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Dear Strathmore Parents and Guardians:

Hello Strathmore Families. We have plenty of summer remaining, but I want to share some usual start of the school year information with you to help in planning ahead for as smooth of an opening to the school year as possible.

District calendar with early dismissals and days off noted

- You can access the district's 2024-25 school year calendar through clicking [HERE](#) on the website. The calendar can also always be accessed on our school website <https://www.marsd.org/strathmorees>.

Please note a few changes from the approved calendar from last spring:

- Our first two days of school on September 5 & 6 are now early dismissal days at 1:20.
- The once a month Preschool early dismissal days have been removed.

School supply lists

- General school supply lists for each grade level are posted on the [Strathmore School website](#).

Preschool and Kindergarten Orientations

- We have an in-person orientation set for our incoming Preschool and Kindergarten students on Wednesday, September 4th. Parents/Guardians enter through the front doors and report directly to classrooms.

9:30-10:00: Preschool

10:30-11:00 Kindergarten

Our students and parents have an opportunity to meet the classroom teachers and assistants as well as tour the school and classroom. The primary focus of the orientations are for students and parents to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and to learn about the most important information to get the year started. More detailed learning and curriculum details are shared at Back to School Night which is scheduled for Thursday, September 19. Due to limited space we ask that participants are limited to the incoming student and parents. We look forward to meeting you and your child on September 4th.

Parent portal opening with students' schedules, etc. for 2024-25

- The Genesis parent portal is scheduled to open Monday, August 26 with information for this coming school year. Our central office will share portal access information soon with all families. It is crucial to then make sure all emergency contacts are correct.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

- Please take time to read thoroughly through our arrival and dismissal procedures as the campus is busy during both arrival and dismissal so this can help make it as safe as possible. [Access HERE](#).

School hours

- The Strathmore hours have not changed for 2024-25.

Strathmore full day: arrival is 9:20 and dismissal 3:35. Doors open at 9:10.

Strathmore early dismissal day: arrival is 9:20 and dismissal 1:20 Doors open at 9:10.

Reminders from our Nurse's Office

-Nurse Mallozzi is sharing a few reminders:

Preschoolers need: 3 & 4 year old up to date immunization records and influenza vaccination

Kindergarteners: Up to date 5 year old vaccinations and an updated physical

Allergies/Medical conditions: If your child has an allergy and/or a known medical condition please also let Nurse Mallozzi so the best support can be in place.

If you have any questions you can reach out to Nurse Mallozzi by phone at 732-705-5935 or email cmallozzi@marsd.org.

Dates to Keep in Mind

- Monday, August 26:	Genesis parent portal opens with 2024-25 school year info,
-Wednesday, September 4:	9:30 Preschool orientation 10:30 Kindergarten orientation
-Thursday, September 5:	First day of school 1:20 dismissal
-Friday, September 6:	1:20 dismissal
-Thursday, September 19:	Back to School Night 6:30 PM (Details will be shared separately)

YMCA Before and After School Care

- The YMCA is offering before and after school care again for the 2024-25 school year.

All of the program's information can be found through this link [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about the program or registration please contact the YMCA directly at 732-566-9266. **If you will need the program it is important to register as early as possible because it usually takes some time for the full registration process to be completed.** This program is held in our school before and after school.

Strathmore PTO

Our Strathmore PTO has many event dates set for this year and can always use help with scheduled events or new events and ideas. A preview of September PTO dates is below. Keep your eyes out for more details on the dates below and on how you can help out this year.

11 Mums Sale Ends SEE Flyer HERE	25 Mums Pickup (tentative)
12 Free Grade T-shirt Size Deadline	26-27 School Store
18 Fall (catalog) Fundraiser starts	27 Spirit Day
20-30 Spirit Wear Fall Sale (online)	

PTO membership:

Please consider joining the PTO this year. Even if you may not be able to volunteer much, becoming a member still helps support the PTO and all of the yearly events. See the [Flyer HERE](#) or in our [Virtual Backpack](#).

Wait Until 8th Smartphone Pledge

All district schools would like parents/guardians to be more knowledgeable about the use of smartphones by children. We encourage parents/guardians to learn about the *Wait Until 8th* pledge which empowers parents/guardians to rally together to delay giving children a smartphone until at least the end of 8th grade. For more information and to learn how to get involved, please see the attached flyer and resource guide. [Flyer](#) [Resource Guide](#)

Sincerely,

Joe Jerabek
Strathmore Principal