

Stone Lake Elementary School

Every student is given the opportunity, tools and support to succeed.

The name Stone Lake comes from the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge located less than two miles from our campus. This area was named after a Sacramento merchant, Rockwell Stone. The Stone family held the land until about 1891. Prior to European settlement, wildlife including elk, pronghorn and even grizzly bear inhabited the grasslands. The Plains Miwok relied on the land and its abundant wildlife for survival. These American Indians often camped, hunted, and fished along the area's lake shores. Many changes occurred beginning in the mid 1800s and pressure was on to make way for urban development. In 1994, Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge was designated as the 505th National Wildlife Refuge.

Present day Stone Lake Elementary opened during the 2000-2001 school year with a wonderful mix of excellent, veteran teachers and beginning teachers, multiple languages, and a wide variety of extra curricular opportunities.

Today, nearly 900 students attend our suburban, four track, year-round school. The challenge of maintaining success at a large, diverse, year-round school has been the driving force in the collaboration and life long learning by our staff. The outreach to students in need distinguishes the staff as people who truly care about each and every individual. Whether it is a disabled student confined to a wheelchair, a gifted student who needs to be challenged, an English Learner new to our country, a homeless family, or a student who "just needs a hug", we are there to provide them with whatever support is needed.

As parents pull into our driveway to drop off our students, they are greeted by our student parking lot Valet Service. Their car doors are opened for their children, they are greeted with a "good morning", and reminded "to have a nice day" as they drive away. Students walking through our front gates are greeted daily by our principal and vice principal where they receive a "good morning", a smile, or just to engage in light conversation. We want each student to walk onto our campus excited to learn, and knowing they are important.

The first thing you notice when walking on to our campus is the warmth and feeling of being welcome. Our large, open campus is nearly ten acres. We have two quads, a large multi purpose room, 37 classrooms and an expansive playground. Inside the classrooms, rigorous student work is displayed throughout the rooms, and hard working, creative, respectful teachers and students are busy at work. Another constant on our campus is the large number of parent volunteers. Outside the classrooms you will find students actively involved in an organized physical education activity with their teacher, taking part in a game of basketball, kickball, or perhaps a game of jump rope with the principal.

Confucius said, "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." As the principal of Stone Lake, it is obvious that the staff has chosen a job they love.