



Welcome Back to School 2022 - 2023

Stone Ranch Elementary School, A Place to Belong.

Dear Stone Ranch Families,

The staff and I are excited to welcome our students back to school on Wednesday, August 17th. The following information should answer many of your questions regarding the beginning of the school year. If after reading you have questions, do not hesitate to jump onto our community [Padlet](#) to ask your questions. I will do my best to answer all questions within a timely matter, providing transparency and as much information as possible to keep us all on the same page, feet and focus forward.

Our office and custodial staff have been busy preparing our campus for the new school year and welcoming new staff to the Trailblazer family. Our teachers have been in and out all summer, preparing their classrooms for an AMAZING opening day and school year! Please visit our [school website](#) to learn more about our campus and to stay informed on all upcoming events and information.

As you begin to prepare your children for our first day of school, I hope you will find the information below to be helpful. I am looking forward to meeting each of you and your student/students as we head into this exciting new school year...the best year yet!

Warmly,
Mrs. Wilken



Welcome to Stone Ranch – General Information

STONE RANCH ELEMENTARY

16150 4S Ranch Parkway
San Diego, CA 92127
858-487-8474 FAX 858-487-6225
<http://www.powayusd.com/pusdsres/>

SCHOOL HOURS:

Grades K-5 KIDS (8/17-9/23) TK Students	M, T, W, F: 7:45am - 2:05pm K Dismissal: 11:45am M-F: 7:45am - 11:45am	Th: 7:45am-12:25pm
ASD Preschool NSH PreK AM NSH PreK PM	M, T, W, F 7:45-12:50pm M, T, W, F 7:45 -10:15am M, T, W, F 11:35-2:05pm	Th. 7:45 -12:25pm
Part Time PreK 3s T/Th, 4s M/W/F Full Day Preschool	M-F 8:00am - 11:00am M-F 7:30am - 5:30pm	

BEFORE SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

At 7:20, the playground gate will open for breakfast in the Cafe. Students who enter at this time will be directed to the cafe to grab breakfast.

At 7:25, supervision will arrive and the playground will open for play. Please share [this video](#) with your Trailblazer before the SECOND day of school. It will explain our NEW before school playground zones to ensure safety of all students. The PLAYGROUND GATE will be the ONLY gate that opens before school every day.

At 7:38, the first bell will ring. Students will gather their belongings and head to class. The supervisors will help guide students to class, especially our younger students.

At 7:40, the second bell will ring. Teachers will greet students at their classrooms.

At 7:45, the final bell will ring. Students must be seated and ready to learn. The school day starts!

**** **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ONLY** -As a reminder, the first day of school is a very busy day in our parking lot. Please plan for some extra time to either walk with your children to school, or find parking on the street or at the boys and girls club.

7:20 Adults are welcome to enter the PLAYGROUND GATE with your student/students.

At 7:38, the first bell will ring. You may walk with your student to their classrooms.

Teachers will greet you outside the classrooms. We look forward to seeing you.

**** **Starting Thursday, August 18th** - ONLY students will be allowed to enter the PLAYGROUND Gate.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST

All SRES students have the opportunity to eat a district provided free of charge breakfast starting at 7:20am. Students will need to be dropped off in the parking lot, turn around and enter the school through the playground gate. The only students allowed on campus at 7:20 are those who will be having breakfast at school.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL

Once the 2nd bell rings at 7:45am, please join our new principal, Mrs. Wilken, for a quick Welcome Back message and new family breakfast, in the MPR. All families are welcome. Once Mrs. Wilken finishes introducing herself, the PTA and Foundation board members will be hosting new family tours on campus. These tours should take no more than 20 - 25 minutes. Please join us.

REMIND 101

REMIND is 1-way text messages from Principal Wilken to the community. This is a great way for families (and staff) to get relevant and timely information about school events, situations, etc. You only need to sign up one time. Messages are all-school related. We needed to create multiple classes due to the size of our school. No matter which grade level link/code you use, everyone gets the same message. [PLEASE SIGN UP HERE](#)

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Parents/Guardians will be able to access classroom assignments beginning August 16th at 12:01 AM. by visiting <https://MyPlan.powayusd.com>. Log in with your parent PUSD login, click on the Canvas icon, and you will see a tile for each class your student(s) are enrolled in. If you do not know or have forgotten your PUSD login information, please visit <https://password.powayusd.com/AccountSelfService/>

DROP OFF/PICK UP SAFETY:

Main Traffic Circle for 3rd-5th grade, Parking Lot Circle for PreK -2nd. Drivers use the circle for their youngest student to drop off and pick up their students. Please make sure you have taken the time to watch [Mrs. Otero's video](#) explaining these adjustments in the best interest of student safety and community harmony.

CHARACTER COUNTS

At SRES we believe that Character Counts! We focus on the 6 pillars of character:

Trustworthiness – Be honest

Respect – Show respect to all adults, students, and property

Responsibility – Be responsible and follow directions the first time they are given

Fairness – Play by the rules and respond appropriately to consequences

Caring – Be kind and show care with words and actions

Citizenship – Participate in assigned school activities

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

PUSD Board Policy 4.415 prohibits volunteers on campus unless they have completed a background check (Megan's Law), signed a Code of Conduct form, and had a TB Skin Test or clearance. All visitors and cleared volunteers must report to the office, sign-in, and wear a visitor's pass and sign out as you leave campus.

Volunteers are welcome on campus and in classrooms. Volunteers will turn in a verification of COVID Vaccine or Negative COVID test [test to be done no more than one week before each volunteer date] to the school office. The volunteer website is up to date with necessary requirements: <https://www.powayusd.com/en-US/Community/Volunteer> As always, if someone is not feeling well or has symptoms, they should remain at home.

SCHOOL MEALS

School Breakfast (7:20 - 7:40am) are available for free during school days.

Hot lunches are available for free including milk. Children who bring their own lunch may purchase milk (\$.75), water (\$.75), or juice (\$1.00) from the cafeteria.

EXTENDED STUDENT SERVICES (ESS):

Stone Ranch offers an Extended Student Services Program located on campus. ESS is an after school child care program that extends the learning day for students. Supervisor is Jen Roach. It is available for all students from 2:05pm – 6:00pm. For information, contact ESS at 858-521-0250 or visit their website at: <http://powayusd.com/pusdsres/ess/>

ATTENDANCE

Please encourage your student to be a **HERO - Here Everyday Ready On-Time!**

It is important you keep us informed about your child when they are not in school. When your child is absent, please call the attendance hotline at 858-521-0213 or email our Attendance & Health Technician, Rachael McKinnon at rmckinnon@powayusd.com, to inform us of the reason for the absence each day your child is not in attendance.

MEET YOUR OFFICE STAFF

Our front office staff is always willing to help! If you have any questions, please contact us:

Lisa Wilken, Principal	lwilken@powayusd.com
Kim Otero, Asst. Principal	kotero@powayusd.com
Vaness Ho, Admin. Assistant	yho@powayusd.com
Patty Kain, Office Assistant/Reception	pkain@powayusd.com
Esther Bowen, Office Assistant	ebowen@powayusd.com
Rachael McKinnon, Health/Attendance Tech	rmckinnon@powayusd.com

CAMPUS VISITORS

Any person wishing to enter campus during the school day must go through the main office to sign in and wear a visitor sticker or badge at all times while on campus. All gates will be locked at 7:45am and late students and volunteers will enter through the front office.

PARKING LOT

The parking lot is a busy place – to avoid frustration and be safe, walk from home, park on a side street and walk, or park at the Boys and Girls Club. ***NEVER cut through streets, between cars, or the parking lot – always use the crosswalks.*** If you drive, be respectful and courteous to the safety patrol volunteers and all staff members directing traffic.

- o The North loop (the Main Loop) at Palomino Mesa Road (heading down the hill to Stone Ranch) is for students to be dropped off and picked up. This intersection is where our Safety Patrol is stationed and where you cross when walking to/from school. If driving, remember to pull all the way forward to drop your student off, and when you exit, this loop is **LEFT TURN ONLY**. Pull all the way to the curb to let out your child. **DO NOT BLOCK THE INTERSECTION WAITING FOR THE LOOP TO OPEN.**
- o The South loop (the Parking Lot Loop) at Cross Stone Drive (heading up the hill to Stone Ranch from Dove Creek Road) is open for drop off and pick up. Pull all the way to the curb to drop off/pick up your child. When you exit, this loop is a **RIGHT TURN ONLY** loop at drop off and pick up. **Do not block this intersection to turn into the school.** Students and parents SHOULD NOT cross at this unmarked intersection, but walk to the crosswalk at Palomino Mesa or to the crosswalk at Dove Creek Road.
- o Please do not park in the staff parking lot as space is very limited.
- o Please [watch the video](#) to help understand the traffic circles.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

- **Administration** offices open daily at 7:00am and close at 2:30pm. Children should be picked up in front of the school by 2:05pm on M/T/W/F. Children should be picked up on Thursday by 12:25pm. If you are late to pick up your child (after 2:05pm or 12:25pm on Thursday) YOU MUST come into the office to sign out your child. Make sure you bring your driver's license with you for identification at any given time.
- **Staff and Volunteer Workroom** is where you can find copiers, mailboxes, book binding, office supplies, and work space. Volunteers are always welcome. If you need help with any equipment please see Ms. Patty. If you have laminating needs please see Ms. Esther – she handles all of the laminating.

TRRFCC THURSDAY GATHERINGS

These all school community events will be held 2 Thursdays per month, at 7:55am in the quad. Student Council officers will lead this event and all of our SRES community is welcome to attend. Every Thursday is a School Spirit Day and students are encouraged to wear their green PTA sponsored Stone Ranch character pillar t-shirts. These shirts will be distributed at your child's Back to School Night by the teacher.

BICYCLE RIDING

Only students in grades 3, 4, and 5 may ride a bicycle to school. Children must wear a helmet, provide a lock for the bicycle, and follow safety rules/laws. A permission form, obtained from the office, must be completed and on file with the office for students who wish to ride their bikes to school. Bikes must be walked once on school grounds. No rollerblades, scooters of any kind or skateboards are allowed on campus.

STUDENT DEVICES

Students in grades 3 to 5 will need to bring a fully charged, PUSD issued chromebook each day. Chromebooks will travel back and forth each day. Third graders and students who are new to PUSD will receive their device when they arrive at school. TK-2nd, each classroom has a Chromebook cart for 1:1 classroom use.

SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Click [here](#) to view the TK-5 school supply list which is voluntary. All donations are greatly appreciated.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child requires medication at school, the “Authorization for Medication Administration” form must be completed and signed by a CA physician and parents. The form can be located per the link below. All medication must be provided in the original container along with the completed medical form by an adult to the school site on or after the first day of school. This form is required for all prescription and over the counter medications including but not limited to supplements, cough drops, inhalers, pain medications, etc. If your child needs to self-carry a medication, please contact the school site health technician for guidance.

[Authorization for Medication Administration](#)

[Authorization to Self-Carry Medication](#)

For children with allergies, please provide the Life-Threatening Allergy form signed by a CA physician and parents along with an epipen to the health office by the first day of school.

[Life Threatening Allergy Plan](#)

For additional information on student medication and medication administration, please visit the PUSD Health Services webpage.

HEAT ADVISORY PROTOCOL

When 90-94 degrees, blacktop will be closed to grade TK-3; PE and other activities modify - no running or strenuous activities.

95+ we will treat it like a rainy day and have indoor lunch/recess. We will eat in the cafe under shaded structures.

PTA/FOUNDATION

Our PTA and Educational Foundation are two very important organizations at Stone Ranch. They support many activities and programs that directly impact student learning and our positive school environment. I urge you to join me in becoming a member. Your participation in one of these two organizations will allow you to support our school in a way that best fits your lifestyle. Many parents want to help in classrooms. Many want to help with special events. Others want to contribute financially to enhance programs for our children. Look for additional information from our PTA and Educational Foundation on the school website or in the first day packet of information that your child will bring home. Thank you in advance to those of you who become a part of these outstanding organizations. Your support is truly appreciated!

STAY CONNECTED

- [Sign Up for 1-Way Remind](#) Messages from Principal Wilken
- Check your email inbox on Sunday evenings for the Weekly BLAZER BULLETIN message from the school.
- Follow us on Twitter: @StoneRanchPUSD
- Follow us on Instagram: @sresranchpusd
- Visit our Website @ <https://www.powayusd.com/en-US/Schools/ES/SRES/Home>
- Online flyers: [PeachJar](#) **

**In an effort to reduce costs and to reduce our school's carbon footprint, we have moved away from paper flyers as much as possible. As a result, there are several different ways to receive information from our school.

[SRES BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE for 2022](#)

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 15 – Back to School Night (Parent Only) for TK/K

August 16 - Family Meet & Greet for TK/K & BASES - students and their family members

August 17 - 1st Day of School!

8:00am Meet Mrs. Wilken - directly after the 2nd bell in the MPR - coffee and breakfast items will be served.

8:30am New Family Guided Campus Tours

August 19 - Xploration Day

September 15 - PTA Association Mtg. at 8:00am in MPR – all are welcome!

September 16 - Trailblazer Round Up 4:00pm - 6:30pm – All Families Invited!

September 19 - No School for Students, Professional Growth Day

TBD – Room Parent “Meet & Greet” 8:30-9:30am in MPR

September 26 - Full Day Kindergarten Begins

September 30 – School Picture Day (Make Up day - Oct 28)

TBD – Principal’s Coffee at 8:10am in MPR – Meet new families, our Foundation board, and learn how to access online resources through MyConnect and more!