



Stratton Sentinel

December 2023

Monthly Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stratton Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break. We are now in a short stretch until the end of the first semester and this time will go fast. We have a few events scheduled for students this month. Keep your eyes open for communication so you don't miss out.

I hope your families are planning time together for rest and relaxation during the Winter Break. Students will be back to school on January 8, 2023. Until then have a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Attendance

As of December 1st, Stratton's Attendance Rate is 91%. This is a 5 % increase from last year's rate of 86%. While this is below the expected 95% rate, it is an improvement and something to celebrate. We tend to see an increase in absences during this time of the year due to illness and early starts to the holiday breaks, which we understand. I ask that you do your best to have your children here, especially next week because we will be engaging in Winter Benchmark Testing.

As we prepare for Winter Benchmark Testing, it is important that students are rested, fed and in attendance. As you know, this data will be used to assess and adjust our instruction for the second semester. Please talk to your child about doing their best—this helps teachers create plans that fit their needs. Your involvement is key to making sure the test results truly show what your child can do and how we can best support them.

School Accountability Committee (SAC)

We would love to see you at our next SAC meeting. We will be meeting on December 8th at 8:00am. This month we changed the time to accommodate parents who are not available during the evening. Be on the lookout for the agenda. I hope you can make it.

Warm Regards,
Kyle Rudd
Principal

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

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STRATTON SECOND CUP OF COFFEE

(SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY
COMMITTEE)

Join Principal Rudd for
coffee and conversation.
Discuss such topics as
School Budget,
Improvement Plans,
Academic Achievement,
etc.

Friday, December 8th
8-9 am School Annex

School News & Events

Stratton Sing-A-Long

December 20th 1-2-pm
in the school gym

Students will gather in the school gym for the annual Stratton Holiday Sing-A-Long to kick off our Winter Break. Parents/Guardians are welcome to come join in on the fun.



Please check with your student's teacher about holiday classroom parties. These will follow directly after the sing-a-long.



"Bloom Buliders"

Saturday the 9th 10:00-Noon

We'll plant bulbs, sow wildflower seeds, install weed block, and spread mulch for Phase 2 of Stratton Beautification. Bring your gardening tools; we'll have water and breakfast pastries. Parents, please accompany students for a day of community and blooming beauty.

Fieldtrips

Wednesday, 13th-
1st Grade to USAFA Planetarium
9:00-12:30 pm

Friday, 15th-
5 GMP to Sabin & West
8:25-2:15 pm

Kinder Parents Night

December 14th 5:00-6:00 pm

- PJs & PIZZA

Join us for a literary night focused on Sequencing. Students will read/listen to a book. Collaborate to sequence the book & watch the digital version while eating pizza.

No School

Dec 21st - Jan 5th
Winter Break

CUB SCOUTS
PACK 24
DECEMBER
MEETINGS

Monday, 4th 6-7pm
Monday, 11th 6-7 pm
Monday, 18th 6-7 pm



School News & Events



After School Clubs

YEARBOOK

MUSICAL PRACTICE

Monday & Thursday
2:50-4:00 pm

SPORTS CHALLENGE 3RD-5TH GRADES

Tuesday & Thursday
2:50-3:50 pm
Last Day- Thursday the 14th

VAPA

4TH-5TH GRADES

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

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS 4TH-5TH GRADES

Mon the 18th & Tue the 19th
3:00-6:00 pm
Parent meeting on the 18th after
practice

SPORTS CLUB

1ST-2ND GRADES

Monday 2:50-3:30 pm
Last Day- Monday the 11th

YEARBOOK CLUB

5TH GRADE

Friday 1st & 15th
2:50-3:50 pm

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

4TH-5TH GRADES

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



Parents Shopping Night

Friday December 15th
5:00-8:30 pm

Finish up last minute shopping or just enjoy a night out while your kiddos experience a fun evening of art, music and sports rotations followed by pizza and a movie.

All proceeds to go towards the Musical Fund!

Permission slip required (coming home soon)
limited space available (75 students max)

\$25 per student
(Stratton Students
Only)

School News & Events

Attendance Matters



Attendance Champions:
"Champions show up to school with curious hearts and backpacks full of courage, turning every small step into a victory of learning and knowledge!"

Become an Attendance Champion in our school! The class with the fewest absences and tardies, showing the best attendance rate, will earn a special reward to be given out the week before Winter Break. Let's work together to make sure everyone is here and on time.

Because every day counts!



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.

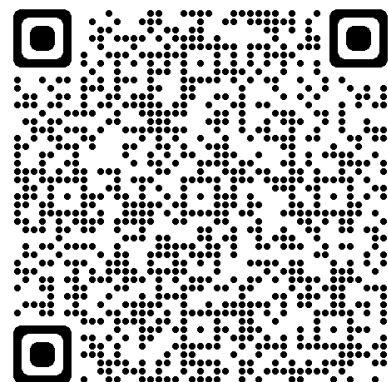
EMPLOYEE PARKING AREA

*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.



TIME
TO LEARN

PTA News & Events

STRATTON PTA BOARD

EMAIL- THESTRATTONPTA@OUTLOOK.COM

PRESIDENT- ZENIA NATTIEL

VICE PRESIDENT- MARIUS NIELSEN

SECRETARY- VICTORIA SHEARON

TREASURER- RACHAEL HARTSON

PTA MEETING



Tuesday
December 12th
5-6 pm in the
Stratton Library
or via WebEx

POTLUCK DINNER PROVIDED

CAROLS & COCOA

Tuesday, December 19th
4-6 pm



We will meet in front of Stratton at 4 pm
and walk to McKenzie Place to carol for residence.

When we are finished spreading
holiday cheer we will walk back to
Stratton for hot cocoa and cookies.



Parent/Guardians must accompany children.

PTA HOLIDAY SHOP

December 14th & 15th 11:00am - 3:30pm (Library)

Stratton PTA will be hosting a holiday shop for parents
and students to come and purchase gifts for friends or family.

Please look for fliers with more information.

Cash or Shopping Vouchers only



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All About Generosity

Parents,

Hello! Here at school, we have been very busy learning about generosity- what it means, and why it's important! 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 generosity 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 generosity:

- **The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein
- **Boxes For Katie** by Candace Fleming
- **Listen To The Wind** by Greg Mortenson
- **The Giving Book** by Ellen Sabin

Practice It!

Work together to think of people in your family or community who you can give a small gift to. This can be a handmade craft, baked goods, something from the dollar store, etc. As a family, make/buy the gifts and deliver them to special people in your life.

Talk About It!

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

- What do you think generosity means and why is it important?
- Tell me about a time someone was generous to you. How did it make you feel?
- Is generosity something that is hard for you or easy? Tell me why you chose that answer.
- What are some reasons it can be hard to be generous?
- What would the world be like if everyone were more generous?

