



# Stratton Sentinel

November 2023

Monthly Newsletter

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. As we transition into the brisk and beautiful month of November, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates and important information with you. First, thank you, we're incredibly proud of your hard work supporting our candy bar fundraiser over the past few weeks. We will have final numbers soon but overall it was a huge success and we appreciate everyone's support.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are almost complete. It is important that you maintain communication about your children's progress throughout the year.

November wouldn't be complete without our annual Veteran's Day and Turkey Day celebrations.

Our Veteran's Day celebration will be held on November 10th. We will be hosting a special assembly to honor veterans from our staff, families, and the community. Our students, with support from our teachers, are currently working on their presentations for our celebration. We are looking forward to seeing you on the 10th.

Our annual Turkey Day celebration will be held on November 14th. Make sure you RSVP for this event to ensure we have enough food prepared.

As the weather gets cooler, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed warmly. We will continue to enjoy outdoor activities as the weather permits. Also, don't forget to label your child's clothing to prevent any mix-ups or losses. This time of year, our Lost and Found multiplies exponentially due to the extreme changes of weather during the day. Names on items allow us to identify and return lost clothing.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education, and we look forward to another fantastic month of learning and growth at Stratton.

Warm regards,  
Kyle Rudd

## WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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- School News & Events
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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, November 9th  
6-7 pm via WebEx

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

# School News & Events



## Veterans Day Breakfast & Assembly

PTA will provide breakfast to Veterans from 7:30-8:15 am in the Library.

Then our Stratton Students will honor Veterans with an assembly from 8:30-9:30 am in the Gym.



## Health Screening

November 7th & 8th  
Rescreen November 9th

**Students will  
participate in a quick  
vision and hearing  
screening**

Parents please remind student to bring/wear glasses or contacts on these days

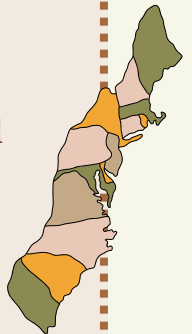


## 5th Grade Colonial Day

Friday, Nov 17th (during the school day)

The 5th graders will take part in Colonial Day on November 17th. Colonial Day will include authentic activities to engage students in teacher led interactive stations.

Students will visit the Governor's Place where they will debate law making decisions, play Colonial games at Raleigh Tavern, learn what school was like in Colonial times, take a virtual tour of Colonial Williamsburg and more! We are not expecting students to dress up as we will be saving that for the Rev Ball at the end of the school year.



\*This event is designed to be a special experience for our students and does not involve parent participation\*

## Fieldtrips

Friday Nov 10th-  
3rd GMP to the  
ENT Center  
11:30 am-2:30 pm

## No School

Monday, Nov 20th -  
Friday, Nov 24th  
  
Thanksgiving Break

# School News & Events



## Stratton Elementary Annual Thanksgiving Feast



November 14, 2023

Adult \$4.65 / Non-Student child \$2.95

### **Service begins:**

11:00 - 11:20 for Mrs. Noga and Mrs. Kilman

11:20-11:40 all of Kindergarten and Mrs. Weaver's Class

11:40-12:00 Mrs. Bristol and Mrs. Kruckeberg

12:00-12:20 Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Gilliam and Mr. Francis

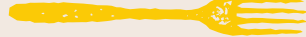
12:20-12:40 Mrs. Rodriguez and Ms. Ball

12:40-1:00 Ms. Fischer, Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. Griffin

### Menu

Sliced Turkey & Mashed Potatoes  
with Gravy, Green Beans,  
Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, and  
Yummy Pumpkin Pie

Let's  
*Feast*



### Holiday Toy Drive

Now-Dec 1st

Stratton is teaming up with Odyssey ECCO High School for a "Holiday Toy Drive" from now until December 1st. We'd love it if you could donate gently used toys, books, and clothing. You can drop off your donations at the front office until December 1st. Odyssey will collect and give them to families who need them. Thank you so much for your support!



### Harvest of Love Food Drive

Nov 1st- Nov 17th

Help fight hunger in our Community! Participate in our Harvest of Love fundraiser by bringing donations of non-perishable food items to the front entry or by dropping off monetary donations to the front office.



### CUB SCOUTS PACK 24 NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Monday, 6th 6-7pm

Monday, 13th 6-7 pm

Monday, 27th 6-7 pm



# School News & Events

## After School Clubs

### MUSICAL PRACTICE

Monday & Thursday  
2:50-4:00 pm

### ART CLUB

#### 3RD-5TH GRADES

Tuesday 2:50-3:50

### SPORTS CHALLENGE

#### 3RD-5TH GRADES

Tuesday & Thursday  
2:50-3:50 pm

### VAPA

#### 4TH-5TH GRADES

Mon-Thurs 3:00-4:00 pm  
M/W Band & Dance  
T/Th Orchestra & Theater

### SPORTS CLUB

#### 1ST-2ND GRADES

Monday 2:50-3:30 pm

### YEARBOOK CLUB

#### 5TH GRADE

Friday 2:50-3:50 pm

### BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

#### 4TH-5TH GRADES

Tuesdays (during lunch)  
Thursdays 2:50-3:50 pm



# YEARBOOK



# School News & Events

Attendance Matters  
October Attendance  
Rate= 92.18%

## PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES QUESTION & ANSWER



What is a Pre-arranged  
absence?

The purpose of the Pre-Arranged Absence Form is to give advanced notification to teacher and school that a student will be absent for a period of time and the opportunity to get credit for work missed during the absence.

Does it count as an excused absence?

It might be, depending on the event. Vacations or "Family in town" would not be excused, but marked as "Pre-arranged" ANY absence counts towards a student being marked as "Chronically Absent"

Can my student still get credit for the work  
they missed?

Yes! Families need to reach out to the teacher to get work at least 1 week in advance. Teachers are also willing to do special projects for credit. **Please talk to the teacher at least 1 week before the absence.**

How many can I have?

After 10 absences, of any kind, student's families will be contacted by Stratton to plan how attendance will be monitored for the remainder of the year.

THE FIRST STEP TO  
SUCCESS IS SHOWING UP!

SAFETY  
FIRST

## 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.

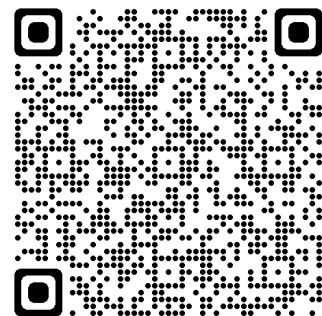
## EMPLOYEE PARKING AREA

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

## 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

EMAIL- THESTRATTONPTA@OUTLOOK.COM

PRESIDENT- ZENIA NATTIEL

VICE PRESIDENT- MAREN FULLER

SECRETARY- VICTORIA SHEARON

TREASURER- RACHAEL HARTSON

### PTA MEETING



Tuesday  
November 7th  
7-8 pm in the  
Stratton  
Annex  
or via WebEx

### SKATE CITY NIGHT

Wednesday November 29th

4-6 pm

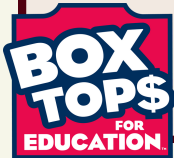
Academy & Constitution



### EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT PTA

<https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards>

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COMMUNITY  
REWARDS



<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/how-to-earn>

TEAM  
PTA



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## ALL ABOUT GRATITUDE

Parents,

Hello! Here at school, we have been very busy learning about gratitude- what it means, and how we can practice it! Learning happens best when it is done both at school and at home. Below are many ways that you can help your child continue to learn about the theme of gratitude through reading about it, talking about it, and practicing it! We have really enjoyed exploring this topic at school, and I hope your family will enjoy it just as much!

### Read About It!

Here are some books to help you learn more about gratitude

Small Blessings by Erica Becker  
The Thankful Book by Todd Parr  
Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson  
Gratitude Soup by Olivia Rosewood

### Practice It!

Start a gratitude Journal with your child! Get a blank notebook and work together to design it. Each night) spend time together adding the things you are thankful for. It is fun to review your list every once in a while to see all of the things you have to be grateful for!

### Talk About It!

Here are some discussion points to help you talk about gratitude with your child:

- What do you think gratitude means and why is it important?
- How do you think being grateful for what you have can affect your attitude?
- What are some big things you are thankful for? What are some small things?
- What are some things you can do at home and at school to remember to be more thankful for?

# November 2023



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| Harvest of Love Food Drive----->     |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                   |                           |
| 5<br>Daylight savings ends fall back | 6<br>Musical Practice<br>2:50-4:00 pm<br>VAPA Band & Dance<br>3-4pm @ Mann<br>Sports Club 1st & 2nd<br>2:50-3:30 pm<br>Cub Scouts pack 24<br>Meeting 6-7 pm  | 7<br>Election Day<br>Art Club 3rd-5th<br>2:50-3:50 pm<br>VAPA Orchestra & Theater<br>3-4pm @ Mann<br>Sports Challenge 3rd-5th<br>2:50-3:50 pm                                                                  | 8<br>VAPA Band & Dance<br>3-4pm @ Mann  | 9<br>Musical Practice<br>2:50-4:00pm<br>VAPA Orchestra & Theater<br>3-4pm @ Mann<br>Sports Challenge 3rd-5th<br>2:50-3:50 pm<br>SAC Meeting<br>6-7 pm via WebEx | 10<br><b>Veteran's Day<br/>Breakfast &amp; Assembly<br/>7:30-9:30 am</b><br>3rd GMP Field Trip to ENT Center<br>11:30 am -2:30 pm | 11<br><b>Veterans Day</b> |
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| <b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>            |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                         |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                   |                           |
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