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# Assist - After School Program!

By: Aya Gogia

Assist, Stone Lake’s after school program, is up and running. I talked to Coach Braylen to find out what the program is like.

Coach Braylen is the site coordinator. When I met him, he was handing out snacks to a long line of about 35 students who are enrolled. Coach Jay, Coach Jacob, and Coach Frough were also there.

Students stay for about 2-2 ½ hours because the program runs from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Assist has many activities for students to do. They have snack, sports, homework help, journal, health, and enrichment.

Assist looks like a great place to go after school!



Coach Braylen



Coach Jay



Coach Jacob



Coach Frough

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# Black History Month

By: Avery Gudel

## Fourth Grade 4

Have you ever wondered what fourth graders do for Black History Month at Stone Lake Elementary? Well, I asked Mrs. Moore what her class was doing, and they are doing so many fun things! First, they are watching videos and listening to read alouds. After that, they are making posters and bobble heads! I know if I were in fourth grade, I would definitely be excited to do all of those great activities!

## Fifth Grade 5

Have you ever wondered what fifth graders do for Black History Month at Stone Lake Elementary? Well I was, so I emailed some teachers to find out. In Ms.Starkes class, they are making quilts. Each student is responsible for 1 square of the quilt. The other fifth grade classes are making posters to celebrate Black History Month. I don't know about you guys but that sounds super fun and crafty!

## Computers



I really wanted to know what students were doing in Computers for Black History Month, So I decided to figure it out! Mrs. Alessi said that she told the stories of Rosa Parks and The Greensboro Four. Then students made a digital poster for one of them. They used vocabulary words from the story to create a word cloud in the shape of a bus or coffee mug. They also included photos and a description of how Rosa Parks or The Greensboro Four showed "Resistance", the theme of this year's Black History Month. I had so much fun learning about what they do.

# Kids in the Quad

By Lola and Gia-Vy

Do you like Valentine's Day? Why or why not?

Myra

1st



Yes, because you get gifts.

Haily

2nd



Yes, because it is special.

Elise

3rd



Yes, because it is fun.

Stephen

4th



Yes, it is just fun, and I like the holidays.

Aubrey

5th



Yes, because I get to spend it with my family.

Shyla

6th



I do because I like candy.

# NEHS



## Ceremony By: Saron Fitwi

Remember the article on NEHS a couple of months ago? That very same program had a special ceremony on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

That ceremony was for inducting fifth graders into NEHS for the next year. About 40 fifth graders were inaugurated into NEHS and are going to start this year just as many of our current sixth graders in NEHS did. Many family members were present and the overall ceremony went well.

Decorated with low lit candles, the ceremony started off with a speech by Mr. Lyman, our vice principal, and Mr Beard, our principal. During the ceremony there was also a candle reading and later, with the help of some of our six graders, the induction.

Tyler Ishimoto, one of our six graders, lead the NEHS pledge. It went like this:

*I pledge to uphold  
The high purposes  
Of the National Elementary Honor Society  
To which I have been selected  
I will be true  
To the principles to which it stands  
And will maintain and encourage  
High standards of Scholarship,  
Responsibility,  
Service,  
And Leadership.*

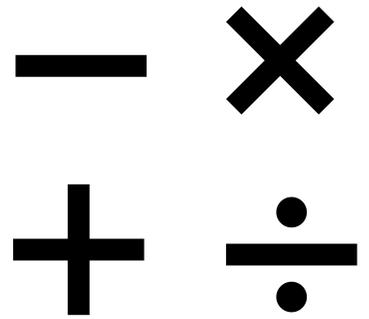
The overall ceremony went well and ended with refreshments provided by the PTO. It was an exciting event for many of our new NEHS fifth graders. I hope they have many more exciting events in the future.



The fifth graders inducted into NEHS.

# Math Olympiad

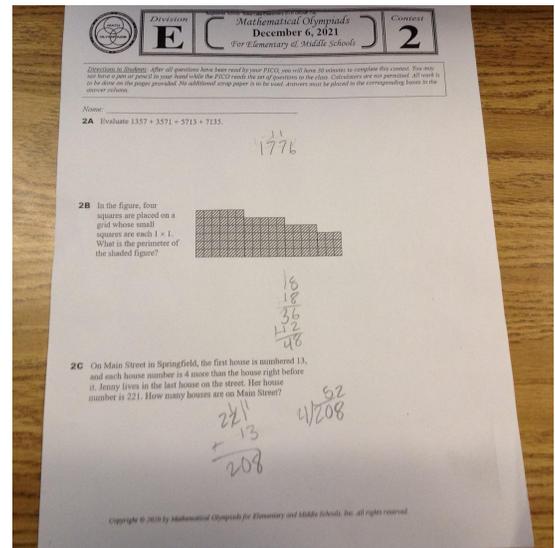
By: Joseph Fong



Have you ever wondered or wanted to know if Stonelake has a after school math program that challenges your mind with harder than average math problems? We do! Math Olympiad is a great place to exercise your brain with challenging math problems and concepts not taught in school.

Math Olympiad is held every Monday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in Mrs. Houston's classroom. Anyone from 4th, 5th, or 6th grades are eligible to join. Mrs. Houston runs this program, and she is very patient and helpful. Mrs. Houston also teaches 6th grade and is extremely passionate about her students and what she teaches.

Math Olympiad has two types of meetings: test meetings and practice meetings, and they alternate each week.. At practice meetings everyone is split into groups of 4 to 5 people. At test meetings everyone must take a test individually without aid from fellow pupils. The tests are five questions long each increasing in difficulty and time required to solve.



An example of a test.

The curriculum taught at Math Olympiad is highly unlike any math you have done. Problems may include concepts you have never heard of before. It is a great environment and everytime you are guaranteed to learn a new concept or strategy.

There are five tests every Math Olympiad year, each being scored out of 5, numbered as A1, A2, A3, A4, and A5. Each score you get is recorded by Mrs. Houston and you will receive an overall score out of 25 at the end of the year.

Overall, I hope you found this informational and helpful. If you feel intrigued and want to challenge your brain, then you can check out Math Olympiad!



Mrs. Houston

# Stone Lake Staff

## Getting to Know

**Mrs. Moore!**

**By, Meenakshi Siva**



Get to know more about Mrs. Moore, our fabulous 4th grade teacher!

**How long have you taught at Stone Lake?**  
I have been working at Stone Lake for 9 years.

**What is your favorite part about being a teacher?**  
I like seeing kids not knowing a skill and then learning it.

**What are some of your hobbies?**  
My hobbies are traveling and reading.

**If you weren't a teacher, what job would you choose?**  
I would be a Marine Biologist.

**What inspired you to be a teacher?**  
When I was volunteering in a 4th grade class, I saw a difference I made in one particular girl.

**What subject do you like to teach?**  
I like teaching Math.

## Interview with Mrs. Mellinger by: Sarvleen Kaur



**I asked Mrs. Mellinger some questions to get to know her better.**

**How long have you been teaching for?**  
11 years

**What are your hobbies?**  
I enjoy traveling, hiking, skiing and snowshoeing. I also enjoy cooking and baking.

**If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?**  
If I wasn't a teacher, I'd probably be a veterinarian or doctor because I care for animals and people.

**Do you have any pets and what's your favorite animal?**

I have two pets; a dog and a cat. My favorite animal is a dog because they're always happy to see you.

**What would the students be surprised to find out about you?**

I come from a small agriculture town that is known as "Salad Bowl of the World." I was involved in both 4-H and FFA and showed animals for our local fairs. As a kid, I raised sheep, pigs and steers.

## Getting to Know Mr. V by Evan Duong



**I asked Mr. Vazquez about his job as a 5th grade teacher.**

**How long have you been teaching?**  
I have been a teacher for 18 years.

**What are your hobbies?**  
I like playing golf, listening to music, and spending time with my family.

**What job would you want if you weren't a teacher?**  
I would want to be a pro baseball or golf player.

**What is the hardest part of your job?**  
The hardest part of my job is making uninteresting things interesting.

**What is the best part of your job?**  
The best part of my job is seeing the growth of my students.



# Wild About Learning Intermediate Classrooms

## Mrs. Goodwin's Hawks

By: Olivia Giusti

My favorite part of interviewing for the Gazette is witnessing the amount of work displayed each classroom. The collection of work in this class was exceptional, and I am sure Mrs. Goodwin sees greatness in each and every student.

While I was there, the students were very respectful to Mrs. Goodwin and listened attentively. Their artwork was so awesome! They are currently working on their black history month posters. The students get assigned a figure in black history, and they research all about them.



Mrs. Goodwin gave me some insight on the class rewards. Student earn raffle tickets by moving their clip up on the behavior chart. Certain tickets are given for certain levels of behavior. Raffle tickets are selected, and students can go to a class box filled with candy and little toys.

The fifth grade students have a lot to look forward to! They have field trips to plays and museums.

I enjoyed interviewing Mrs. Goodwin, and getting to know their class life!



# Wild About Learning Intermediate Classrooms

## Mr. Esquerra

By: Sydney Hoang

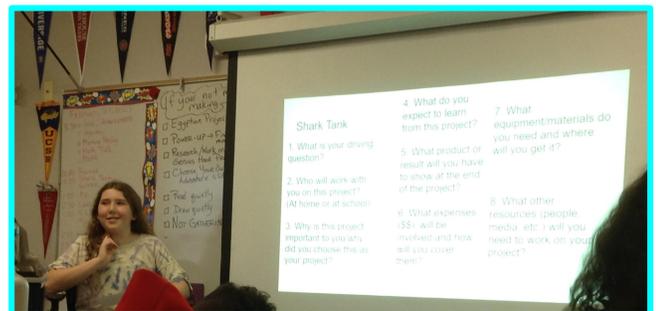
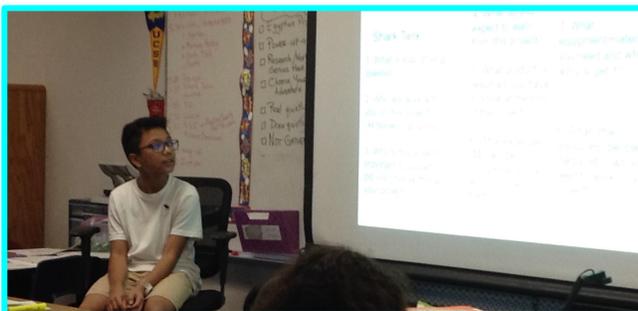
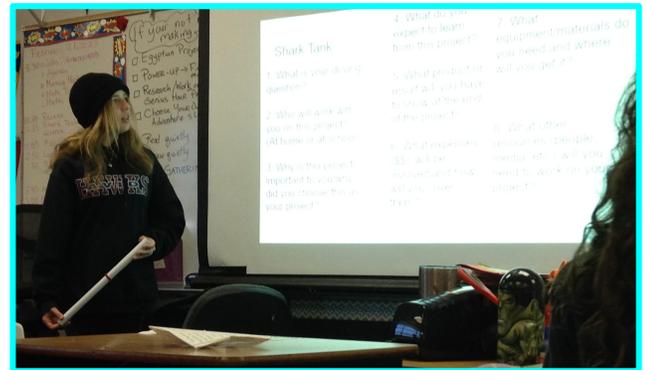
Today I interviewed Mr. Esquerra to find out what projects his 6th grade class is working on!

Mr. Esquerra says that they are working on a project called "Genius Hour." Genius hour is a project where you dedicate an hour to complete a goal you're passionate about. For example, dancing, drawing, basketball etc. Mr. Esquerra is expecting his students to invest energy into their project. He tells me that the hardest part is coming up with an idea and sticking with it.

In addition, Mr. Esquerra says that the most fun part is seeing how much they learn by researching their topic.

After they complete their goal, students will present their project to the class.

This interview left me curious on what kind of projects the students will choose! Thank you for reading!



Students presenting their project

# Day



# By: Grady Sazama

If you are wondering what is going on over in kinderland, they just had a massive party because it was day 100!

On Day 100, they celebrate by making fruit loop chain necklaces, they count to 100, and they make glasses with 100 on them.

Everyday, the kindergartners count how many days until Zero the Hero visits. He visits every 10 days, so they throw a big party on day 100 because there are two zeros instead of just one.



Kindergartners dressed up as 100 year olds.



Day 100 glasses

Right: Mrs. Wong and Mrs. Kanemoto dressed up as 100 year olds



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# Buddies!

Buddies are something that everyone in the school looks forward to doing, especially the people who have buddies! Bigger buddies can either be in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, and little buddies are either Kindergarteners, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd graders.



The activities that buddies do together consist of coloring, paper crafting, outside activities, and writing! The outside activities include walking the track, or playing with equipment! Coloring usually includes papercrafting, as in glueing and making projects!





# P.E.

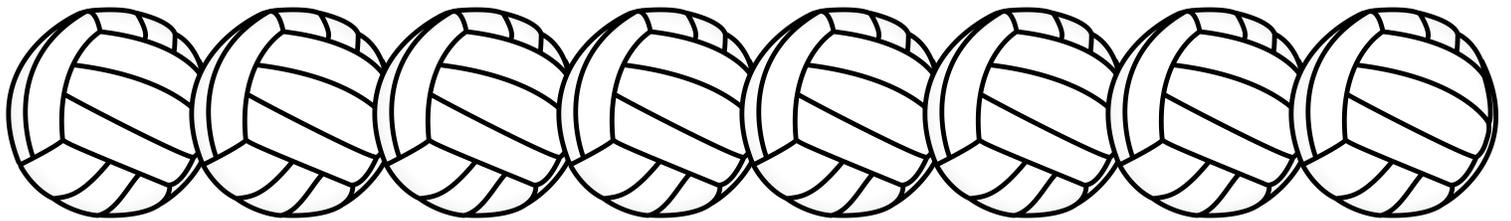
## with Mrs. Hermann

What's new in P.E. you ask? well, I interviewed Mrs. Herman, and she said that the current sport is volleyball.

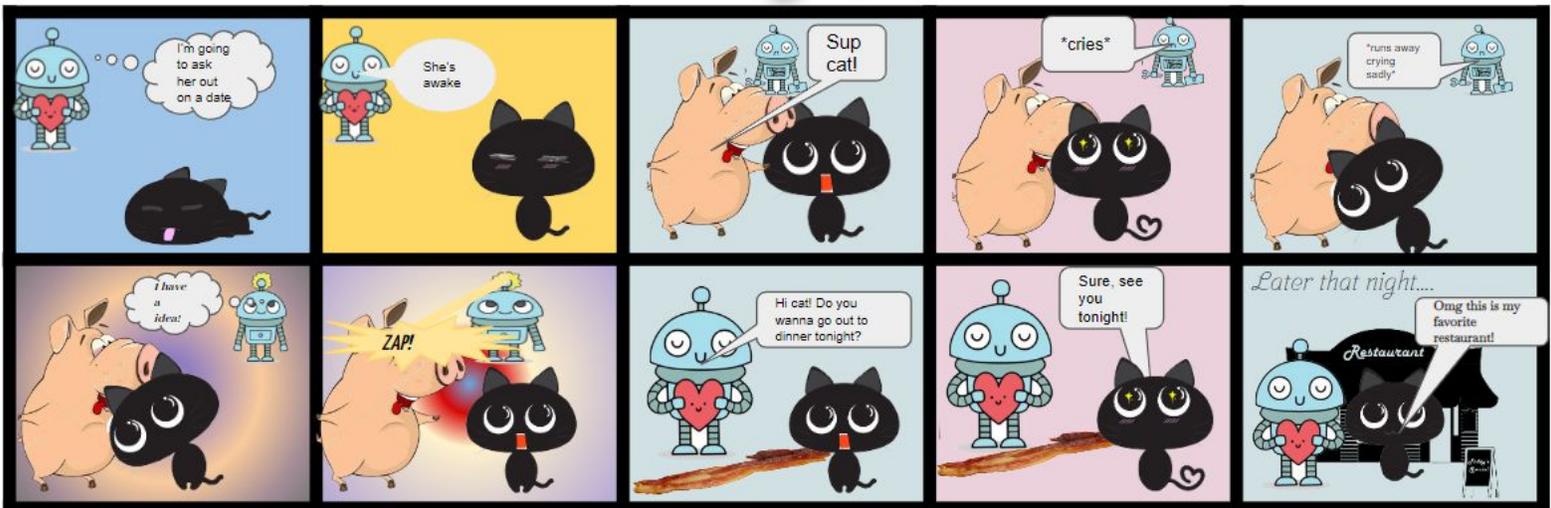
In volleyball, there are 6 people on each side. You can score by hitting the ball inside the lines on the other side of the net. "The hardest part of volleyball is teaching people to be aggressive," says Mrs. Herman.

Each time a team scores, that team earns one point. You play 3 sets per game. The first two sets are to 25 points. To win a set, you have to win by 2 points. In the third set, you go to 15 points and have to win by 2 points.

I hope you learned something about volleyball!



## Cat's date with robot! by Allison Cardoza



# App Of The Month

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## Follett Library Catalog

By Amy Chen



Have you ever wondered what the Follett Library Catalog app is?

This portal app is used to find books in the Stone Lake Library! Students are able to use this app to search for books in the library, and they are also able to see if the books are currently available or not.



Students can also use the Follett Library Catalog to find information about books such as the description, the reading level, and how many reading counts points it is.

I hope this help you!

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Top Image: stack of books  
Bottom Image: Follett app icon



Portal App Icons

# Flashback Photos

By: Mateo Acevedo



1. plays a musical instrument
2. loves the beach
3. climbed Mt. Shasta



1. Color: Green
2. Sport: Golf
3. Hobby: Weightlifting



1. Color: Gray
2. Sport: Volleyball
3. Hobby: Go out to eat

## Last Edition's Photos



Mrs. Tsukamoto



Mrs. Bohlmann



Mrs. Tateshi