



Stratton Sentinel

February 2025

Monthly Newsletter

Letter from the Principal

Dear Stratton Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we enter our second semester, our students and teachers continue to work diligently toward meeting academic goals that will prepare them for the next grade level.

The University of Chicago 5 Essentials Parent Survey is open until Friday, February 7th. This survey provides parents an opportunity to share valuable feedback that will help guide the growth and development of Stratton. Your responses will help us identify successful practices and areas where we can adjust to better meet the needs of our community. Currently, we've had 47 out of 271 surveys completed, which gives us a 21% response rate. As you know, the more voices we hear, the more accurately we can reflect the overall environment of our school. Our goal is 80% participation. If you're unsure where to find the link, please check your emails for a message from UChicago, or visit the link available on Dojo.

This month is filled with exciting events and activities for our students. Be sure to check backpacks and messages for details on upcoming field trips and school events.

We're excited to spend this month celebrating kindness, scientific exploration, and school spirit! Thank you for your continued support in making Stratton Elementary a vibrant and engaging place for learning.

Warm regards,
Kyle Rudd

What's In This Month's Issue:

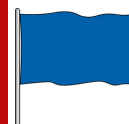
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Stratton's SAC Meeting

(School Accountability Committee)

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

Tuesday, Feb 11th
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!

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



American Heart
Association®

KIDS
HEART
CHALLENGE™

Officially starts on 2/10/2025

Join us in learning about heart health and raising funds to protect all hearts – especially other kids! Through fun activities we'll discover ways to take care of our hearts and brains while practicing kindness, gratitude and learning to ways to de-stress. Plus, we have the chance to earn PE equipment for our school!



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

Monday, Feb 3rd-
No Students /
Professional
Development Day

Monday, Feb 17th-
NO SCHOOL /
DISTRICT CLOSED

**PRESIDENT'S
DAY**

Cub Scouts Pack 24 February Meetings

Monday, 10th 6-7 pm

Monday, 24th 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.

February 10th- Away @ Audubon

February 13th- Away @ Howbert

February 18th- Away @ Midland

February 20th- Home vs McAuliffe

February 26th- Home vs Scott



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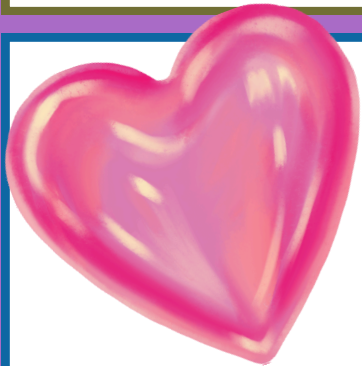
5E SURVEYS

We want to hear from you! The [5E Parent Survey](#) gathers 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!



**QUICK
SURVEY**



RAK Family Night

**Wed, Feb 19th
5:00-6:30 pm**

JOIN US! To learn and experience how Stratton uses the Random Acts of Kindness: Kindness in the Classroom curriculum as a primary introduction to Social Emotional Learning. Families will rotate through several "RAK lesson" activities and create projects you can use at home. All students who attend the Random Acts of Kindness Night will leave with a bag designed unique to them!

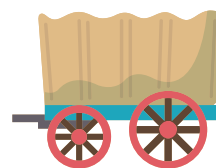
Field Trips



**Wed, Feb 5th
11:30-2:30-**

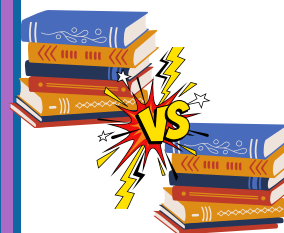
3th & 4th Grade to
the Philharmonic

**Fri, Feb 14th
9:00-2:00 pm-** 5th
Grade the Challenger
Center



**Wed, Feb 19th
9:00-12:00 pm-** 3rd
Grade to the Pioneer
Museum

**Wed, Feb 26th
9:30-1:30 pm-**
Stratton Choir to
USAFA



**Thurs, Feb 27th
7:45-12:30 pm-** Battle
of the Books District
Competition

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, February 21st

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, February 11th

School Gym or
via WebEx

5:30-6:45 pm

Stratton Spirit Wear



Gear up in your
Stratton swag at
strattonspiritwear.com

Valentine's Day Donut Bouquets

Send your kiddos a sweet treat
& a note on Valentines Day!!!!

Pre order your Donut Bouquet
and PTA will deliver them to
classrooms on Friday, February
14th.

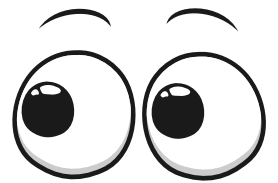


PTA News & Events

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



PTA TRIVIA GAME



BE ON THE LOOKOUT.....

PTA will be asking a trivia question at the beginning of every week for Black History Month. Winners will receive a prize...



MORE DETAILS TO COME

"Legacies of Excellence"

Friday, February 28th 1:15 pm



The PTA is proud to present this Black History Month program, celebrating the "Legacies of Excellence" that have shaped our history. This special event will feature student poetry readings, inspiring guest speakers who have made history in our country, and a short video presentation.

FOR STUDENTS ONLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED

School Clubs

Art Clubs

1st Grade Art Club
Tuesdays: 2:50-3:30 pm

Stage Crew
Thursdays: 2:50-3:50 pm
Starting 2/27



Yes Club

Thursdays: 2:50-4:50 pm
Starting 2/6 & Ending 5/15



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)



Nurse Notes

Stay Healthy This Season!

With many illnesses going around this time of year, we kindly remind parents to keep children home from school if they are feeling unwell. Students may only return to school after meeting the following health policies:

Fever: 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Vomiting: 24 hours since the last episode.

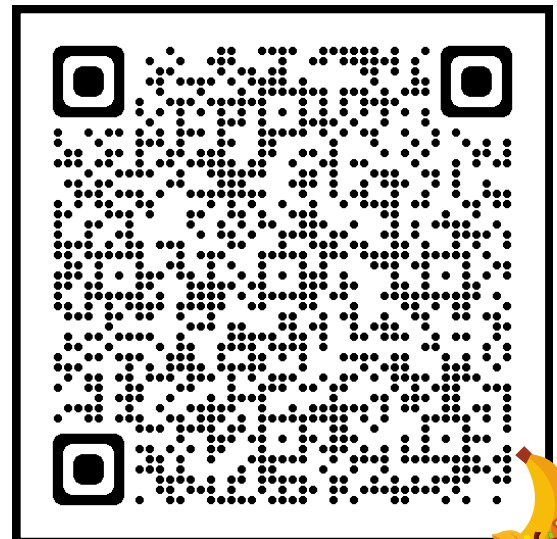
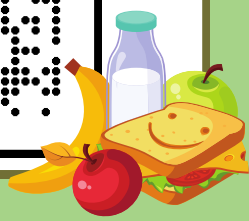
Diarrhea: 24 hours since the last episode.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy!

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

Impact of Tardiness:

Parents, we want to remind you of the importance of arriving to school on or prior to 7:50 am each day. Tardiness can significantly impact your child's learning, as every minute counts in the classroom. Please be aware that 5 tardies equal one full school day missed, and repeated tardiness can significantly impact your student's attendance rate. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child arrives on time so they can fully engage in their education.



After school Pick Up:

We'd like to kindly remind all families that student pickup time is at 2:50 PM. To help us ensure a smooth and timely end to the school day, we ask that you make arrangements to pick up your child on time.

If you anticipate any scheduling conflicts, here are some options to consider:

- Arrange for pickup through a trusted afterschool care center that offers school pickup services.
- Coordinate with a fellow classmate's family to share pickup responsibilities.
- Explore carpooling options with other families in your area.
- Check if a family member, neighbor, or trusted friend can assist with pickup.
- Consider ride-sharing services that cater to minors and offer safe transportation for children (e.g., HopSkipDrive, Kango).

Thank you for your understanding and support! Your efforts help us maintain an organized and safe dismissal process for everyone.



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.**



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