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# New Campus Supervisor!

***By: Liam Nguyen***

Hello Hawks, have you ever wanted to know what it's like being a new campus supervisor? Well your in luck, I interviewed Mrs. Wong to find out.

Mrs. Wong's main job is keeping everyone safe at Stone Lake. You can find her in front of the school in the morning, crossing students at the crosswalk, and monitoring the campus throughout the day.

Mrs. Wong said the best thing about being campus supervisor is that she gets to see smiles on faces everyday. She even said the worst thing is seeing kids get really angry. If she could have any other job, Mrs. Wong would stay our campus supervisor because it makes her very happy.

Mrs. Wong's favorite thing to do during her spare time is spending time with her family and gardening. If Mrs. Wong were to teach any grade she would teach kindergarten because she really likes little kids.



Mrs. Wong - Campus Supervisor

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# Special Ed with Mrs. Vertudazo

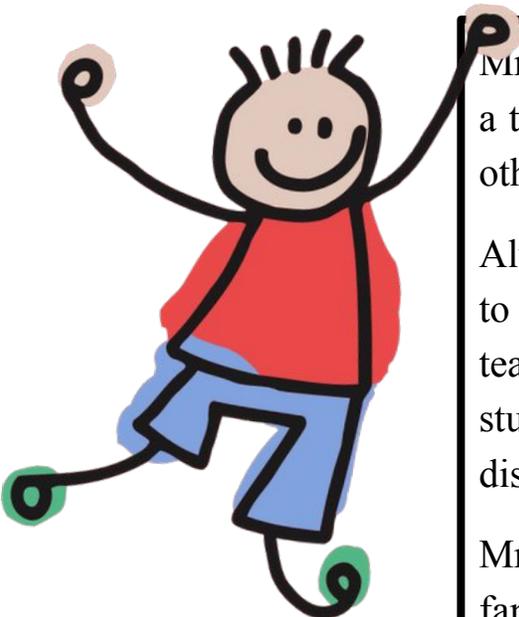
By: Daisy Bevens

Hello Hawks! Some of you may not know this, but Stone Lake has a Special Ed program for kids with disabilities. Mrs. Vertudazo is one of several teachers helping out with this program.

Mrs. Vertudazo's favorite part about teaching Special Ed is getting to teach the kids. She also loves her team of colleagues almost as much as she loves teaching the kids. Although she loves teaching kids with disabilities, she says that the hardest part about teaching Special Ed is when you get new students you have to figure out how to work with them.



**Mrs. Vertudazo at Recess**



Mrs. Vertudazo wanted to teach Special Ed because her mom was a teacher and her brother was autistic. That motivated her to help other people like him.

Although they don't use term PALSS anymore, they do use levels to distinguish a particular group from another. Mrs. Vertudazo teaches levels one through three. She explains that some of her students have the same curriculum as other students without disabilities, but others have their own curriculum just for them.

Mrs. Vertudazo says she has been teaching Special Ed for four fantastic years. She is an incredible part of our school, so next time you see her or her students, give them a big hello.

# Ms. Dittberner's Special Scholars

## By Aameena Hamedzai

Hello Stone Lake! Have you ever wanted to know what the Special Ed kids do? Lucky for you, I interviewed Ms. Dittberner to get some answers!

I know that all of us want to know what PALSS stands for, but apparently PALSS isn't used anymore. It was only used for kids with autism. They wanted to include kids with other disabilities, so they stopped using PALSS. They use the term Levels.

Ms. Dittberner's students have trouble with reading, and writing but they enjoy math! Ms. Dittberner describes her students as unique and funny.



**Ms. Dittberner**

A little bit about Ms. Dittberner is that this is her first year teaching. If she could teach a different grade, she would teach 7th, 8th, or any grade in high school. If she could teach a subject, she would teach art! Ms. Dittberner's favorite holiday is Halloween because she likes to decorate and see kids in their costumes.

It was a pleasure visiting Ms. Dittberner's classroom. Have a great rest of your day Hawks!



**Students Art work!**

# Hawk Talent

By Sophia Wagner

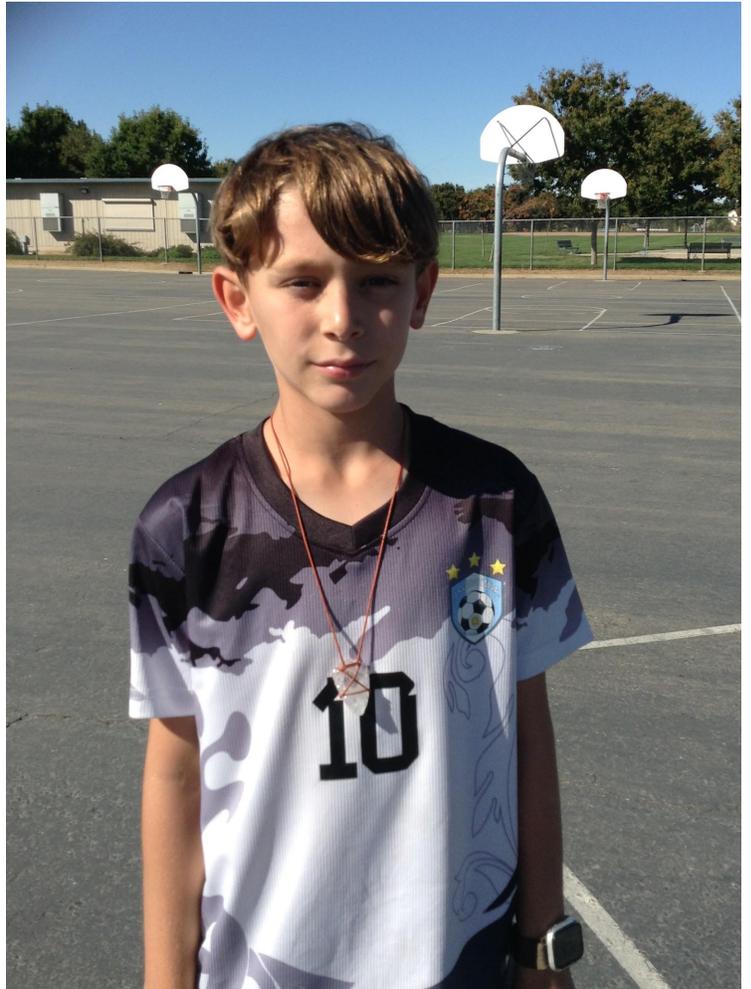
## Logan Davis

Last year, many of our students here at Stone Lake performed in our annual spring virtual showcase. However, a student who really stood out was Logan Davis, a fourth grade student in Mrs. Moore's class. Logan who recorded himself doing Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Logan has been doing Jiu Jitsu for about a year now. Logan says that his favorite part about it is earning new belts and stripes.

However, Logan pointed out that Jiu Jitsu is hard because it requires you to remember lots of things.

He isn't the only person in his family who does this amazing sport. His brother does it too, and he probably has just as much fun.



Logan - Hawks Talent

When asked if Logan would recommend it to other kids or not, he said he would because Jiu Jitsu can be really fun.

Who knows? Maybe you'll try Jiu Jitsu and really like it! Logan you are AWESOME!

# 3rd Grade Field Trip

By Jensen Chau  
& Ryan Liang

Hello Fellow Hawks! Have you ever wondered about the 3rd Grade field trip to Elk Grove High School? Well, we interviewed the 3rd grade teachers, and here's what they had to say!

Mrs. Trujano, Mr. Roberts, and Mrs. Matthews went on this field trip together. They went to learn about agriculture and the FFA program in California. They saw many animals and future farmers.



**Students looking at animals.**

We asked the teachers what they thought of the trip. Mr. Roberts' favorite part was seeing the kids get excited. Mrs. Matthews' favorite part was to plant seeds and pet animals. She also liked seeing the kids happy. Mrs. Trujano said that this field trip was +10/10 and was probably one of the best field trips that she has been on.

That's about all Fellow Hawks, see you on the next one!



**Students on the field trip.**

# Field Trip! Where?!

*By: Dhiviksha.V*

Field trips have always been fun. I mean who doesn't love a field trip. Well the 4th graders went to the Gold Bug Mine. The 4th grade A track teacher, Mrs. Moore, says that it was about 50 miles away from Stone Lake towards Lake Tahoe. She said that the educational purpose of this field trip was for the 4th graders to learn about the Gold Rush.

Students went inside a mine, and they also got to pan gold! How cool is that! Mrs. Moore and some of her students said that an unforgettable moment was going into the mine. When I asked some of the 4th graders to rate this field trip from 1-10, they said that this field trip was worth more than 10!



**Mrs. Moore's 4th grade class during the field trip**

# Going to the Gold Bug Mine *By: Lucy Smoldon*

Have you ever wondered what fun field trips 4th grade goes on? Well I spoke with Mrs. Tsukamoto and her class to find out.

Mrs. Tsukamoto's class went to the Gold Bug Mine. They went there because they were studying rocks and minerals in class. They were also learning about the California gold rush. Some of the activities they were able to do were going to see the mine, learn about ores and how they were found, go to a blacksmith and answer questions for a prizes, and see the blacksmith build things.

Mrs Tsukamoto's class left school at around 8:30 am and returned at 2:30 pm, so they had lots of time for all the activities. I talked to her class and asked them what their favorite part of the field trip was. Some of their responses were seeing the mine, watching metal being molded, and the gift shop. This is such a cool field trip!



**The Gold Bug Mine**

# 5th Grade Field Trips

By: Stephanie, TJ, and Camille

## B-Track: Mr. Vazquez's Class

Mr. Vazquez class went to the Nicholas Dairy Farm. They went on the field trip to learn about the farm, agriculture, the different jobs people have on the farm! They made hydroponic systems, sampled honey, met animals (including cow, goats and chickens) , and lastly made leather key chains! The bus ride was a bit rough but worth it because the trip was an excellent experience!

Stephanie



Mr. Vazquez's Class

## A-Track: Mrs. Goodwin's Class

Mrs. Goodwin's Class visited the Nicholas Dairy farm. They went on this field trip to learn about dairy farms and agriculture. They all got to sample honey, make their own hydroponics, and visit some animals. Many of them loved the animals and were interested in how they progressed milk. On the ride there, they felt hot, excited, and stuffed. However, on the ride home, they felt excited, relaxed, and happy. They would love to go again, to visit all of these wonderful things again!

Taylor Jane(TJ)



Mrs. Goodwin's Class

## D-Track: Mrs.Lungsford's Class

Mrs. Lunsford Class visited the Nicholas Dairy Farm. They went on this field trip to learn about the hydroponic system and agricultural farming. They also learned how to milk a cow and feed the goats. Their favorite part was the animals including the cows and goats. Many of them said they wanted to go again, but some said no. Overall, the trip was great and an unforgettable experience!

Camille



Ms. Lungsford's Class

# Stone Lake Staff

## Mrs. Bottini

By: Sophie Rodriguez

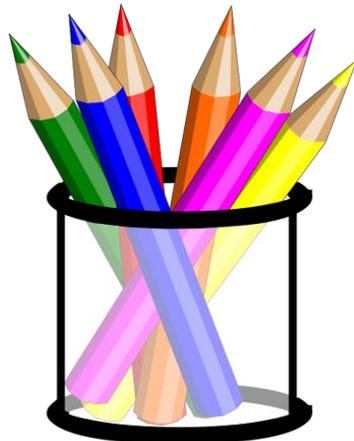
Hello Stone Lake! Do you know Mrs. Bottini? Well, I interviewed her, learned more about her, and I can share it with all of you!

Mrs. Bottini is a transitional kindergarten teacher who loves her students. She decided to become a teacher because she loves working with kids and learning new things.

Mrs. Bottini became a teacher in 2018, and she has taught just about every grade. Yet, Mrs. Bottini's favorite grades to teach are first grade and kindergarten.



Mrs. Bottini



### Fun Facts:

Did you know Mrs. Bottini's favorite color is pink? She has two cats and one dog. Some of Mrs. Bottini's hobbies include traveling and learning new things. She loves to eat yummy food!

## Miss Mary, Our 1B Para!

**By: Liana Llamas**

Have you ever wanted to know more about our amazing paras? Well, you're in luck because today I interviewed one of the best paras in our school, Miss. Mary!

Miss Mary has been a para for 16 years and has helped many teachers and students. Her job is to support students and help them focus more. She also helps to support the teacher.

Miss Mary's favorite part about her job is learning about the teachers, the students, and what they are learning about.

In her free time, Miss Mary loves to read books, dance to music, and take sightseeing tours.

We are lucky to have Miss Mary as part of our Stone Lake staff.



Miss. Mary

### **What is a para?**

A para is short for paraeducator. Their job is to support the students they are assigned to. They provide one on one tutoring throughout the day, help with class management, and are a positive influence for the entire class..

# Stone Lake Staff

## Getting to know Mrs. Moore

By: Mia Batovac

Hello fellow Stone Lakers!

I interviewed our wonderful 4th grade teacher Mrs. Moore who has been teaching at Stone Lake for 10 years!

Mrs. Moore said her favorite part of her job is forming relationships with her students as well as seeing them grow. A good day at school for Mrs. Moore is when students ask questions, participate, and complete their work.

As you may or may not know 4th and 5th are now doing AVID as well as 6th grade. Mrs. Moore said she is really excited to teach all the new cheers and chants, and she also likes the organization piece of AVID.

Mrs. Moore likes to spend time with family, traveling, and trying new foods in her free time. She said that if she could travel to any place in the world it would be Rome, Italy because she wants to go on shopping sprees and eat all the delicious foods like pasta and gelato.

Mrs. Moore is such an amazing teacher, and we are so happy she is here teaching at Stone Lake and inspiring others to be the best they can be.



Mrs. Moore



# ~Library News~

**By: Lana Alwaheb**

Our library comes up with new opportunities and amazing changes every year. And recently, I interviewed Mrs. Bush to know more about what's going on in the library. To my surprise, Mrs. Bush is excited to put some new books on the shelves including many history books about several countries we never had books about. There are also tons of interesting fiction books. Not only that, she's gotten a new shed too! Mrs. Bush says she looks forward to the bigger space for books and the well ventilated structure that comes with it.



Mrs. Bush's new shed :)



A sneak peek at the new books :D



Mrs. Bush <3

You can find the shed on the PE blacktop by the fence. You really can't miss it. And while you're there, you might as well visit the library too! The library is now open Wednesday through Friday from 8-8:30 am before school and Wednesday from 2:10-3 pm after school. This year, students can check out 1 book if they are under the 6th grade. However, the first class to turn in all their books before they track off gets to check out 2 books during their next library visit! The 6th graders get to choose from a prize bucket. As you can tell, this year appears to be a very interesting year for our school library.

# Wild About Learning Intermediate Classrooms

## MRS. GOODWIN'S CLASS IS WILD ABOUT LEARNING

By: Diana Behbahani

Hello Stonelake Students!

Have you ever wondered what it's like in Mrs. Goodwin's class? I got a chance to to speak to Mrs. Goodwin and see what her class is currently learning about!

Mrs. Goodwin's class has been learning all about about space, stars, and constellations in science. Students are doing a project where they have to make a poster for a certain constellation. Mrs. Goodwin says that the most fun part of learning about space for her students is making the constellation posters.



**This is a photo of what one of the Constellation posters looks like!**

The class also enjoys using the Sim which is an interactive online science tool.

Mrs. Goodwin's class is learning about space because it is one of the 5th grade standards. They're also learning it because space is a fun and intriguing topic that is important for 5th graders to learn about.

# Wild About Learning

## Intermediate Classrooms

# Mrs. Houston's 6th Grade!

By: Danielle Suo

Hello fellow Stone Lake students! I got to interview my wonderful teacher, Mrs. Houston who teaches sixth grade!

First, I asked Mrs. Houston what her class is learning about. She said that her class is learning about early humans. Then, I asked her what the hardest part about teaching the lesson early humans. Mrs. Houston said that the hardest part was trying to get the students to understand that that these early humans are not just from 100 years ago ... it is from millions of years ago.



Mrs. Houston

I then asked why this unit is important, and Mrs. Houston replied that this the foundation of all early human civilizations. The next question I asked her was what is the most fun part about teaching this subject. Mrs. Houston said that the best part is learning that our early ancestors all started in East Africa. Lastly, I asked her what is her favorite subject to teach. She then replied that it is social studies because you can do so much with this subject!



# Mesmerizing Murals

By: Natalie Tupaz



## **The Eagle Mural**

Mrs. Kanemoto organized our school's wonderful *Murals on our Sheds*. She said they painted the murals to fill the blank space up, and she wants kids at Stone Lake to feel happy.

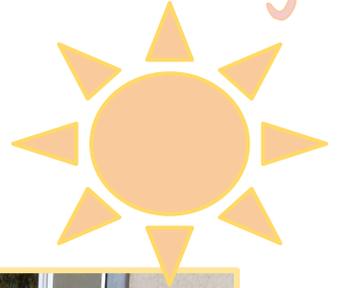


## **Reading, A Hawk, & Pierre, the cat Mural**

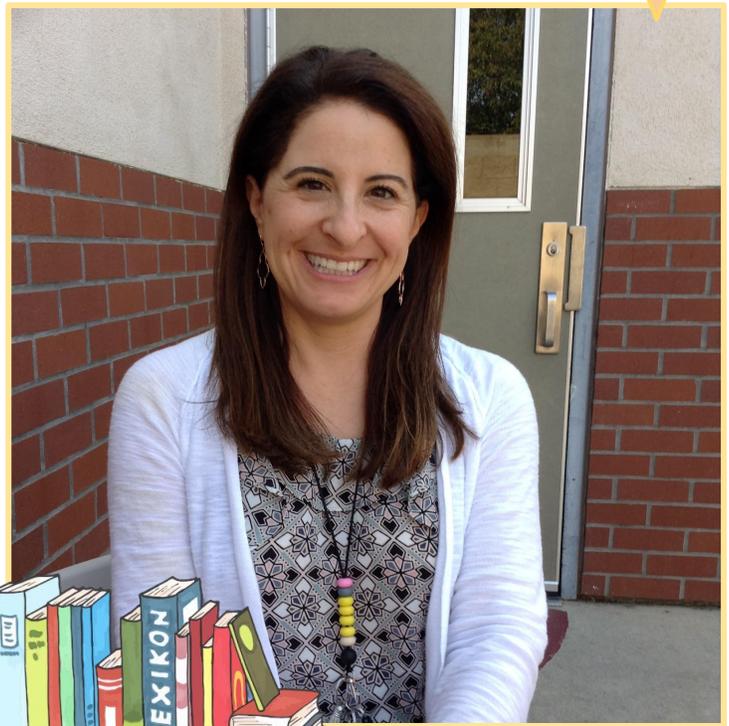
# The Nuts & Bolts of Stone Lake

By: Rosalea Ortega

Have you ever wondered what intersession is? Well your in luck, because today I got to interview the lovely 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Goodwin on the Nuts and Bolts of Intersession.



To start with, intersession is a 5 day off track program for students from TK to 6th grade to do fun activities. Typically what is taught varies from teacher to teacher, but what students mostly learn is STEM, art, PE, and computer skills.



Mrs. Goodwin

Intersession is free for students. The school day is 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. If you are interested in going to intersession, be sure to look out for a email from Mr. Beard with a Google link to sign up (teachers will confirm spot via email). Make sure to sign up before the deadline since only few spots are available!

The next time you are thinking about going to intersession, remember these Nuts and Bolts!!

# Kids in the Quad

## What are you looking forward to this school year?

By: Zoe Tan and Sofia Lobo

1B  
Alex



Hanging out with my friends.

2D  
Myra



Making new friends.

3B  
Hosna



Getting good grades and reading.

4B  
Catalina



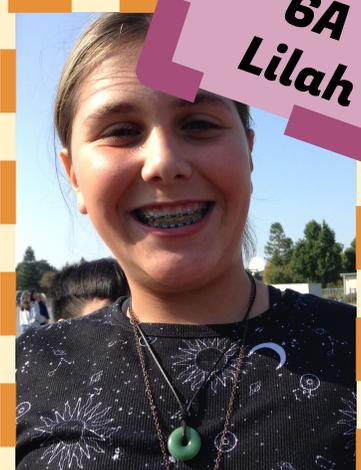
Getting better at math.

5A  
Audrey



Having fun at NEHS.

6A  
Lilah



Eating lunch.