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Stone Lake On Lockdown

By Nick Buchanan

Stone Lake had a lockdown on Wednesday, November 17 after early out dismissal. Some kindergarten classes were still on campus, and nine Gazette students were in the computer classroom. We were on lockdown for 15 or 20 minutes because there was a domestic violence incident nearby.

When we got let out to go home, we saw one police car, four policemen, and a lot of flashing lights. They were there to make sure the suspect was not hiding at the school and making sure we were safe.

I sat with Mr. Beard, and we had a discussion about the lockdown.



Mr. Beard always keeps us safe!

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What was the cause of the lockdown that happened on the 17th?

“There was a stabbing that happened in a nearby neighborhood.”

How did you react?

“I made an announcement and made sure everyone was safe.”

What were the steps you took?

“I immediately made sure everyone was accounted for. Then I made an announcement.”

How were parents notified?

“I messaged the parents.”

What should kids do in a lockdown?

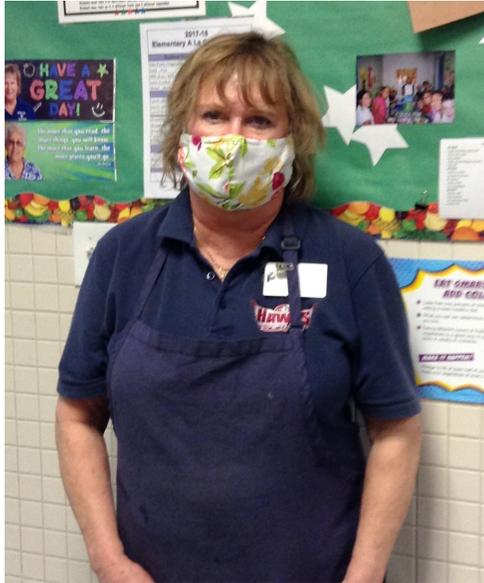
“When we go on a lockdown, we make sure to close the blinds, lock the doors, and get under our desks.”



Kitchen

By Andy Liu

Cafeteria Manager



Ms. Jeanie

Have you ever wondered who decides what is served for lunch or breakfast every day? A nutrition specialist at Food and Nutrition Services chooses. Our school gets food deliveries everyday. The food is then put in the refrigerator or freezer to be preserved fresh.

The food is heated to proper temperature using two oven-warmer-units. To know how much food is needed to prepare, each class has lunch count. The average amount of food that is needed to prepare is 230-250 meals. That is a lot of food!

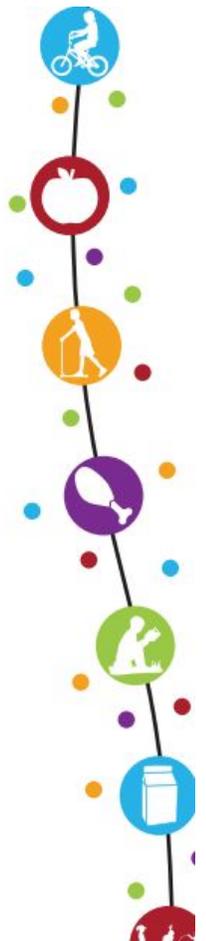
JANUARY ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

Entrées Choose One

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bean & Cheese Dip Fish Sticks Pasta and Meatballs*	Galaxy Cheese Pizza Turkey Taco Nada Turkey Chili with Corn Bread Chana Masala	Mac & Cheese Chicken Tamales Mini Cheeseburgers*
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Rip N' Dip Breadsticks Chicken Nuggets Beef Tacos*	Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Chicken Drumstick Pepperoni Pizza**	

* - Beef ** - Pork - Vegetarian - Plant Based - Hold

To find more Food & Nutrition information, go to the Stone Lake website. Scroll down and look for this icon on the left hand side.



WHAT IS READING COUNTS?

If you are new at Stone Lake or just have never payed attention to what Reading Counts is, well you're in the right place. Reading Counts is a program that we have at Stone Lake. Basically you read a book, find it on Reading Counts, take a quiz, and get a few points. If you get to 4000 points you get your name on the plaque in the office. Each book is usually 1-5 points. But some big chapter books are more like 40!

By Arnab Mondal



Q&A

Q: How do I know which books to read?

A; When you take a lexile test it asks you to pick a topic. These will transfer over to Reading Counts. There it will recommend some books based on the selected topics.

Q: How many points is each book? Will I have to read 4000 books?

A; Each book's points depends on the book, but most books are more than 1 point. So no, you won't have to read 4000 books.

Q: Are there a minimum amount of points you need each trimester?

A; Well that depends on your teacher. So technically, no.

Q: What are some good series to read for points?

A; Well I'd suggest, Harry Potter, Percy Jackson and the Olympians, The Heroes of Olympus, The Trials of Apollo. Also, read each series starting from the first book or it won't make sense.



By: Delina Lillard

I went to Mrs. Glaeser's classroom (kindergarten, A-Track) to get to know what the kids are learning about! When I went inside, they were working on an art project for Christmas. They were drawing a Christmas tree with ornaments using oil pastels. Right now in math they're wrapping up their unit on 2D shapes and are going to start learning about 3D shapes next. In handwriting, they're working on how to correctly hold a pencil, how to write on lined paper, and how to form letters correctly.



Mrs. Glaeser showing the students how to draw a christmas tree.

They're also doing lots of writing prompts that have to do with writing. In art, they're learning how to draw holiday items like a sleigh, trees, reindeer, Santa, and more. Also, they're learning foundational reading skills like letter sounds, initial sounds in words, and rhyming. Another big thing that's going on in kindergarten is learning about holidays other than Christmas, like Kwanzaa and Hanukkah. I had so much fun visiting Mrs. Glaeser's classroom and seeing what they're learning about!



PALSS Program

Program for the acquisition of language and social skills

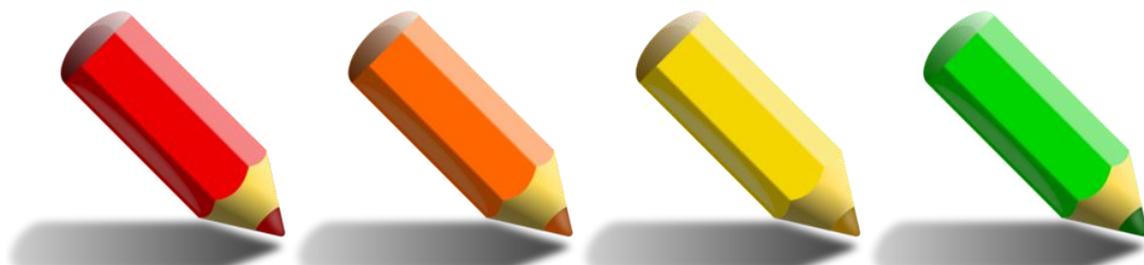
BY: MADELINE KANN AND TAYLOR PEOPLES



In this picture the kids are on the playground playing a game. They come outside between 9:15-9:30 am.

Not many people know about the PALSS Program. So a couple days ago we went to go find out what it was all about. We went to Ms. Martin's classroom. All of the kids were super nice and friendly to us. The class we went to was a 1st and a 2nd grade class of 16 students. The 1st graders are learning subtraction, the 2nd graders are learning about place value. All of them are doing reading, writing, crafts, and social skills. The hardest part for the teachers is practicing social skills with other students outside of the classroom.

Ms. Martin wanted this job because she loves kids and wants to be able to help them. She does get to mainstream the students by sending a para-educator with them to a regular classroom for portions of the day. The biggest part of her job is getting the students being able to trust her. She loves being a teacher here and wants to continue teaching.



PAJSS Program

Ms. Martin with her class and para-educators



What is your favorite thing about school?



Emma

"I like math and reading."



Ameyatzi

"I love reading books."



Jacob

"I love playtime and cooldown."



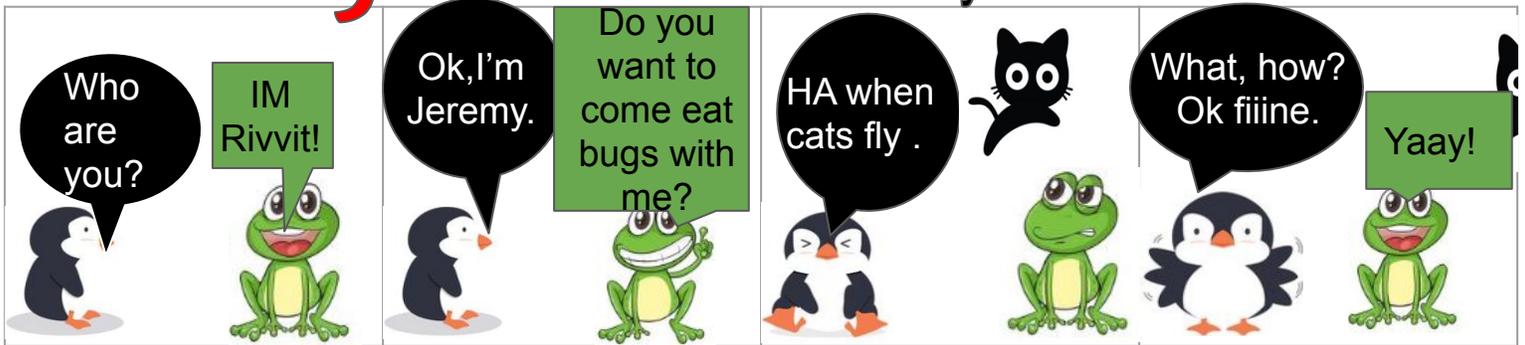
Kyle

"I like to play on chromebooks."

Christmas Comics and Holiday Hidden Picture

By Caitlin Truong

Jeremy and Rivvit by Hasan Ariwoola



I Am Not A Prince!

By Johanna Nebe



Santa needs your help! He was riding his sleigh and his bag of Christmas presents fell off. Santa's most loyal elf, Snowflake, fell off with them. Can you find Snowflake and the presents before Christmas is over?



Winter Activities

By: Sara Cheema and Mobashir Kahja

It's that time of the year again, Winter! Our school has done some very creative winter activities.

The first class we visited was Mrs Goodwin, and I must admit it was pretty impressive! They started off by filling the snowman with rice. Then they drew the face on it and put a scarf on it. They said it wasn't hard, but it took a lot of time to make it.



Here are Ms. Lunsford's projects. How they made it was by using yarn, rice, and socks to make little snowman. They also made a picture on the bags so they have an idea of what there little snowman will look like when it is finished.



Now we have Mrs. Lee's winter activities. They made reindeer ornaments! They used hot glue to stick the googly eyes and nose on the face. They put confetti in it and pipe cleaners for antlers.



Winter Activities

Hot cocoa from Mrs. Lee! They had different toppings like vegan marshmallows and whip cream. Mrs. Lee is a good teacher and has good ideas.



O' Penguin Tree - Jaydon Smoldon





More Festive Photos!



Cookie Decorating In Mrs. Houston's Class



Parols are a traditional Christmas decoration among Filipinos. Malagayang Pasko (Merry Christmas!) ~ Mr. Esguerra's Class



More Festive Photos!



Having Fun In Mrs. Tsukamoto's Class!

Enjoying Snack Time Mrs. Glaeser's Class!





More Festive Photos!



2nd Grade Winter Concert



Mrs. Stovall's Gift Exchange





More Festive Photos!



Marshmallow & Toothpick STEM Challenge!
Ms. Lunsford's & Miss Starke's Classes

