



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

February 14, 2025

Message from Mrs. Kelly

The new year is off to a quick start as we already find ourselves at President's Day weekend, the halfway point of February. Today we celebrated the official 100th Day of School! Over the past few weeks, many of our students have been busy creating original artwork to commemorate the day. Students dressed in "old" attire and costume to mark today's celebration.





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Safety and security are top priorities. MARSD welcomed our new school Security Officers on site today and we are excited to introduce the team. Officers will be visible at arrival/dismissal and throughout the day in our buildings.



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.

Important Reminders

Updates to Parking Lot Traffic

Changes to the flow of traffic on Ingress Way were made and shared with the community on Friday, February 7th. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Arrival w/ Kiss-and-Go

There is a high volume of traffic using the kiss-and-go option for arrival in the mornings. In order for the staff on duty to be as efficient as possible, please keep the following in mind when using the kiss-and-go drop-off option:

- Vehicles should enter the kiss-and-go line from Idelwild Lane, not Church Street
- Vehicles with students waiting to exit should proceed around the loop until directed by staff to stop. Please do not stop in front of the school entrance (door #6) unless directed to do so.
- Children should be prepared to exit the vehicle upon stopping, with all materials ready
- Parents should not be exiting the vehicle while in the kiss-and-go lane of traffic. If you plan to get out of your vehicle, please park and walk your student to the entrance.
- Please be cautious of pedestrians crossing the traffic loop
- Do not pass vehicles in front of you unless directed by staff to do so



School Hours / Student Entry

The doors open for students at **9:10 AM** on full days, and **11:20 AM** on delayed-opening days.

Students are not permitted to enter the building prior to the times listed above.

All students must be supervised prior to entering the building. Please do not leave students unattended outside of the building before the doors open.

Daily Attire

- Students should be dressed in seasonally-appropriate clothing, as recess is held outdoors most days

- Pajamas are not considered to be appropriate school attire, unless it is a designated theme day

- Slip-in shoes, with no back (i.e. Uggs, Crocs, etc.) pose a safety risk and are not permitted footwear

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on March 11th (evening) and March 12th (afternoon). The portal will open on February 19th for parents to sign-up for a conference time.

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.

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 on theme days.



News from the Nurse

Check out the latest Nurse's newsletter

[Exercise Does a Body Good](#)



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, 2/27 and Friday, 2/28, during lunches.

Upcoming Events

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



World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

The chocolate fundraiser ends on Friday, February 14, 2025. All money is due at that time.



Strathmore Lip Sync '25

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

Dates to Keep in Mind

Friday February 14th - Early Dismissal for ALL Students

Monday, February 17th - School Closed for President's Day

Thursday, February 27th - BoE Meeting, 6:30 PM @ Strathmore Elementary School

Wednesday, March 5th - Staff In-Service; School closed for students

Tuesday, March 11th - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, March 12th - Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences



Save the Date

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



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
School District

