



Stratton Sentinel

October 2024

Monthly Newsletter

Letter from the Principal

Dear Stratton Families,

Happy October! As the leaves change and the days grow cooler, I am filled with gratitude for our vibrant school community. This month, we have a lot to look forward to, including exciting events, important updates, and opportunities for you to get involved.

As you know, our October calendar has changed this year to incorporate a Fall Break from October 14th to the 18th.

Parent Teachers' Conferences schedules will also look different this year. Conferences will be held on the afternoons of October 14th and 15th and will continue after the fall break on the evenings of the 21st through the 25th. Details and information about scheduling conferences with teachers will be coming soon.

We are grateful for the support from our families. If you are looking for ways to contribute, consider contacting the PTA to find ways to volunteer your time. Together, we can create a warm and engaging environment for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Let's make this October a memorable one for our students!

Warm regards,
Kyle Rudd
Principal, Stratton Elementary

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Stratton's SAC Meeting

(School Accountability Committee)

Join Principal Rudd for a conversation. Discuss such topics as school budget, improvement plans, academic achievement, etc.

Thursday, Oct 24th
6:00 pm via WebEx

School News

Hi "Singing Stallions!" Mr. Walker here.

October is a quiet month for the Stratton Elementary Music Program, so I'd like to take moment to share my vision for our General Education Music program.

Semester One: "Singing" Semester

We emphasize vocal performances, including:

- September: Camp Stratton Sing-Along
- November: Veterans Day choral performance
- December: Winter Sing-Along and Cocoa & Carols at MacKenzie Place We also use "MusicPlay Online" and "Music K-8" resources, with an introduction to the Kodály method.

Semester Two: "Instrumental" Semester

- 5th graders: Keyboard and iconic notation via the "Modern Band Method"
- 4th graders: Ukulele instruction
- 3rd graders: Soprano Recorder with "Recorder Karate"
- 2nd graders: Barred instruments (xylophones, glockenspiels, metallophones) using Orff curriculum
- 1st graders: Rhythmic skills with unpitched percussion
- Kindergarteners: Singing, movement, and a spring musical through the "First Steps in Music" and Orff methods

This year, I'm excited to collaborate with Ms. Sarah Traff (Orchestra) and Mr. Darren Dukart (Band), introducing students to the string, brass, woodwind, and percussion families starting in 4th grade.

Thank you for allowing me to share music with your children. Please reach out with any questions or feedback!

Stratton Cross Country Team

Congratulations on a great

season....



Thank you to all the teachers, staff, and families that supported our cross-country runners.

You Did It!

School News

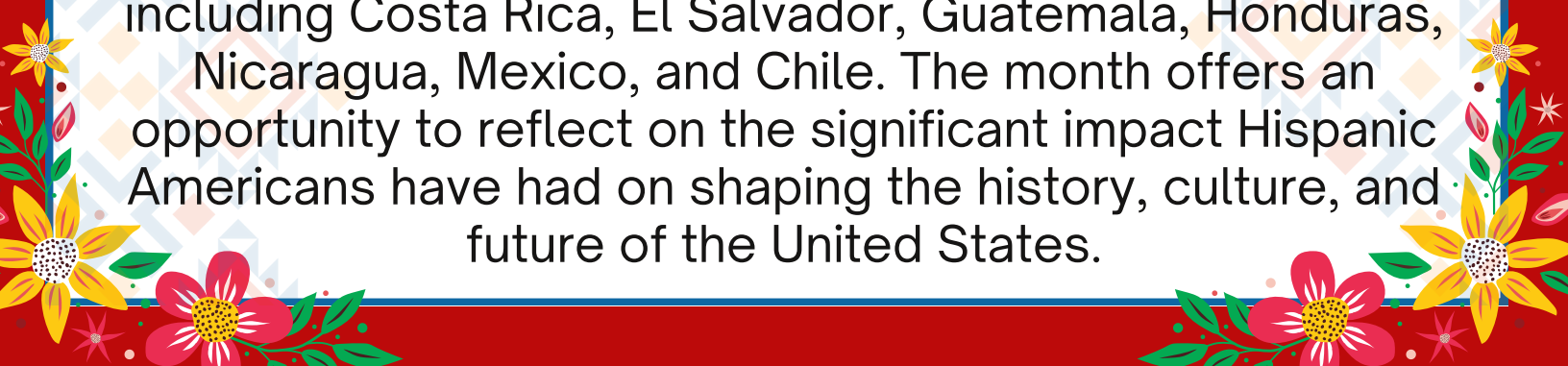
News From the Art Room.....

The art room is bustling with lots of fun art projects! Grade levels are working on projects for Hispanic Heritage Month and Dia De Los Muertos. Look for them to be displayed in the hallway! There's so much talent in our Stratton artists. Art Club is in full swing. If you tried to get in and it was full, don't worry-there will be more sessions in the Spring! Also, be on the lookout for Art to Remember forms that will be coming home mid-October. You will be able to order your child's artwork on many different items. They will be delivered by the holidays and make awesome gifts! Proceeds will be given to the art department so we can buy great art supplies for the students.



Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrated from September 15 to October 15, recognizes the histories, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx Americans. It was first observed in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson and was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan. The dates were chosen to coincide with the independence anniversaries of several Latin American countries, including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Chile. The month offers an opportunity to reflect on the significant impact Hispanic Americans have had on shaping the history, culture, and future of the United States.



PTA News & Events

Stratton PTA Board

Email- thestrattonpta@outlook.com

President- Zenia Nattiel **Vice President-** Anna Rau
Secretary- Amanda Lockwood **Treasurer-** Rhonda Ball

POPCORN FRIDAY

Friday, October 25th

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



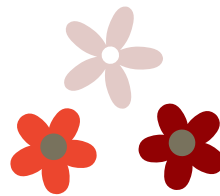
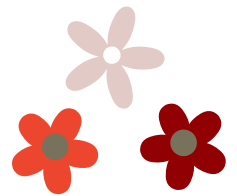
\$1.00
per bag

PTA Meeting

**Tuesday,
October 8th**

5:30-6:45 pm

**School Gym or via
WebEx**



HALLOWEEN DANCE

Friday, October 11th

5:30-7:00 pm

Kick off our October "Fall Break" with a DJ costume and dance party at Stratton! Treats, some games and great music to dance to!



Costumes

Dancing

GAME
ROOMS

Decorated Tables





Attendance & Safety

Attendance Matters

Just a reminder that Tardies, should they be excessive, can also count toward absences in the Power School system. Per District policy, Tardies begin after the bell rings at 7:50 each day. Below is a snapshot of the D11's BOE explanation around tardies:

POLICY JH: Student Absences and Excuses

Tardiness is defined as the appearance of a student without proper excuse after the scheduled time that a class begins. Because of the disruptive nature of tardiness and the detrimental effect upon the rights of the non-tardy student to uninterrupted learning, appropriate penalties may be imposed for excessive tardiness. Parents will be notified of penalties regarding tardiness. In an unavoidable situation, a student detained by another teacher or administrator will not be considered tardy provided that the teacher or administrator gives the student a pass to enter the next class. Teachers will honor passes presented in accordance with this policy.



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 strictly reserved for buses, daycare, and Hop, Skip, Drive student pick-up only. Parents are not permitted to use this area for student pick-up.



Health & Wellness

I Matter.



I Matter is a program in Colorado that provides FREE mental health and substance abuse disorder services for all youth in Colorado.

I Matter provides up to six free therapy sessions for youth in Colorado. For more information, please visit IMatterColorado.org or YoImporto.org (in Spanish).

For immediate mental health needs call 988 (Colorado's 24/7 mental health crisis support line)

Wellness Corner Nurse Notes

There is a new car seat law going into effect January 1, 2025. All children up to the age of 9 will need to be in a car seat/booster seat. Click the link below to learn more...

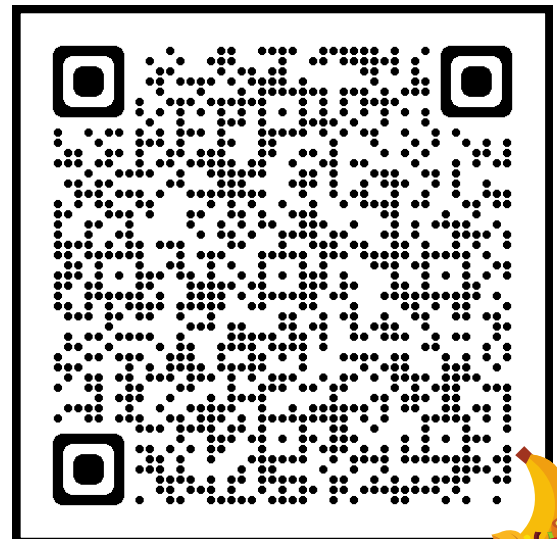
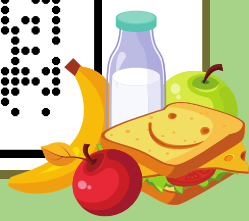
<https://www.codot.gov/safety/carseats/colorado-child-passenger-safety-law-1>



School Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Please scan the QR Code for Breakfast and lunch menus.

Menus are subject to change based on availability.



School Events

October Field Trips



Thurs, 10th- 9:00-2:50 pm
Pre-School to the
Pumpkin Patch

Fri, 25th- 9:30-12:30 pm
Kindergarten Fall Walk
to Nancy Lewis Park



Wed, 30th- 9:30-1:30 pm
3rd Grade to
Garden of the Gods
Visitor Center

Wed, 30th- 9:30-11:00 am
4th & 5th Grade to North
Middle School



No School

Mon, Oct 14th - Fri, Oct 18th
No Students / Fall Break

Wed, October 23rd-
1/2 Day for Students
11:50 am Pick-up



Cub Scouts Pack 24 October Meetings

Monday, 7th 6-7 pm
Monday, 21st 6-7 pm
Monday, 28th 6-7 pm



Parent Teacher Conferences

Mon & Tue, Oct 14th & 15th
Mon-Thurs, Oct 21st - 25th

Please look for
information coming from
teachers to schedule
meeting times.



SCHOOL COUNT DAY **Tuesday, October 1st**

Please ensure that
students are present at
school for the official
attendance count.

An exact student count is crucial
for securing essential funding for
our School and District.

School Events

STRATTON'S ANNUAL COSTUME PARADE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST 1:40 PM

Parade will start at 1:40 pm in the building collecting classrooms as we go, and will proceed out back to the track area.

Parents are encouraged to come support the students and admire costumes.

Parent Costume Reminder:

- All costumes worn must be appropriate for school. Please **DO NOT** allow your child to dress as a scary or violent character.
- No blood or weapons are permitted.
- Students are not to wear their costumes to school. Each child will be given a **SHORT** time to change prior to the parade. Please keep the costume simple enough that the child can dress himself/herself.

**CLASSROOM PARTIES TO
FOLLOW THE PARADE**



Book Fair

Oct 21st - Oct 25th

Mon & Tues 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wed 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

Thurs 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Fri 8:00 am - Noon

The Scholastic Book Fair is back... Stop on in.
Books and other fun items available for purchase.
Located in the School Library

School Clubs

Sports Club 1st & 2nd grades

Monday, October
7th, 21st, & 28th
2:50-3:30 pm



Sports Challenge 3rd - 5th grades

Tues & Thurs, October
1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 22nd, 24th, & 29th
2:50-3:50 pm

Aladdin Musical

Mondays &
Thursdays
2:50-4:00 pm

Battle of the Books

Tuesdays: 2:50-3:50 pm

Thursdays: During Lunch



Student Council



Mondays
2:50-3:50 pm

Yearbook Club

by invitation

Thursdays- During lunch recess



Also, during
school clubs and
events to take
photos

Art Club



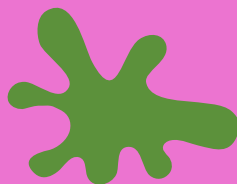
1st Grade

Thurs, Oct 3rd
2:50-3:30 pm



2nd Grade

Thurs, Oct 10th & 21st
2:50-3:30 pm



3rd-5th Grade

Tues, Oct 1st, 8th & 22nd
2:50-3:50 pm



October 2024



Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1 SCHOOL COUNT DAY Art Club 3rd-5th grade 2:50-3:50 pm Sports Challenge 3rd-5th grade 2:50-3:50 pm Battle of the Books 2:50-3:50 pm	2	3 Battle of the Books During lunch Yearbook Club During lunch recess Art Club 1st grade 2:50-3:50 pm Sports Challenge 3rd-5th grade 2:50-3:50 pm Musical Practice 2:50-4:00 pm	4	5
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Fall Break / No School For Students						
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