



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

January 17, 2025

Message from Mrs. Kelly

Dear Strathmore Families,
Happy New Year! I am thrilled to begin 2025 as the Acting Principal of Strathmore Elementary School. Over the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure of getting to know all the members of the Strathmore community, including our young learners and our dedicated staff. There are so many great things happening here at Strathmore Elementary School and I am grateful to be a part of it all!



Thank you to all the family members and family friends that have offered a warm greeting through phone calls, emails, or even at the kiss-and-go line during arrival. Every introduction is appreciated. I look forward to our continued work together this year.

Important Reminders

Arrival & Dismissal

The safety of our students, staff and families is a top priority during these high-traffic times. Adhering to procedures will help ensure everyone stays safe.

- Please be mindful of any and all pedestrians navigating the parking lot, including students and staff, especially during these busy times
- Please do not park in parking spots designated for staff, in fire lanes, or blocking any parked vehicles
- Please do not leave your vehicle running and unattended anywhere in the parking lot
- Please do not block our school buses from accessing the the entrance/exit of the parking lot



Signing Students Out Early

The main office is the heart of our school and a very busy place. We understand that there may be instances, other than illness, when a student is required to leave school early. With a planned early dismissal, please notify your child's teacher and the front office in advance, whenever possible. This can help minimize the time it takes to dismiss your child to you. Additionally, please always have photo ID ready when picking-up your student.

Recess

Time spent outdoors can be impacted by the weather, particularly in the winter. We understand the importance of getting in some fresh air and movement each day. Students will go outside for recess every time that temperatures allow. Please make sure your child is wearing seasonally appropriate clothing to school and always has his/her coat or jacket.

**If you are in need of winter outerwear, please reach out to Nurse Mallozzi*

2025-2026 Registration

Please click [here](#) for information about Preschool & Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 school year.

Haga clic [aquí](#) para obtener información sobre la inscripción a preescolar y Kindergarten para el año escolar 2025-2026.

Counselor's Corner

Character Trait Themes for Classroom Lessons & Student of the Month

Monthly classroom lessons are focused on important character traits. Each month we recognize students from each class that demonstrate the qualities of our character trait of that month.

January: Teamwork

- working together
- listening
- sharing
- being kind and thoughtful

February: Perseverance

- put in the effort
- learn from mistakes
- tackle new challenges
- try new things
- have a growth mindset

Random Acts of Kindness Week

Strathmore Elementary School will celebrate "Random Acts of Kindness Week" (2/18-2/21) to continue to create a culture of kindness here at school. This week is a reminder that even a small act of kindness can really make a huge difference.

Please see the [flyer](#) for more details.



PTO News

Get Involved

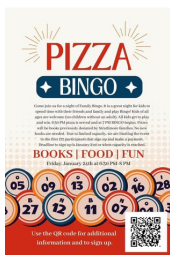
Check out Strathmore's [PTO page](#) on the district website, where you can find information on how to connect. The PTO meets every other month in the Strathmore Library at 6:00 PM. Meeting dates for the remainder of the year are: January 29th, March 12th and May 25th.

School Store

This month's school store will be held on Thursday, 1/30 and Friday, 1/31, during lunches.

Upcoming Events

See below for upcoming events/activities sponsored by the Strathmore Elementary School PTO



Pizza Bingo Night

Friday, January 24th
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
(click image for details)



Chocolate Fundraiser

Kick-off January 29th



Strathmore Lip Sync '25

Friday, May 2, 2025
7:00 PM MRHS
(click image for details)

Dates to Keep in Mind

Friday, January 17th - Early Dismissal for ALL Students

Monday, January 20th - School Closed for Martin Luther King Day

Thursday, January 23rd - BoE Meeting, Cliffwood School Cafeteria, 7:00 PM

Friday, January 31st - Marking Period 2 closes

Monday, February 3rd - Early Dismissal for K-8 Students. **Preschool will operate on a full-day schedule.*

Friday February 14th - Early Dismissal for ALL Students



Save the Date

Strathmore Elementary School's 3rd Grade Concert - May 15, 2025



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