



Stratton Sentinel

January 2025

Monthly Newsletter

Letter from the Principal

Dear Stratton Elementary Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope that you all had a restful and joyful winter break filled with time to recharge and spend with loved ones. As we begin 2025, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the incredible learning experiences that await our students this semester.

The first few months of the school year have already been filled with amazing accomplishments, and I am proud of the growth our students have made. Now, with a fresh start in January, we are looking forward to even more success, creativity, and collaboration as we continue on our educational journey together.

Please encourage your child to continue setting personal goals and stay focused as we move into the second half of the school year. We will be working closely with our students to ensure they remain engaged and motivated through the winter months. It's a great time to talk about their academic progress and what they hope to accomplish.

Our teachers window for completing report cards closes on the 8th. Report cards will be available on the 10th in PowerSchool. If you have issues viewing the report cards in PowerSchool, please contact Mrs. Rickard in the office.

Winter is here! Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather. We do go outside for recess unless the temperature or conditions are extreme. It's important for students to have coats, hats, gloves, and boots during these colder days.

Looking ahead, we will continue to focus on providing a nurturing and engaging environment for all of our students. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and passionate staff at Stratton Elementary, and we remain committed to creating a positive and inspiring atmosphere for each student.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will make 2025 an incredible year of growth and achievement for our children. I look forward to seeing the amazing things they will accomplish! Wishing you all a wonderful start to the new year.

Warm regards,
Kyle Rudd
Principal
Stratton Elementary School

What's In This Month's Issue:

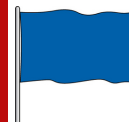
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Stratton's SAC Meeting

(School Accountability Committee)

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

Tuesday, Jan 14th
4:30–5:30 pm In person
and via WebEx



During bad weather, Stratton will display blue flags to signal students to enter the school, hang their backpacks on hooks, and wait quietly in the hallway until the first bell.

School News & Events

Second Semester in the Art Room...

The next quarter we will be preparing for our big event- Chocolate Art Night! This year it will be on March 13 and if you are new to the school, it is an event you don't want to miss!

Beautiful art is displayed from each student around the school. Each class creates an auction piece (which we will be finishing up in January). These pieces will be auctioned off as part of a live auction. Calendar or notecards with pictures of the pieces will also be up for sale! The proceeds from this event go to the art department to buy supplies for the kiddos. There will also be free art activities for families to create around the school. Lastly the PTA hosts a bake sale with donated goods from many families at Stratton!

Please attend our informational meeting if you want to be involved this year! It will be 1/29 at 3pm. We always need volunteers for this event. There will be a sign-up genius if you can spare some time to help out!

We appreciate you!
Mrs. Vassar and Mrs. Niemeier

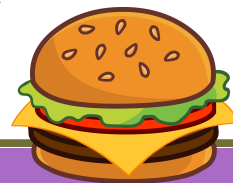
yum!

Whataburger Fundraiser

yum!

Come support the arts and enjoy a delicious meal on **Wednesday, January 15th, at Whataburger on Fillmore from 5:00–8:00 PM!** A percentage of the sales will be donated to support Mr. Walker and our school musical, Aladdin Kids.

We hope to see you there!





School News & Events

We Are Hiring.....

Crossing Guards- Stratton is hiring crossing guards for the morning and after school to help students safely cross the street.

Special Education EA- Stratton is look for two educational assistants in our Special Education Programs. Assist teachers to meet the needs of children with special needs with academics, behavior modification, personal hygiene and /or physical/emotional conditions.

If you are interested apply on the D11 website [Careers](#).

No School

Jan 1st-6th
Winter Break



January 20th-
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Cub Scouts Pack 24 December Meetings

Monday, 13th 6-7 pm

Monday, 27th 6-7 pm



Basketball Games Schedule

Games start at 3:30 pm with the girls teams playing first, then the boys. Teams are encouraged to stay late or come early to support each Stratton.

January 28th- Away @ Freemont
January 29th- Home vs Freedom

February 10th- Away @ Audubon
February 13th- Away @ Howbert

February 18th- Away @ Midland
February 20th- Home vs McAuliffe

February 26th- Home vs Scott

School News & Events



5E SURVEYS

We want to hear from you! In January, we'll be sending out a parent survey to gather your thoughts and feedback on how we can continue to improve the learning experience for your child. Your input is incredibly important in helping us understand what's working well and where we can make positive changes. Please take a few moments to complete the survey when it arrives.

Your feedback truly makes a difference!



Second Quarter Report Cards

Please log onto PowerSchool to view Second Quarter Report Cards after Fri, Jan 10th.



Field Trips



Thurs, 23rd
9:30-1:30 pm-
1st Grade to
PPLD 22C

Tues, 28th
All Day- 5th Grade
to Mann Middle
School



Thank You



We sincerely thank everyone who participated in our FUN RUN! Your support allowed the library to purchase new furniture, which will make the space more functional and inviting. Your contributions significantly impact our school, and we are grateful for your commitment. We couldn't have achieved this without you!

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, January 31st

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, January 14th

**School Gym or
via WebEx**

5:30-6:45 pm

Stratton Spirit Wear



Gear up in your
Stratton swag at
strattonspiritwear.com

PTA Skate City Night

Thursday, Jan 30th

5:00-7:00 pm

Location:
Academy
& Constitution



School Clubs

Basketball Practice

Girls Team- Tuesday & Wednesdays
3:00-4:00 pm



Boys Team- Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 pm
& Thursday 3:00-4:00 pm

Aladdin Musical

Mondays &
Thursdays
2:50-4:00 pm



Battle of the Books

Tuesdays: 2:50-3:50 pm

Thursdays: During Lunch



Yearbook Club

by invitation

Thursdays- During lunch
recess

Also, during
school clubs and
events to take
photos



Student Council

Mondays
2:50-3:50 pm



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...

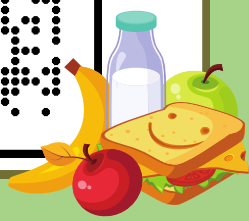
<https://www.codot.gov/safety/carseats/colorado-child-passenger-safety-law-1>



School Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Please scan the QR Code for Breakfast and lunch menus.

Menus are subject to change based on availability.





Attendance & Safety

Attendance Matters

Currently, Stratton is at an attendance rate of 93.13% for the 2024-2025 school year. As we end the first semester and ring in the New Year, we would like to offer some reminders for parents and students in order to maximize attendance and improve the learning experience.

1. Have predictable bedtime and morning routines to ensure a restful night's sleep and a structured start to the morning.
2. Be sure to practice good hygiene before and after school to minimize the presence of any classroom germs coming home or going to school.
3. Be sure to maintain communication with the classroom teachers via dojo, back n' forth folders, or through email.
4. Lastly, plan ahead. In the event of a weather delay ask family or friends to assist with school drop off to ensure your child maintains attendance.



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 drop-off or pick-up.**



January 2025



Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
			1 Winter Break!	2 Winter Break!	3 No School for Students / Teacher Work Day	4
5	6 No School for Students / Professional Development	7 Students Return Sign Up for the Talent Show Girls Basketball practice 3:00-4:00 pm Battle of the Books 2:50-3:50 pm	8 Girls Basketball practice 3:00-4:00 pm Boys Basketball practice 4:00-5:00 pm	9 Battle of the Books During lunch Yearbook Club During lunch recess Boys Basketball practice 3:00-4:00 pm Musical Practice 2:50-4:00 pm	10	11
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