

Welcome to Back to School Night & Open House!



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August 15, 2024

School Board Message

Seema Dixit
Sully District Representative



Welcome Back Message



EXCELLENCE EQUITY & OPPORTUNITY

2023-30 STRATEGIC PLAN

Back To School Night



A Message from Dr. Reid



Student-Centered Goals

Goal 1: Strong Start, Pre-K–12

Every student will develop foundational academic skills, curiosity, and a joy for learning necessary for success in Pre-K through 12th Grade.

Goal 2: Safe, Supported, Included, and Empowered

Every student will experience an equitable school community where student health and well-being are prioritized, and student voice is centered.

Goal 3: Academic Growth and Excellence

Every student will acquire critical and creative thinking skills, meet/exceed high academic standards, and achieve their highest academic potential.

Goal 4: Equitable Access and Opportunity

Every student will have access to high-quality academic programming and resources to support their success.

Goal 5: Leading for Tomorrow's Innovation

Every student will graduate ready to thrive in life after high school and with the skills to navigate, adapt, and innovate for a sustainable future.

Visit the FCPS Strategic Plan 2023-2030
webpage for more information.

<https://www.fcps.edu/strategic-plan>



Meet Your Stone Administrative Team



Sonya Williams

Principal



Tami Brumett

Director of Student Services



Jeremiah Davis

Assistant Principal
Last Names: A-Le



Beth Levy

Assistant Principal
Last Names: Li-Z

We are proud here at Stone for....

- **95 percent** feel "this school welcomes families of different backgrounds and cultures."
- **94 percent** feel "welcomed at my child's school."
- **93 percent** feel "school leaders make family welcome to actively participate in the school community."

Stone P.R.O.

Prepared. Respectful. On Time.

Strengthen Literacy, Math & Science

School Wide Vocabulary & Reading Skills

Strengthen Sense of Belonging

Unity in Community, Together We CAN!

All children are capable of
success, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**



Cell Phone & Headphone Policy

SILENCED for the day

All cell phones are on silent, not vibrate, no noise during the school day.

AWAY for the day

All cell phones and EARPHONES are away in the bookbag, pocket, lunch box, pencil pouch, etc.

THE DAY - 7:25 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

This is the time frame that students are expected to have the cell phone silenced and away for the day.

Away For The Day

THANK YOU FOR HAVING YOUR
DEVICES OFF AND AWAY FOR THE
DURATION OF THE SCHOOL DAY.



*At Stone Middle School we demonstrate
leadership by being trustworthy and ethical.*

Stay Connected to Stone!



Weekly Principal's Message

Sent by email.



Stone Public Website

stonems.fcps.edu



Social Media

@StoneMSPanthers

Stone Middle School



Hello Stone MS Community,

We hope that you were able to get some time to rest and relax this holiday weekend.

Today started our first after school session for academic support; which means teachers will be available after school on Tuesdays to offer support to students. We ask that students sign up via Schoology to stay after school. Late buses will not be available this first week of academic support however, they will start on September 27th.

Last week, all students were given a Stone reusable water bottle and academic school planner for the year via their Panther block classes. We highly suggest that students put their name on their water bottle and agendas.

Please remind your students to be a Stone PRO. That means that your student should come to school everyday **PREPARED** showing **RESPECT** for themselves and others and **ON TIME**. We look forward to another week of learning and growing at Stone.

Volunteer Opportunity

Our Library could use some parent volunteers this school year. Our prime times are during lunches and right before school starts. Please use sign up genius to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094FABA722A64-stone1>

Challenged Materials Review Committees

Stone Middle School is seeking two individuals who are available to serve on a Fairfax County Public Schools Challenged Materials Review Committee. Parents must not be employed by FCPS in order to volunteer. The list of Stone committee members will be maintained at the FCPS central office. Throughout the year, names are randomly chosen to serve if a central departmental committee is required to review a challenged material. If you are interested in serving in this role, please send an email to Mrs. Williams at snwilliams1@fcps.edu

Get Involved at Stone!

- Join the PTSA!
- Volunteer for our Career Day as a Guest Speaker!
- Volunteer!
- Attend our Events!
- Support Food & Clothing Pantry
- Support Teachers Wishes with Amazon Wish list
- Spark Champion/Kids at Hope Talk at home in the community
- Come to After School Programs Events (bingo nights, etc..)

Stone MS PTSA

2024-2025 PTSA Officers

**President: Melinda
Soltys**

**VP of Fundraising:
Ari Kloehn**

Secretary: Michelle
Milam

Treasurer: CY Fong

VP of Teacher
Appreciation:
Melissa Comegys

VP of
Communications:
Vicki Otchere

Upcoming PTSA Activities

September 10 7pm PTSA General Membership Meeting

September Fundraiser – Fosters Grille

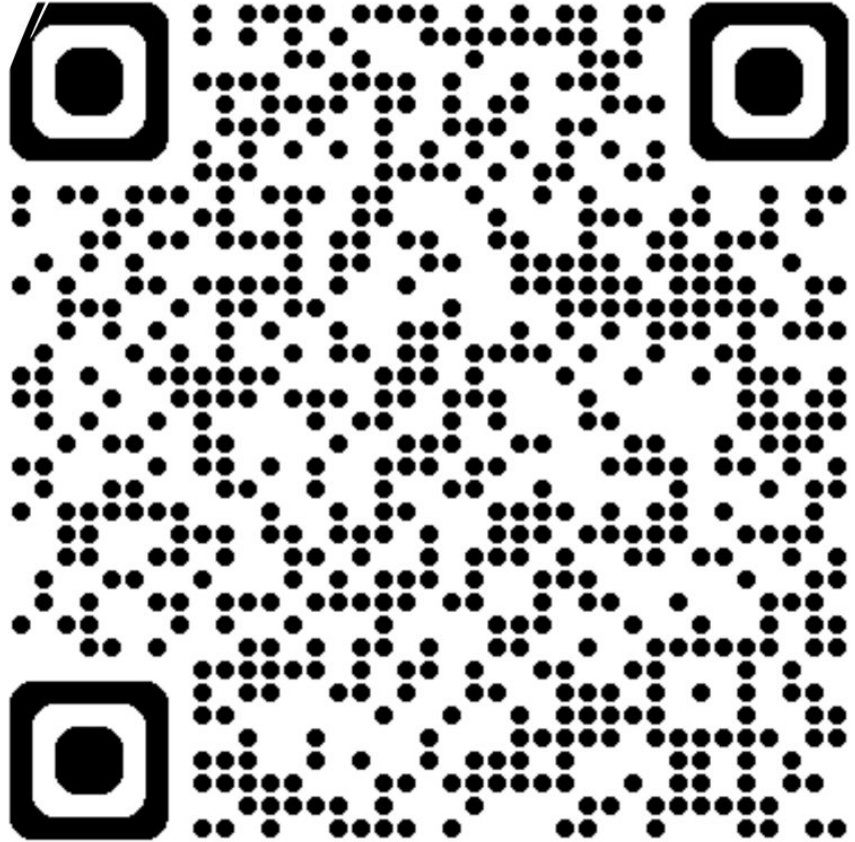
Membership Drive Raffles

Spiritwear Artwork Contest

Birthdaygrams

Contact Info

- stonemspta@gmail.com
- <https://sites.google.com/view/stonemspta>



Department of Student Services



Katie Marrefi

Counselor, Last Names A - G
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Clinical Team

Diane Woolheater Psychologist
Caroline Allen, Social Workers



Tami Brumett

Director of
Student Services



Armando Garcia

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Amy Copeland

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Marissa Luper

Counselor, Last Names P - Z
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Denisse Stein

Family Engagement Liaison
dstein@fcps.edu

Student Services Department: *Supporting the Whole Child*

School Counseling

(Marissa Luper, Armando Garcia, Katie Marrefi)

- Goal setting and resiliency
- Relationship skills and resolving conflicts
- Academic and career planning

School Psychologist

(Diane Woolheater)

- Mental health and wellness
- Wellness screening
- Crisis support
- Assessment

Parent Liaison

(Denisse Stein)

- Welcoming new families
- Link between school and family
- Connecting to community resources

Social Workers

(Caroline Allen)

- Out of school support
- Connecting to community resources
- Crisis support
- Assessment

School Safety Data



Ms. Moore
Safety & Security Asst &
Officer Swartz
School Resource Officer

23-24 Suspensions

- 41 students assigned OSS (partial or full day)
- 2 students 10+ days
- 3 students hearing office

23-24 Primary Offenses

- Failure to respond to questions/requests by staff
- Engaging in reckless behavior that creates a risk of injury to self or others
- Fighting that results in no injury as determined by the school administration
- Minor shoving, pushing, striking, or biting a student with no visible injury.

Offenses typically happen in classrooms and hallways. Top 3 times, 11am, 10:30am, 11:30am.

Drills

- Fire drills (2x within first 20 days and then once a month)
- Lockdown (2x a year)
- Bus Evacuation (2x a year)
- Tornado (March)

Our Emergency Procedures

- Stay Put, Stay Tuned (remain/no class change)
- Shelter in Place (hazard outside/shut down intake outside air/no entry in or out)
- Secure the Building (prevents entry to building/no one in the building or out)



HEY... STONE

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

PARENTS!



WANT MORE INFO
ABOUT THE AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAM?

SCAN THE CODE
AND GET THE 411!

OUR WEBSITE SHOWS YOU:

HOW TO REGISTER
CLUB OFFERINGS
LATE BUS INFO
CLOSURE DATES



THE PROGRAM IS
**100%
FREE**

*Like, for real. The program is free!

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT MR. ANDERSON AT

OFFICE : 703-631-5918

EMAIL : NMANDERSON@FCPS.EDU

STONEAFTERSCHOOL.COM

After School Program

Begins September 23

Track Starts September 9th

Late Buses Available M-Thur

Contact: Nick Anderson,
After School Specialist
nmanderson@fcps.edu

<https://stonems.fcps.edu/activities/after-school-program>

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After School Program

Report to the Cafeteria for
Daily Check Ins

TEACHER ASSISTANCE
TUESDAYS

<https://stonems.fcps.edu/activities/after-school-program>

If then Document from ASP (INSERT
HERE)

KISS & RIDE PROCEDURES



Daily Bell Schedule & Break



<https://stonems.fcps.edu/about/bell-schedule>

A Day (ODD)	Times	B Day (EVEN)
1st Period 85 min	7:30 - 8:55	2nd Period 85 min
3rd Period 85 min	9:00 - 10:40 Break 10:25-10:40	4th Period (PB*) 85 min Panther Block: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 - 9:50 - Part A (Flexback): Intervention, Remediation & Enrichment 9:53 - 10:25 - Part B: Panther News & SEL/Advisory Lesson
5th Period + Lunches 120 min	10:45 - 12:45	6th Period + Lunches 120 min
SCIENCE MUSIC ESOL LEADERSHIP FOUNDATIONS	A Lunch 10:45 - 11:15	SCIENCE ENGLISH FOUNDATIONS
ENGLISH WORLD LANG STRATS FOR SUCCESS	B Lunch 11:25 - 11:55	MATH MUSIC ESOL WORLD LANG
HISTORY HPE ENGINEERING BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY FACS	C Lunch 12:15 - 12:45	HISTORY HPE ENGINEERING BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY FACS THEATRE STRAT FOR SUCCESS
7th Period 85 min	12:50 - 2:15	8th Period 85 min

Panther Block Flex Back Rationale & Schedule

Panther Block (4th Period):

- 9:00 - 9:50 - Part A (Flexback): Intervention, Remediation & Enrichment
- 9:53 - 10:25 - Part B: Panther News & SEL/Advisory Lesson

Allows students to see ALL teachers on a rotating schedule.

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023						
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10	E-3	O	E-5	O	E-6		15	O	E-1	O	E-2	O		12	O	E-2	O	E-3	O	
17	O	E-7	O	E-8	O		22	E-3	O	E-5	O	E-6		19	E-5	O	H	H	H	
24	H	E-1	O	E-2	O		29	O	E-7					26	E-6	O	E-7	O		
1-4 Labor Day Break 16 Rosh Hashanah (begins sundown 9/15 - sundown 9/17) 25 Yom Kippur (begins sundown 9/24 - sundown 9/25)							9 Indigenous Peoples' Day							1-2 All Saints Day / Día de los Muertos 7 Election Day 11 Veterans Day 12 Diwali 22-24 Thanksgiving Break						

Class period they "flex back" to

School Supplies

- Backpack (consider one with a laptop sleeve built in)
- Wired Headphones with Microphone
- (2) 2" Three Ring Binder
- (2) Pocket Folders with holes for binder
- (2) Spiral 1 Subject Notebook
- (2) Composition Notebook
- (2) Notebook Paper
- (1) 8 tab Dividers
- (1) Pack of Dry Erase Markers
- (1) Pack of Pencils & Individual Pencil Sharpener
- (1) Post-It Notes pack
- (2) Highlighter (any color)
- (1) Pack of Index Cards
- (1) Colored Pencil (12 count pack)
- (1) Pencil Pouch
- (1 box) Ball point pens
- Athletic Shoes
- **Optional, but strongly encouraged:** Academic paper planner with monthly and weekly layout



Back to School/Open House Purpose

- **Welcome families to the school community and foster a school-family partnership for the school year.**
- **Provide timely information about the curriculum, daily schedule, learning expectations, school routines & procedures, family resources and supports to help your child be successful.**
- **Learn more about your child's classroom experiences from teachers and school staff members.**

Another day we can have a:

Parent/Teacher
Conference time

Individual conversation
about your student

Individual meeting with
school counselor or asst.
principal