



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

RAVINE DRIVE NEWSLETTER

January 2025

Dear Ravine Drive Community,

Good Afternoon Ravine Drive Families,

The New Year is off to a fantastic start at Ravine Drive Elementary School!

With the cooler temperatures, please keep in mind to have warm clothes for our students, as we have outdoor recess whenever the ground is not icy and the wind chill is 27 degrees or warmer. Winter coats and layers are the best to ensure our students are comfortable and healthy inside and outside of their classroom! If you are in need of winter clothing, please reach out to Nurse Moore (SMoore@marsd.org) or me, we are happy to help any way we can!

We will be holding our first annual Cupcake Bake Off on Saturday, January 25th!

Please see this month's attendance information focusing on the importance of attending school.

If you ever have any suggestions or concerns, please reach out to me!

Have a great day,
Sean

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Operation Gratitude

Mrs. Morrissey's third grade class participated in Operation Gratitude during our Holiday Season, by writing letters of support to our Deployed Troops, Military Families, Recruits, and First Responders as part of a care package. Thank you for this tremendous effort in supporting those who serve our country!

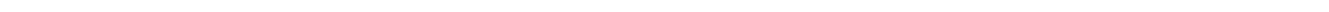


MARSD Attendance Matters

Heading to school! What should I know?

Children's mental health is important. Students who miss just 2 days of school a month tend to be more stressed and anxious.

Help lower student stress by encouraging attendance **when students are feeling well.**



MARSD District Attendance Policy

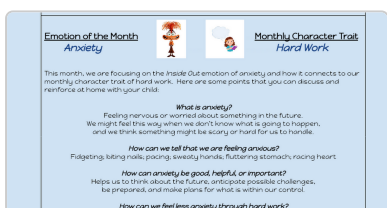


ELAN Online District Policies

Notwithstanding the requirement of reporting student absences in the school register for State and Federal reporting purposes, "excused" and "unexcused" student absences, for the purpose of expectations and consequences regarding truancy, student conduct, promotion, retention, and the award of course credit is a Board decision outlined in N.J.A.C.

[straussesmay.com](https://www.straussesmay.com)

Counselor's Corner



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Counselor's Corner January 2025 Ravine Drive Elementary School
Emotion of the MonthMonthly Character Trait Anxiety
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Speech Update and Practice Calendars

Updates from Mrs. Roche

Every month Mrs. Roche provides an update on Speech and Language and practice exercises that can benefit all of our students! Please see below.

Speech and Language

January



Books

- The Mitten, written by Jan Brett
- Owl Moon, written by Jane Yolen
- No Two Alike, written by Keith Baker
- Ten on the Sled, written by Ken Norman
- Tracks in the Snow, written by Wong Herbert Lee

Practice using Language Extension while your child tells you what they have done at school each day.

Language at Home

Language Extension is a technique that 'extends' a child's utterances (i.e. words, phrases, simple sentences). It can be used to support language acquisition in any activity or environment. Language Extension involves repeating your child's utterances in the manner in which an adult would say it, by adding 1-2 words.

Language Extension Examples:

- Child: 'Milk.'
- Adult: 'Want milk.'
- Child: 'Up.'
- Adult: 'Pick me up.'
- Child: 'Dog.'
- Adult: 'Soft dog.'
- Child: 'More paper.'
- Adult: 'I want more paper.'
- Child: 'She happy.'
- Adult: 'She is happy.'
- Child: 'Cat pretty.'
- Adult: 'I like the pretty cat.'

Activities

- Fill a bowl with snow and bring it inside. Have your child describe how the snow looks, feels, and tastes. Microwave the snow for 15 seconds. Talk about how the snow looks, feels, and tastes now.
- Sing 'I'm a Little Snowman' to the tune of 'I'm a Little Teapot.'
I'm a little snowman, short and fat.
Here are my buttons, here is my hat.
When the sun comes out, I can't play.
I just slowly melt away.
- As you get ready to leave home, talk about the cold weather and what you will wear on each body part to stay warm outside.
- Practice Language Extension while getting dressed.
- Practice Language Extension while discussing your child's favorite book.

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Update from Nurse Moore

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

WHEN SHOULD CHILDREN STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL

Cold and flu season has arrived. Parents often ask, when do I keep my child home from school? Here are some guidelines for keeping sick children at home. As always, please consult your doctor with any concerns.

- A child with heavy cold symptoms, such as deep or uncontrollable coughing or significant lack of energy, belongs at home even without a fever. They should return when they can comfortably participate in school activities.
- If your child has a fever, keep them home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicines, such as acetaminophen. This will help ensure that the fever is truly gone and that your child is past the point of being contagious.
- If your child has pain in their ears, throat, head or chest and can not comfortably participate in school activities.
- If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, they must have neither for 24 hours before they can return to school.

Why is this important?

- Children need rest to recover from illness. Without enough rest, it can take your child longer to feel better. Staying home is also important because your child can spread the illness up to 24

hours after symptoms are gone.

- People with weakened immune systems often need even more time to recover and to stop being contagious.

[When Should Children Stay Home From School/NJDOH](#)

[Help Your Child's School Prevent the Spread of Infections/CDC](#)

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration is now available!

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Please see the flyers below for information on Preschool and Kindergarten registration.



2025-26 PKK Registration- English.pdf

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2025-26 PKK Registration- Spanish.pdf

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MOST Program

We are excited to announce the return of [The MOST Program](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. 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

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



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24-25 MOST Program

M.O.S.T. Mentoring Our Students Together 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. Students in Grades 2-12 within the MARSD will have the opportunity to work with certified staff members and de...

Positive Behavior Support Program—Ravine Runs on Great Choices

Ravine Runs on Great Choices-Overview

[PBIS Overview - Ravine Drive](#)

Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)

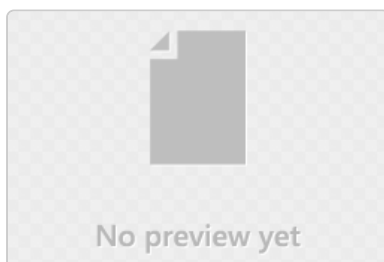
The MARSD Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)'s mission is to empower parents of students with special needs to communicate effectively with the MARSD Director of Special Services and Programs for the purpose of supporting and improving the quality of district-wide special education policies, programs and practices. The MARSD SEPAG strives to provide a supportive, informative and encouraging forum in which parents can raise questions, voice concerns and provide constructive input in a spirit of mutual respect for one another.

Please join us for our first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30pm at the Cliffwood Elementary School Library. The topic of this meeting is understanding the IEP process and your rights as a parent.

Link to Facebook Page: "Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District SEPAG"

[Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District SEPAG](#)
[facebook.com](#)

PTO Events & Registration



2024 2025 PTO Membership.docx

RAVINE DRIVE SCHOOL PTO 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!
SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS! Dear Families, Your participation in fundraising events, such as this membership drive, is key to our success in funding activities and events for the students of Ravine Drive School. We are asking for a donation o...

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JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

RAVINE DRIVE CUPCAKE BAKE OFF

How this works:

Bakers must bake **6 of their most delicious winter themed cupcakes!** They will be reviewed by special guest judges in various categories to **win prizes valued up to \$100!**

Grades 1-3 are eligible to enter the contest however there will be various **winter themed crafts and games for the whole family!**

Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase

SIGN UP HERE!



JANUARY 25, 2025 • 12PM - 2PM
RAVINE DRIVE GYM



For more details or questions please reach out to RavineDrivePTO@gmail.com

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
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