



Stratton Sentinel

September 2023

Monthly Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. The start of a new academic year is always a time of great anticipation and excitement. This year promises to be full of opportunities for growth, learning, and building cherished memories together. As we transition from the warmth of summer to the crispness of autumn, we are excited to bring you updates, insights, and important information for the month of September at Stratton.

As we enter September our team will be completing our initial benchmark testing. Teachers will be using this data to prepare engaging lesson plans that cater to various learning styles and abilities. Students will engage in STAR, DIBELS, and math and reading unit assessments throughout the year to ensure their academic needs are met.

Our clubs and extracurricular activities will begin this month. Keep an eye out for sign-up sheets and encourage your child to explore their interests. VAPA trial period is over. Class list are being developed and entered into Power School.

Tips for Parents:

- **Establishing a Homework Routine:** As the academic workload increases, it's important to help your child establish a consistent homework routine. Find a quiet, well-lit space for them to work, and set aside a specific time each day for focused studying.
- **Open Communication:** Clear communication between home and school is crucial. Don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers or the school administration if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support in making Stratton a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students. Together, we can make this academic year a remarkable journey of growth and discovery.

Warm regards,
Kyle Rudd
Principal

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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STRATTON SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (SAC)

Members will meet with Principal Rudd to discuss such topics as School Budget, Improvement Plans, Academic Achievement, etc.

Thursday, September 14th
6-7 pm via WebEx

(LINK CAN BE FOUND
ON THE SCHOOL'S
WEBSITE)

School News & Events

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

***Musical Practice:**
Monday & Thursday 2:50-4:00 pm

***Sports Club 1st & 2nd Grade:**
Monday 2:50-3:30 pm
September 11th & 18th

***Sports Challenge 3rd-5th Grade:**
Tuesday & Thursday 2:50-3:50 pm
September 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, & 28th

***VAPA 4th & 5th Grade:**
Mon-Thurs 3:00-4:00 pm
M/W Band & Dance
T/Th Orchestra & Theater

***Art Club 1st-2nd Grade:**
Tuesday 2:50-3:50 pm
September 12th, 19th, & 26th

Cub Scouts Pack 24 Meeting Schedule

Monday 11th- 6-7pm

Monday 18th- 6-7 pm

Monday 25th- 6-7 pm

Picture Day

WEDNESDAY
September 13th



Camp Stratton Sing-A-Long

Wednesday
Sep 27th
5:30-6:00 pm

Front of
School



No School

- Monday September 4th
District Closed for
Labor Day
- Friday September 22nd
No Students
Professional Development Day

School News & Events



EMPLOYEE PARKING AREA

*The employee parking area is for buses and Hop, Skip, Drive student pick up only.

KISS & GO LANE

The Kiss and Go lane is a pull-through only. Pull to the right lane as far up as you can to drop off or pick up students. Please do so safely and quickly. DO NOT PARK OR EXIT YOUR VEHICLES. The left lane is used for exiting the Kiss and Go area. DO NOT let students out or pick up while in the left lane.

Attendance Matters

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month...

They will miss 20 day a year.

They will miss 30 hours of math over the school year.

They will miss 60 hours of reading and writing over the school year.

They will miss over 1 year of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month...

They will miss 40 day a year.

They will miss 60 hours of math over the school year.

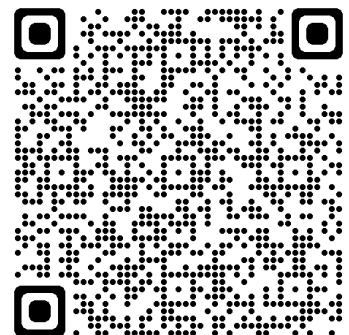
They will miss 120 hours of reading and writing over the school year.

They will miss over 2 years of school by graduation.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS

Please scan the QR Code for Breakfast and lunch menus.

Menus are subject to change based on availability.



PTA News & Events

STRATTON PTA BOARD

PRESIDENT- DANIELLE BONCARO

VICE PRESIDENT- THIS COULD BE YOU!!!!!!

SECRETARY- VICTORIA SHEARON

TREASURER- YOUR NAME HERE!!!!!!!

PTA METTING



Tuesday
September 12th
7-8 pm in the
Stratton Library
or via WebEx

Families & School Community

Becoming a member of the Stratton Elementary PTA offers a rewarding opportunity to actively engage in your child's educational journey. By joining, you can collaborate with fellow parents and educators to enhance the school experience through various events, fundraisers, and initiatives.

PTA membership forms are located in the Front Entry and can be dropped off in the PTA box located in the Front Office.

JOIN TODAY

TEAM
PTA



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PTA

VAPA NEWS



4th & 5th Grade Families

Classes Start Tuesday, September 5th

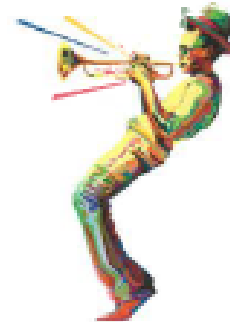
VAPA

EXPERIENCE

Official Registration



This one ACTUALLY
WORKS!



For more information and/or Questions

darren.dukart@d11.org

***Students must be registered before
they can begin attending VAPA Classes***



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Dear Families:

This is a busy time for our children as they continue to learn many new skills at school.

One area of learning that requires specific skills is social-emotional learning. These important skills are often overlooked. This is the realm where children learn how to understand and manage their feelings, how to make friends and be a friend, and how to solve social problems. Learning takes place throughout the day—in the classroom, on the playground, and at home. Children learn by watching and listening to how teachers, family members, and friends interact with one another.

This will be Stratton's fifth year using a curriculum called the Kindness in the Classroom® to help us think about, develop, and practice positive social skills. Research tells us that children who learn and use these skills are more likely to get along with others and do better in school.

To clarify, this is not a bully prevention program. Rather, it is a pro-social approach to teaching students the skills needed to better communicate and collaborate, advocate for themselves and actively call out positive behavior and actions when they see it happening.

The Kindness in the Classroom® program includes 6 kindness concepts focusing on responsibility, respect, caring, inclusiveness, integrity, and courage. The lessons give students the opportunity to be inspired, feel empowered, act on what they've learned, reflect and share with their peers.

Families play a crucial role in the success of the Kindness in the classroom® curriculum. Several of the lessons have a 'home extension' piece where the students will share what they're learning and may ask for your help in promoting what they are learning at home.

We encourage you to take a look at the free lessons on the website at www.randomactsofkindness.org so you can follow along with what your children are learning in the classroom!

Sincerely,
Michelle Mawhiney
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Stratton Elementary
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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