



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

RAVINE DRIVE NEWSLETTER

### February 2025

**Dear Ravine Drive Community,**

Good Afternoon Ravine Drive Families,

I cannot believe that today marks our 100th day at Ravine Drive Elementary School! Today was an exciting day celebrating this annual milestone along with Valentine's Day.

We have seen so much growth academically, socially, and emotionally in our students here at Ravine Drive Elementary School!

Next month we will be launching our Color Run and hosting a give back night for Chuck E Cheese, please be on the lookout for more information.

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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**MARSD Attendance Matters**

## Heading to school! What should I know?

Consistent attendance builds stronger reading skills! Research shows that students who miss just 2 days of school a month are less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Make sure your student is in school **each day they are not sick.**

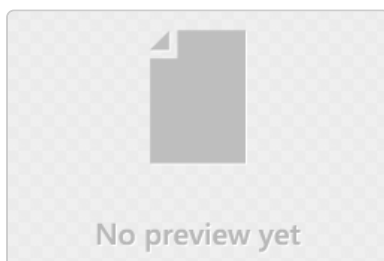
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## Conferences

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Our Spring Conferences will be held on March 11th and 12th. The conference portal will open for families on February 19th at 5:00pm through Parent Portal on Genesis

## Counselor's Corner



### February 2025 - RD Counselor's Corner

Counselor's Corner February 2025 Ravine Drive Elementary School  
Emotion of the Month ....Monthly Character Trait Joy .....  
Friendship This month, we are focusin...

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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 February

valentine



Word of the Month

### Books

- Arthur's valentine, written by Marc Brown
- The Pout-Pout Fish, written by Deborah Diesen
- The Day It Rained Hearts, written by Felicia Bond
- Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library, written by Barb Rosenstock
- Who Will See Their Shadow This Year?, written by Jerry Pallotta

Practice using Language Expansion while making valentines.

### Language at Home

Language Expansion is a technique that can be used to support language development in any activity or environment. Language Expansion involves restating and completing your child's utterances, by making them grammatically correct. By being exposed to many models of grammatically correct language, children begin to produce grammatically correct language themselves.

Language Expansion Examples:

- Child: 'She crying.'
- Adult: 'She is crying.'
- Child: 'Him hurt?'
- Adult: 'Is he hurt?'
- Child: 'I eated cookies.'
- Adult: 'I ate cookies.'
- Child: 'Her is tired.'
- Adult: 'She is tired.'
- Child: 'Outside cold.'
- Adult: 'It's cold outside.'

### Activities

- Make valentines for family and friends. Talk about who will receive each valentine. Discuss the actions you are making to create each valentine such as cutting paper, drawing a heart, or sticking a sticker.
- Have your child draw a picture about someone they love. Ask them questions about the picture such as, 'Who is in your picture?', 'What are you doing with them?', and 'Why do you love them?'
- Draw hearts in different sizes. Help your child arrange the hearts from smallest to biggest and biggest to smallest.
- Have your child label each item they use to wash their hands. Provide models for words that contain sounds your child has difficulty producing.
- Practice Language Expansion while cooking a meal together.

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## Update from Nurse Moore

### Exercise.....It Does a Body Good!

It is important to provide young people opportunities and encouragement to participate in physical activities that are appropriate for their age, that are enjoyable, and that offer variety.

- Children 3 to 5 should be active throughout the day.
- Children 6 to 17 need to be physically active for 60 minutes or more every day.
- Make physical activity part of your family's daily routine by taking family walks or playing active games together.
- Take young people to places they can be physically active, such as public parks, community baseball fields, or basketball courts.
- Be positive about the physical activities in which your child participates. Encourage them to be interested in new activities.
- Instead of watching television after dinner, help your child find fun

### Exercise Does a Body Good! RDS Parent Newsletter 02/2025

#### NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE Exercise.....It Does a Body

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## New Security Officers in MARSD

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Officer Friedman joined us today, February 14th. We are fortunate to have Officer Friedman sharing time between here and Cliffwood Elementary School, helping to ensure we are safe throughout the day.


Our Matawan Police Department continues to join us daily for arrival and dismissal, throughout the school day and always during our special events!

BUILDING CONNECTIONS:



### Meet Our New School Security Officers!

Safety and security are top priorities here in Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District. We are excited to introduce our new school security officers.



Shanna Beal



Mike Quinn




Todd Friedman




Jack Clarkin



Tracey Strickland



Scott Bonito



Roy Rowley

### Say Hello!

Get to know our new security officers. They're excited to build connections and keep our schools safe, while also being positive role models for our students.

**They're here to:**

- Monitor the interior and exterior of our buildings
- Greet students in the morning, assist with dismissal, and attend school events
- Offer additional security in hallways and cafeterias

**Questions? Reach out to your school's principal.**

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



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2025-26 PKK Registration- Spanish.pdf

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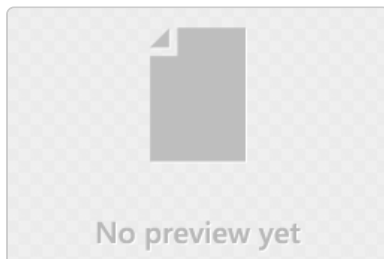
## MOST Program

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](mailto:mrhsinfo@marsd.org) or Daphne Ramcheran @ 732-567-0036



### 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...

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## 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.

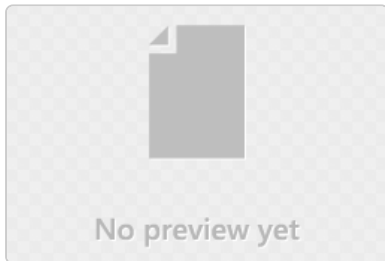
Please join us for our first meeting of the 2024-2025 school year on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30pm at the Cliffwood Elementary School Library. The topic of this meeting is understanding the IEP process and your rights as a parent.

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

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## 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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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



**Matawan-Aberdeen Regional**  
School District

