



# Stratton Sentinel

May 2024

Monthly Newsletter

## Letter from the Principal

Dear Stratton Families,

As we approach the conclusion of another remarkable school year, let's take a moment and acknowledge the tremendous growth your children have experienced.

May brings with it a flurry of excitement, featuring various activities and celebrations. Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6 to May 10, provides a special occasion to express our gratitude to the incredible educators at Stratton Elementary. Let's show our appreciation for their hard work, dedication, and unwavering passion for education. I encourage all families to join us in celebrating our amazing teachers through small gestures, thank you notes, or acts of kindness. It's a perfect opportunity to remind them of their profound impact on our children's lives.

Additionally, from May 6 to May 10, we will host our final Book Fair of the year. What better way to welcome summer than with a new book to enjoy?

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- Kindergarten Goat Show: May 7th
- Track Day: May 9th, (parents welcome to come)
- 5th Grade Rev Ball: May 15th
- 5th Grade Continuation: May 20th, where we'll celebrate our 5th graders' achievements.
- Kindergarten Celebration: May 21st

As we wrap up the academic year, please take a moment to check for any outstanding library books, school supplies, or materials that need to be returned. Ensure your contact information is up to date so that you can receive communications about the upcoming school year. If you're not planning on returning next school year, please reach out to Mrs. Rickard for withdrawal paperwork.

Thank you for your support and partnership throughout the year. We look forward to celebrating the end of the school year with you and can't wait to see what the future holds for our Stratton Elementary School family.

Warm regards,  
Kyle Rudd  
Principal

### What's In This Month's Issue:

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### Stratton SAC Meeting

(School Accountability Committee)

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

**Friday, May 17th**  
8-9 am School Annex

# School News & Events

## Track Day

Thurs, May 9th  
(All Day)

Individual events in  
the Morning

Class relays and  
the "Color Bomb" in  
the afternoon

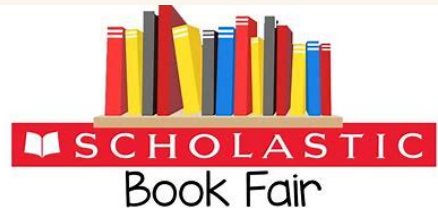
Parents are welcome  
to come watch  
their kids.



## Book Fair

May 6th to 10th: In the  
School Library

- Monday-Thursday:  
8:00 am-3:30 pm
- Friday:  
8:00 am - Noon



## Kindergarten Celebration Breakfast

Tuesday, May 21st  
8:30-9:30 am

Families are invited to  
come enjoy breakfast  
and celebrate the end  
of the school year with  
their children.



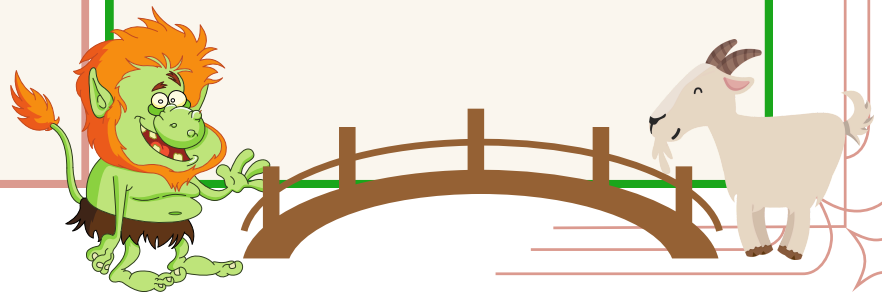
## Kindergarten "Goat Show"

Tuesday, May 7th

Kindergarten classes will  
be performing  
"Three Billy Goats Gruff"  
for parents in the gym.

**Ms. Freedman's 1:15-1:30 pm**

**Ms. Randolph's 1:45-2:00 pm**



# School News & Events

## HELP US CELEBRATE STRATTON'S 70TH BIRTHDAY ! SPIRIT WEEK APRIL 29TH & MAY 3RD

Monday the 29th- Wear your Stratton gear, morning stampede, cupcakes in the classroom.

Wednesday the 1st- Wear sporty clothes, hula hoop contest & sidewalk chalk at lunch.

Friday the 3rd- Dress 50s style, school sock hop, root beer floats



### May Fieldtrips

**Mon, 13th**- 2nd Grade  
Dion's Pizza Virtual  
(in school) 10:30 am

**Tue, 14th**- Ron Hein  
@ Gerry Barry (Select  
4th & 5th grade students)

**Wed 15th**- Kinder to  
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo  
9:00-2:00 pm

**Fri, 17th**- 5th Grade to  
Cottonwood YMCA  
9:00-1:00 pm

### Cub Scouts Pack 24 May Meetings

Monday, 6th 6-7pm

Monday, 13th 6-7 pm

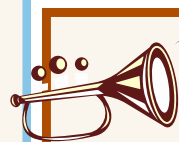


### VAPA Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 14th  
6:00-8:00 pm @  
Mann



VAPA Students should be  
at Mann by 5:30 pm.



### Exciting News!!!

While the VAPA program won't continue, we're thrilled to announce that Stratton has hired a band and orchestra teacher for next year to provide enriching instruction for our 4th & 5th graders.

Stay tuned for more details.



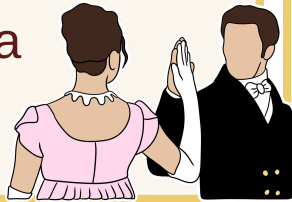
# School News & Events



## 5th Grade Revolutionary Ball

Wednesday, May 15th  
5:30-7:30 pm

5th grade  
students dress up  
in period pieces  
and enjoy a  
revolutionary era  
ball in the gym.



## 5th Grade Continuation

Monday, May 20th  
9:00-10:00 am

(On the black top out back)

Join us in celebrating our  
5th-grade students as they  
transition to Middle School.

Cake and refreshments to follow  
in the gym.

"Congratulations, 5th graders! As you spread your wings and journey into middle school, remember the lessons you've learned, the friendships you've made, and the memories you've created. We're incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Embrace the challenges ahead with courage, kindness, and curiosity. Farewell for now, but know that you'll always be a part of our school family. Best of luck on your exciting new adventure!"

and so the  
**ADVENTURE**  
begins

**You are  
Amazing!**

**We wish  
you  
all  
the  
Best**

**Great  
THINGS  
AWAIT**

**YOU  
GOT  
THIS!**

# School News & Events

SAFETY  
FIRST

## Attendance Matters



Facing challenges with illnesses, the students and families of Stratton have demonstrated resilience and courage. We maintained an impressive overall attendance rate of 93.4%. Additionally, tardiness has improved. We encourage continued support and positivity among each other and emphasize the importance of punctuality to finish the year strong. Students' positive vibes and strong attendance reflect their ability to conquer any obstacle.

## 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.

## Wellness Corner: Nurse Notes

### **Important Reminders:**

- Incoming 6th graders need Tdap immunization.
- Incoming kindergarten students should have up-to-date immunizations.
- **Please pick up any medications from the health room by June 1st.**

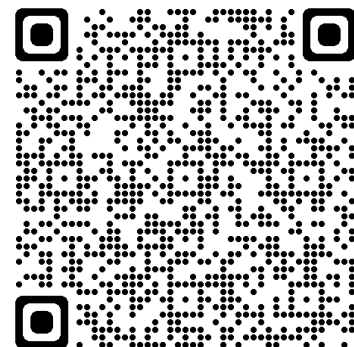


Be on the lookout for letters coming home regarding these matters which will include blank medication forms for the 2024-2025 school year.

## **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](mailto:thestrattonpta@outlook.com)

**President-** Zenia Nattiel

**Vice President-** Anna Rau

**Secretary-** Amanda Lockwood

**Treasurer-** YOUR NAME HERE!!

### POPCORN FRIDAY

**Friday, May 17th**

Please give money to your teacher at the beginning of class. Popcorn will be handed out at the end of the day.



\$1.00 per bag

All proceeds  
will go to  
help fund  
Teacher  
Appreciation  
Week

*Thank  
you  
so  
much!*

To our amazing PTA board, members, & volunteers. Thank you for your time and dedication. Your efforts to bring fun events and opportunities to our students and community are greatly appreciated.

**Teacher Appreciation Week**  
**May 6th-May 10th**


**TEAM  
PTA**



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# May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thus	Fri	Sat
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26	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	