



Stratton Sentinel

April 2025

Monthly Newsletter

Letter from the Principal

Dear Stratton Families,

As we welcome April, I hope this message finds you well. Spring brings warmer weather and the start of standardized testing. These assessments provide valuable insights into student progress, and we encourage all students to approach them with confidence. Please ensure your child is well-rested, has a nutritious breakfast, and arrives on time for testing.

Ways to Support Your Child During Testing:

- Encourage a positive mindset and remind your child to do their best.
- Help maintain a healthy routine with adequate sleep and nutritious meals.
- Encourage stress management techniques like deep breathing.

Regardless of test outcomes, we celebrate each student's hard work and dedication. Thank you for your continued support, and I'm confident our students will rise to the occasion.

I also want to share that I've decided to pursue other professional opportunities. My last day at Stratton will be June 9th. I am deeply grateful for the relationships and experiences I've had with students, staff, and families here.

Warm regards,
Kyle Rudd
Principal

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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, April 8th
4:30–5:30 pm In person
and via WebEx

During bad weather, Stratton will signal students with blue flags to enter, hang their backpacks, and wait quietly in the hallway until the first bell.



School News & Events

Aladdin Kids Musical Performance

Thursday, April 3rd

Day Show– 1:15 pm & Night Show– 5:30 pm

After months of hard work and dedication, our talented students and crew are ready to transport you to Agrabah with their enchanting performance of Aladdin Kids at Mann Middle School's Auditorium!

☀️ Day Show Performance –

Exclusively for students and Day Cast family members. Be among the first to see the magic unfold!

🌙 Night Show Performance –

(Doors Open @ 5:00 pm @ Mann) Open to the community and Night Cast family members. Join us for an unforgettable evening of adventure, music, and wonder!

Don't miss your chance to be part of the magic—come and wish upon a lamp with us!

Thank
♥️ you

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Chocolate Art Night a success, and to the families who came out to support the Art Department at Stratton. Your contributions are vital in ensuring continued funding for the arts at Stratton, and we deeply appreciate your support!

Thank you again!

— The Stratton Art Department

School News & Events

TRACK DAY

COMING SOON.....

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 8th! Mr. Smith's final Track Day before retirement is set to be an unforgettable celebration.

Families are invited to come and cheer on their children as they enjoy a day filled with fun, excitement, and special surprises. With unique keepsakes, thrilling activities, and a grand finale like never before, this event promises to be truly magical.

Stay tuned for more details—this is one celebration you won't want to miss!

Orchestra Assembly

Tuesday, April 29th
8:50 am

For 3rd & 4th Grade
Students



Regional Battle of the Books Competition

Thursday, April 17th
8:15–1:45 pm





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.

If you are interested apply on the D11 website [Careers](#).

Field Trips



**Thursday
24th–**

Kindergarten
to Cheyenne
Mountain Zoo
9:00–2:00 pm

Cub Scouts Pack 24 March Meetings

Monday, 10th 6–7 pm

Monday, 24th 6–7 pm



**Tuesday
29th–**

5th Grade
Rocket Day
@ Memorial
Park 10:00–
12:00 pm



IDIOM DAY

April 30th



**Get Ready to Speak in Style—
It's Idiom Day!**

Dress to impress (or express!) by bringing your favorite idiom to life. Will you be "under the weather," "a piece of cake," or "the cat's out of the bag"? Get creative, have fun, and let your outfit do the talking!

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, April 11th

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, April 8th

School Gym or
via WebEx

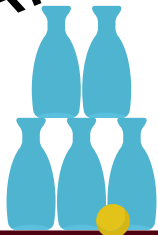
5:30-6:45 pm

PTA CARNIVAL

Friday April 25th

5:30-7:00 pm

GAMES



FOOD



School Clubs

Art Clubs

2nd Grade–
Tuesday 1st & 8th
2:50–3:30 pm

3rd–5th Grades
Thursdays 10th, 17th & 24th
2:50–3:50 pm



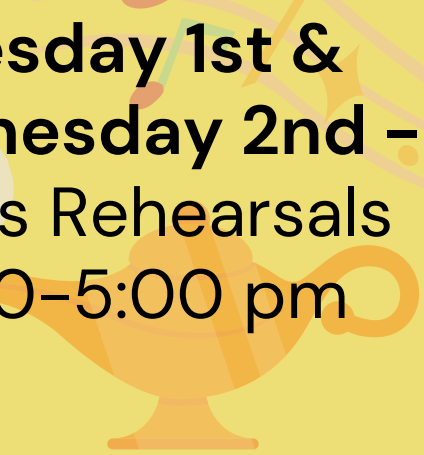
Yes Club

Thursdays: 2:50–4:50 pm
Ending 5/15



Aladdin Musical & Stage Crew

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd –
Dress Rehearsals
2:50–5:00 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

As we move towards the end of the school year, we want to remind families of the importance of keeping sick children home to help prevent the spread of illness. If your child is feeling unwell, **please follow these guidelines:**

Fever: Students must stay home until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Vomiting or Diarrhea: Children should remain at home for at least 24 hours after the last episode.

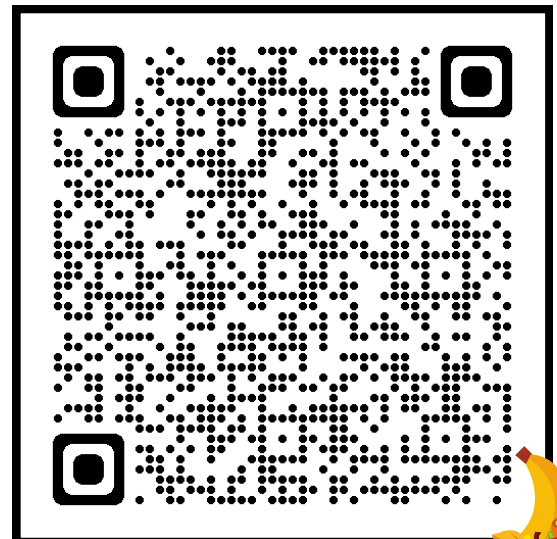
Severe Cough, Sore Throat, or Flu-Like Symptoms: If your child has significant symptoms that make it difficult to participate in class, they should rest at home.

Thank you for your understanding these important guidelines in keeping 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

Attendance Improvements:

- Stratton's attendance rate has increased by 2.25% since January! We're hopeful this positive trend continues into April.

AIS & Attendance Notices:

- The AIS system is fully operational, with automated texts and calls at 8:50 AM for absent or tardy students. Families of students with attendance below 90% will receive periodic updates until improvement.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up:

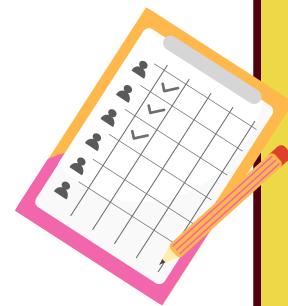
- Drop-off starts at 7:35 AM.
- Pick-up runs from 2:50 to 3:00 PM. Please arrange timely pick-ups, as administrative staff cannot supervise students.

Need after-school care? Check out these options:

- [Transportation Support](#)
- [After-School Childcare](#)

Upcoming Testing Windows:

- STAR Benchmark: April 1-11
- CMAS/CO-Alt: April 7-25 (Stratton testing on April 8-10, 14-16)



Let us know if you have any questions!



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.

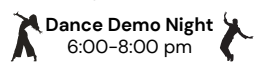
Employee Parking Area

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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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		1 Battle of the Books 2:50-3:50 pm 2nd Grade Art Club 2:50-3:30 pm Musical Dress Rehearsal & Stage Crew 2:50-5:00 pm	2 Musical Dress Rehearsal & Stage Crew 2:50-5:00 pm	3 Aladdin Kids Musical Performance Day Show- 1:15 @Mann Night Show- 5:30 @Mann Yes Club 2:50-4:50 pm GMP Info Night 5:30-6:30 pm @ the D11 Boardroom	4 	5
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