



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

### STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

October-November 2024

#### Dear Strathmore Families,

Please take some time to look over our upcoming dates and reminders for the next month. We are looking forward to our coming events and hope you can make as many as possible.

### Dates to Keep in Mind

#### October

**18:** Trunk or Treat (deadline to sign up was 10/11) See flier in our virtual backpack [HERE](#)  
Volunteers are still needed for Trunk or Treat so see the [PTO volunteer form on their givebacks site](#)

**23:** 7 PM PTO meeting in the library

**24:** 6-7:30 PM Battle of the Faculties Education Foundation fundraiser event ([see flier HERE](#))

**\*\*Consider coming out to watch the Strathmore staff team take on staff from other schools in fun games.\*\***

**24-25:** PTO school store during all student lunches

**29:** School picture retakes/make ups from the original 9/19 date

**31:** Halloween Parade (see details about Halloween below)

1:20 dismissal for all students and staff

#### November

**1:** School spirit day (wear spirit wear or school colors maroon and white)

**6:** 1:20 dismissal for students

**7-8:** No School for Teacher Convention

**14:** Marking Period One last day

**15:** 1:20 dismissal

**18-22:** PTO food drive

**25:** Report cards open on the portal

**27:** 1:20 dismissal to begin Thanksgiving break

## September RESPONSIBILITY Students of the Month

Congratulations to our Students of the Month for demonstrating September's RESPONSIBILITY trait! You make Strathmore School a BETTER place to learn. Keep up the great work.

Each student of the month receives a student of the month certificate, bumper sticker, bookmark, and pencil. Their names are also announced in morning announcements and individual photos posted on our hallway bulletin board.

### **Kindergarten**

Alina Rada

Layla Assenza

Sydney Cruz

Sydney Lanzafama

### **1st Grade**

Bill Brusca

Lana Olm

Brooke Gray

Sofia Baird-Garay

Preston Langston

### **2nd Grade**

Omar Mohammed

Anastasia DiBrenza

Noah Flanders

Madelyn Schwartzbaum

### **3rd Grade**

Paul Guastafeste

Giulia Savareses

Sabrina Giblin

Emily Mula

Sutton Longo

Olivia Bohorquez

Leah Gutridge

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**Reviewing fire truck equipment**



**Discussing fire prevention & safety**

Thank you to the Aberdeen Fire Department for your visit to review fire prevention and safety with our students! Our fire department volunteers would like to remind all families to make sure homes have working fire and carbon monoxide detectors. It is important to also discuss fire safety and response plans at home with children to be as prepared as possible.

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## Halloween Parade 10/31 at 9:55 AM

Strathmore's Parade will take place on **Thursday, October 31, starting at 9:55AM.**

**Where:** Students will exit out of the front doors, turn left toward the back parking lot and continue around the back of the building to then re-enter the cafeteria doors. It will take about 15-20 minutes.

**Class snacks:** Appropriate snacks/treats for classrooms will be communicated by your child's teacher since the needs in each class may be different based on allergies or not.

**Costume reminder for students that choose to participate in the parade and dress up in a costume:** With the parade early in the day students should wear their costumes to school to avoid having to spend a lot of time changing before the parade. Costumes should also not be violent in nature, revealing, or include weapons. Students who have masks as part of their costume can wear it during the parade.

## Nurse's Office

### Health Screenings:

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 with the opportunity to receive health screenings conducted by a school physician, school nurse, or other school personnel properly trained pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(l)*. The required screenings are outlined below.

Height, Weight, Vision, Hearing, Dental for Pre-K students

Height, Weight, Blood Pressure for All students K-12

Vision for Grades K,2,4,6,8,10

Hearing for Grades K-3, Grades 7 and 11

Scoliosis for Ages 10-18, Biennially

If at any time, the parent chooses to decline these screenings, a written request must be sent to the attention of the school nurse.

Parents will be notified, in writing, of any screening results that are outside of the normal parameters.

### **Immunization 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](mailto:cmallozzi@marsd.org).

Looking forward to a Healthy, Happy School Year!

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## **M.O.S.T (Mentor and Homework Program)**

The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to announce the return of the M.O.S.T. program to the Matawan-Aberdeen Middle School. See the flier [HERE](#).

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**.

### **Attention High School Students...**

If you are interested in volunteering and serving as a mentor please complete the [2024-2025 MOST Mentor Form](#)

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

## **Governor's Educator of the Year Nominations**

Our district is participating in the New Jersey Department of Education Governor's Educator of the Year Program (GEOY).

Please consider completing a nomination form for a well deserved educator you have seen go above and beyond. Nominations are accepted for teachers as well as educational services professionals in positions you will see through the eligibility criteria link.

All nominations must be received by the principal by November 29.

Nomination hard copy forms can be sent into school, the fillable PDF form can be emailed to the principal, or a general email with details can be accepted as well.

Any nominations can be emailed to [jjerabek@marsd.org](mailto:jjerabek@marsd.org).

Thank you for considering sending in a nomination.

[Nomination Form](#)

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

## Outside Recess

As we move closer and closer to cold weather it is important to know the benchmark we use for outside recess. We try to have recess outside as much as possible. We use the benchmark of 28 degrees (Feels like temperature with windchill figured in) to determine if it will be outside recess. If it is below 28 degrees then recess will be inside. There is no extra supervision for students to remain inside if it is 28 degrees or higher so please make sure students dress appropriately expecting recess to be outside.

## Virtual Backpack

Please continue to review any fliers and notices that are loaded to our virtual backpack each month.

The virtual backpack link is [HERE](#).



# VIRTUAL BACKPACK

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



**Matawan-Aberdeen Regional**  
School District

