin a second year with the Stone Lake Gazette! This is the first edition for 2021-2022. My staff includes 16 6th grade students representing all four tracks. I would like to acknowledge these journalists for their hard work which includes: attending weekly meetings, researching facts, interviewing adults and students, note taking, typing rough drafts, editing, and taking photos. They are dedicated to give you the very best in school news.

# Stone Lake's Colorful Surprise!

By Caitlin Truong

During the summer, a group of students from Franklin High School came to Stone Lake and painted a wonderful mural on one of our storage sheds. It took a few months of hard work and dedication to complete the artwork.

The mural has the book spines of some books kids love like Dog Man, Wings of Fire, Percy Jackson, Harry Potter, and many others. The characters are painted from scenes from the books.

The person who thought up this great idea is our principal, Mr. Beard. The mural started as one of Mr. Beard's dreams during Covid when no students were on campus. He wanted "something special for them when they return." Mrs. Kanemoto, our C-Track third grade teacher reached out to Franklin High School. A fun fact was that she was a former Franklin High student.

Mrs. Kanemoto sent Franklin High School an email to ask if any students were interested in painting the mural. A teacher at Franklin High School, Mrs. Sarah Smoldon, said, "We've got amazing students. Lily and Connie reached out first, and from there, they brought in their friend group."

Lily Fischer, a former HAWK, and Connie Weng were part of painting the mural. At first, they wanted to do a bunch of vertical book spines, since that was what Stone Lake wanted the mural to be, but Connie Weng, said, "I thought that would be too boring, so what I did was that I wanted each character to pop out of the book and be more interactive and maybe have them interact with other characters from the other books."

If Connie hadn't thought about making the characters pop out, the mural wouldn't have looked like what it is today. Thank you Connie, Lily, Isabel, Abigail, Vincent, and a few others for making the mural possible.



Here is the mural painted on the storage shed. The storage shed is located on the playground.

# Meet the Artists and Helpers!

These students did a wonderful job painting our storage shed!



Lily Fischer  
Franklin High School



Connie Weng  
Franklin High School



Isabel Lyons  
Franklin High School



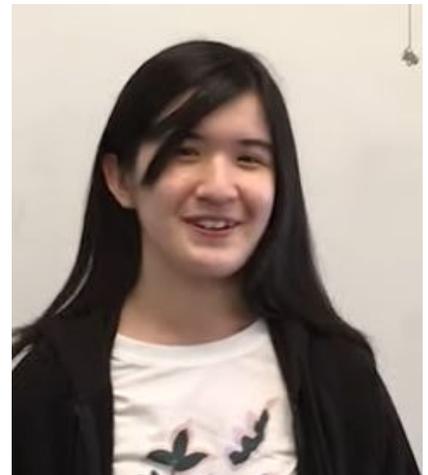
Vincent Cao  
Franklin High School



Lauren Lopez  
Franklin High School



Katherine Tran  
Franklin High School



Abigail Lin  
Franklin High School

Others not pictured above: Ava Lyons and Joey Fischer, (Lily's brother and a former HAWK)

# Stone Lake Staff

## Getting to Know Miss Starke

By: Arnab.M



Let's get to know Miss Starke, our 4th grade C track teacher. Here's what I got after an interview with her.

**How long have you been teaching and what are your likes and dislikes?**

I have been teaching for five years. My likes are that I get to meet new students and learn about their personalities. I also get to watch them grow. My dislikes could be that of any teacher, I have to watch them leave my class at the end of the year.

**What are your hobbies?**

In my spare time I like to go hiking. I also enjoy visiting new places.

**What would you do as a job if you weren't a teacher?**

I would like to be a Physical Therapist because I enjoy exercise and overall health.

**What is your favorite subject to teach?**

History/Social Studies.

**What is your favorite food?**

French Fries. There are lots of options. 2nd best would be tacos.

**What is your favorite place to visit?**

Los Angeles. I have family there and enjoy visiting them.

## Getting to Know Ms. Lunsford

By: Lorenzo Carvajal



Let's take a look at D track's 5th grade teacher, Ms. Lunsford!

**How long have you been teaching and what grades have you taught?**

I have been teaching for 24 years and taught 1st- 6th grade.

**What grade would you teach other than the grade you are teaching now?**

I would teach 3rd grade.

**What is your favorite tv show or movie?**

I love the Viking series... I love history.

**What is your favorite thing to do on the weekends?**

I like to workout and hang out with my friends.

**What is your favorite subject to teach and why?**

I love teaching Math and History because I like numbers and reading history.

**If you did not work at Stone Lake, where would you work?**

I would work at a junior college, but I would still be teaching.

## Getting to know Miss Bressie

By: Nicholas Buchanan



Let's talk about the first grade teacher Miss Bressie!

**How long have you been teaching?**

I have been teaching for 2 years.

**If you had a second career what would it be?**

I would like to be a video game developer or designer.

**What are your hobbies?**

I like watching movies, playing the guitar, roller blading, playing video games.

**Do you like teaching first grade?**

I like teaching first grade because they have silly questions, and they're fun and precious.

**Who is your favorite Marvel character?**

Scarlet Witch / Wanda Maximoff.

**What is your favorite movie?**

Nightmare Before Christmas.



# Time In First Grade Land

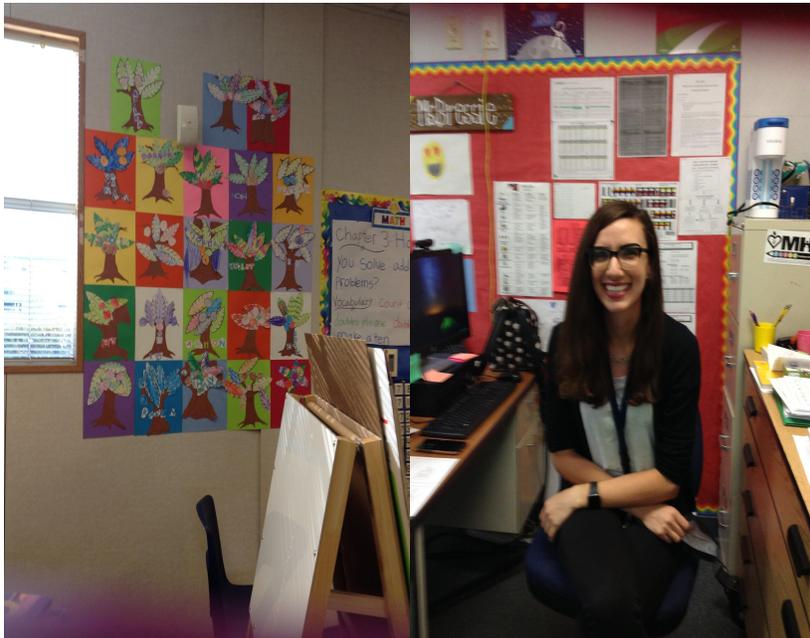
By: Jaydon Smoldon & Sara Cheema

One thing that I have learned over my short periods of time with Miss Bressie's 1st grade class is when you have amazing teacher like Miss Bressie students LOVE to learn and come to school.



When I walked into Miss Bressie's room the first time I was quite impressed with how well behaved and on task they were; they were reading a story about the three little bears, and the students were filling out a comprehension sheet (Main idea and 3 key details) on it. Anytime they were asked to do something by their teacher, they would try their best to follow directions as quickly as possible.

Nice job first graders!





# FUN IN 4TH GRADE

-Taylor Peoples

If you haven't seen Mrs Tsukamoto while you're walking in the hall you should use the bathroom more often. She is such a respectful, cheerful, and honest person that you would love to have her as a friend as well.

I asked Ms Tsukamoto what the 4th graders were learning this year. She told me her students loved Socials Studies because they love to research and draw in class.



Mrs. Tsukamoto's class did a California Regions project. The regions they learned about were Coastal, Central Valley, Mountain, and Desert regions. When you open up the flap, you can see what the regions are about and where the regions are located on the map.

These fourth graders are smart.

# Kids in the Quad

By: Madeline Kann and Andy Liu

Question: what do you do at recess?

## 1/2 Grade



August / C Track

"I play basketball and shoot hoops. It is really fun for me. I like the way the ball bounces."

## 2nd Grade



Naiyeko / D Track

"My friend and I play on the playground. I like to play on the playground because it is fun."

## 3rd Grade



Audrey / D Track

"I play on the playground. It is really fun because I can play Floor is Lava."

## 4th Grade



Eva / A Track

"I play games with my friends. Sometimes I play four-square. I also eat snacks during recess."

## 5th Grade



Jonah / C Track

"I play basketball or four square. I like playing these games with my friends."

## 6th Grade



Eliana / D Track

"I talk with my friends and read. Reading is interesting to me."

# Guess the Staff!

By: Delina Lillard

\*Try to guess the staff member with just a childhood photo and 3 hints!



Hints:

1. This staff member's favorite color is blue.
2. Her favorite sport to play is Volleyball.
3. As a kid, she wanted to be an FBI Agent.

Mrs. Alessi  
Computers

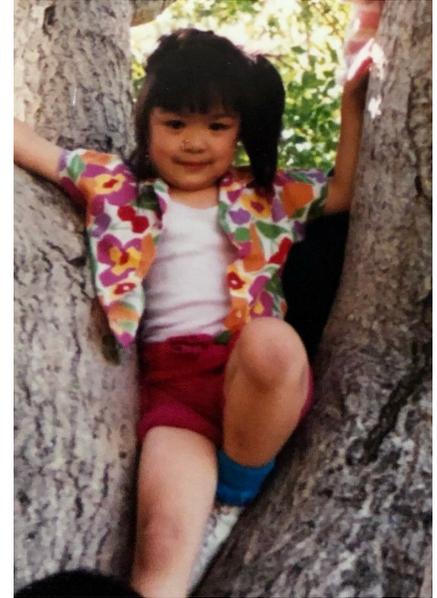


Hints:

1. This staff member's favorite color is blue.
2. His favorite sport is baseball.
3. He grew up in Santa Rosa, CA.

Last editions answers:

Mrs. Pizante  
2nd Grade Teacher  
(D Track)



Hints:

1. This staff member's favorite color is pink.
2. Her favorite sport to watch is baseball.
3. She grew up in Elk Grove, CA.

Mrs. Glaeser  
Kindergarten  
Teacher (A Track)





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