



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

RAVINE DRIVE NEWSLETTER

October 2024

Dear Ravine Drive Community,

Good Afternoon Ravine Drive Families,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the start of Fall and the brisk weather we've had this week!

Below we have information about our Week of Peace, Halloween Costume Parade, Battle of the Teachers, MOST program, and our counselor and speech updates.

If you ever have any suggestions or concerns, please reach out to me!

Have a great day,
Sean

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Counselor's Corner



October 2024 - RD Counselor's Corner

Counselor's Corner October 2024 Ravine Drive Elementary School

Emotion of the Month ..Monthly Character Trait Sadness

Kindness This month, we are focusing o...

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Week of Peace

October 21st through 25th will mark our Week of Peace!

Week of Peace 2024
We All Jive at Ravine Drive!
October 21-25, 2024

To celebrate the Week of Peace, here are different activity ideas that you can choose to do with your students during Morning Meeting or any opportunity you have. If you want help or hard copies of any of these materials, please see Mrs. Pollock below and she will be happy to assist!

Monday 10/21	Tuesday 10/22	Wednesday 10/23	Thursday 10/24	Friday 10/25
Count & Share Date Share dates Students can engage in a counting game during morning meeting.	Peace Bridge Students will create a morning proclamation from the bridge over the stream.	Our Differences Make Us Stronger Students can create a peace bridge and discuss how we are all different and special.	Conflict Resolution Students are presented with different scenarios and are asked to discuss how they have handled conflicts. Role plays and scenarios may be encouraged.	Peace Sentence Start Activity Students can play a sentence game of their own making. Start the sentence: "Though the harvest is, they can..." Role plays and scenarios may be encouraged.

24-25 Week of Peace - Daily Activities

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Speech Update and Practice Calendars

Updates from Mrs. Roche

Every month Mrs. Roche provides an update on Speech and Language and practice exercises that can benefit all of our students! Please see below.

Speech and Language

October

pumpkin



Word of the Month

Books

- Leaves, written by Ezra Stein
- It's Fall, written by Linda Glaser
- Haunted Party, written by Iza Trapani
- Five Little Pumpkins, written by Dan Yaccarino
- Llama llama trick or treat, written by Ann Dewdney

Choose a language target your child has difficulty using and practice Focused Stimulation while playing house.

Language at Home

Focused Stimulation is a technique that can be used in any activity or environment to support language acquisition. It involves choosing a language target and using it repeatedly while interacting with your child. By being exposed to many models of the language target, children begin to produce the language target themselves.

How to use Focused Stimulation:

- First, choose a language target. It can be a sound, word, phrase, or grammatical form that your child has difficulty using.
- Use it repeatedly while interacting with your child. This may take a bit of planning or thinking ahead at first, but if you use it often enough it becomes a habit.
- If your child repeats the language target after you say it that's great, but they don't have to repeat it to benefit because the goal of Focused Stimulation is for them to simply hear it modeled appropriately over and over again.

Activities

- Carve or paint a pumpkin. Practice following directions throughout the activity. Describe the pumpkin using basic concepts such as shape, color, size, feelings, body parts, and texture.
- Put on a costume or play dress up. Have your child describe what item of clothing they are wearing on each part of their body.
- Collect a variety of leaves. Sort them by color, size, or shape. Discuss why leaves change color in the fall.
- Ask your child what they would like to be when they grow up. Talk to them about why they chose this career and what they can do to make it a reality.
- Practice Focused Stimulation during mealtimes and snacks throughout the day.

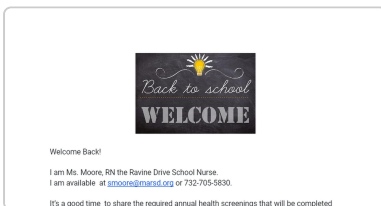
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Play "I Spy" in the living room. Find things that have your sound.	2 Say your sound 10 times with the E sound after it.	3 Say 10 words that end with your sound.	4 Think of 5 Halloween candies that have your sound.	5 Watch a football game. Listen for words that have your sound.
6 Use your speech sound at lunch.	7 Tell someone what your favorite school subject is. Use your best speech.	8 Play "I Spy" in your bedroom. Find things that have your sound.	9 Say your sound 10 times with the I sound after it.	10 Say a word that begins with your sound 10 times. Then, say that word in a sentence.	11 Think of some Halloween words that have your sound.	12 Go to the library. Find a book that has your sound in the title.
13 Use your speech sound at dinner.	14 Tell someone what you are dressing up like for Halloween.	15 Play "I Spy" outside. Find things that have your sound.	16 Say your sound 10 times with the O sound after it.	17 Say 10 words that have your sound.	18 Say your sound 10 times.	19 Say 10 words that begin with your sound.
20 Take a walk. What do you see that has your sound?	21 Think of 5 fall activities that have your sound.	22 Play "I Spy" in the car. Find things that have your sound.	23 Tell someone what your favorite candy is. Use your best speech.	24 Play "I Spy" in the kitchen. Find things that have your sound.	25 Say your sound 10 times with the A sound after it.	26 Say 10 words that have your sound in the middle of the word.
27 Think of 5 Halloween costumes that have your sound.	28 Use your speech sound at breakfast.	29 Tell someone what your favorite recess activity is. Use your best speech.	30 Play a game outside. Tell someone about the game using your best speech.	31 Happy Halloween! Say, "Trick or Treat!" with your best speech.		

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My Speech Sound is _____ ***Remember to use your good sound!

Welcome Letter from Nurse Moore



Welcome Back/Parent Newsletter RDS

Welcome Back! I am Ms. Moore, RN the Ravine Drive School Nurse. I am available at smoore@marsd.org or 732-705-5830. It's a good time to share the required annual health screenings that will be completed throughout the year. Each school district shall ensure that all students are provided ...

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MOST Program

We are excited to announce the return of [The MOST Program](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. Students in Grades 2-12 within the MARSD will have the opportunity to work with certified staff members and dedicated community members as we work to **Mentor Our Students Together**.

M.O.S.T. will be held on Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons from 3:00pm to 6:00pm in the Matawan Aberdeen Middle School Cafeteria

[Click Here to Register](#) online or stop by during our in person registration from 3:00-6:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 15th and Wednesday, October 16th.**

For additional information please call the **MRHS Information Desk** at 732-705-5200 or via email at mrhsinfo@marsd.org or Daphne Ramcheran @ 732-567-0036

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November	5,12,13,19,20	December	3,4,10,11,17,18
January	7,8,14,15,21,22	February	4,5,11,12,18,19
March	11,12,18,19,25,26	April	1,2,8,9,29,30
May	6,7,13,14,20,21	June	TBD

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Positive Behavior Support Program—Ravine Runs on Great Choices

Ravine Runs on Great Choices-Overview

[PBIS Overview - Ravine Drive](#)

MAEF - Battle of the Teachers

THE MATAWAN ABERDEEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
PRESENTS THE 1ST ANNUAL

Battle of the FACULTIES

CAMBRIDGE
LIGHTBRIDGE

MRHS

STRATHMORE

CLIFFWOOD

RAVINE DRIVE

LLOYD ROAD

MAMS

WHO WILL WIN?

Watch your favorite teachers and staff battle it out during a night of family fun that supports a great cause!

Battle of the Faculties features teams of teachers and staff from all of the MARSD schools playing a variety of 'minute-to-win-it' type games. Monitored by our 'panel of judges', the top 3 placing teams are awarded points after each game. The team with the most points at the end wins the coveted winning title!

Check the [website](#) for updates on which teachers are participating!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Hilarious games
- Chances for student participation
- 50/50 and Raffles
- Light snacks for purchase

EVENT DETAILS

THURS | 10.24.24

6 PM - 7:30 PM

DOORS OPEN @ 5:30PM

LOCATION

MRHS, GYMNASIUM
450 ATLANTIC AVE, ABERDEEN

ENTRY FEE \$7 PER PERSON



*FAMILY BUNDLES ALSO AVAILABLE - SEE WEBSITE

FOR INFORMATION & TICKET PURCHASING
WWW.MAEFGRANTS.ORG/BOF24



FOR SAFETY REASONS, TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE AHEAD OF TIME AND WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR, UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED.

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Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)

The MARSD Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)'s mission is to empower parents of students with special needs to communicate effectively with the MARSD Director of Special Services and Programs for the purpose of supporting and improving the quality of district-wide special education policies, programs and practices. The MARSD SEPAG strives to provide a supportive, informative and encouraging forum in which parents can raise questions, voice concerns and provide constructive input in a spirit of mutual respect for one another.

Please join us for our first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30pm at the Cliffwood Elementary School Library. The topic of this meeting is understanding the IEP process and your rights as a parent.

Link to Facebook Page: "Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District SEPAG"
[Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District SEPAG](https://www.facebook.com/Matawan-Aberdeen-Regional-School-District-SEPAG)
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Dear Families,

Your participation in fundraising events, such as this membership drive, is key to our success in funding activities and events for the students of Ravine Drive School. We are asking for a donation of \$20.00 per family which will be used to offset the cost of class trips (one per grade level, including bus transportation), educational assemblies, supplies needed for our students and staff as well as supplies to run our family event.



Each class that attains 100% membership will receive an allergy safe ice pop party provided by the PTO. To join, please follow this website or scan the QR Code. We have joined a new platform, Raisy, to help us be a more efficient organization.

<https://my.cheesecake.com/pto-membership-ravine2024/terms?art>

Alternatively, you can join with the form below:

To join, please complete the form below and return it to school in an envelope labeled "PTO MEMBERSHIP" by October 15th.

2024 2025 PTO Membership.docx

RAVINE DRIVE SCHOOL PTO 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

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Ravine Drive PTO
<https://goraisy.entertainment.com/rdrpt>

SUPPORT OUR GROUP

- 1 Scan the QR code above or visit the link
- 2 Purchase a 1-year Entertainment® Coupon Membership on Raisy™ to support our group
- 3 Download the Entertainment® app and enter your code to start saving

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JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT!

RDS Parents Paint & Sip

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

8PM-10PM

FRENEAU FIRE HOUSE

109 FRENEAU AVE

50 SPOTS
AVAILABLE
\$35 PER PERSON
BYOB



Ravine Drive Dine Out



TUESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2024

11AM - 11PM

845 RT 34 NORTH, MATAWAN

MJs of Matawan will be donating a portion of all dine in and take out orders to the Ravine Drive PTO.

Must show flyer at the restaurant!



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Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
School District

