



Stratton Sentinel

May 2025

Monthly Newsletter

Letter from the Principal

Dear Stratton Families,

As we move toward the end of another incredible school year, it's the perfect time to reflect on the remarkable growth and achievements of our students. The final weeks are filled with excitement, from cherished traditions to fun events that bring our community together.

One special highlight is **Teacher Appreciation Week**, a time for us to show gratitude to our amazing Stratton educators. Their dedication, passion, and daily efforts to inspire our children are truly the heart of what makes this school so special. We encourage families to share small notes of thanks, kind gestures, or simply a smile to remind them how valued they are.

We'll also be hosting our final **Book Fair**, a great opportunity for students to find new stories to enjoy over the summer.

Some upcoming events to look forward to include:

Kindergarten Goat Show

Track Day (Families welcome and encouraged to come by!)

5th Grade Continuation – celebrating our outgoing fifth graders

As we close the school year, please take a moment to check for any library books or materials that need to be returned. Also, be sure to check the **LOST and FOUND** for any missing items before heading out for summer break. If your family won't be returning next year, please reach out to Mrs. Rickard for withdrawal information.

This time of year can also bring changes — we will be saying goodbye to beloved teachers and staff members. While goodbyes are never easy, they are a natural part of any community's growth. What remains steady is the heart of Stratton — the spirit, the support, and the shared dedication to our students that makes this school a truly special place.

I have genuinely appreciated the opportunity to accompany your children on their educational journey, and I will carry many cherished memories with me. Let's end this year on a high note— together.

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, May 13th
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

Kindergarten Goat Show

Thursday, May 1st

Parents, Come and celebrate your radiant stars as they grace the stage for their first Stratton School Play! The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Ms. Freedman's Class 1:15–1:30 pm

Ms. Randolph's Class 1:45–2:00 pm



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Mon, May 5th – Fri, May 9th

MUCH
appreciated

Join us in celebrating the amazing teachers who make such a difference in our children's lives each day.

If you'd like to do something special, stop by the office to check out our "Favorite Things" book—it's full of great information about our teachers!



Thanks for helping us show them how much they are appreciated!

School News & Events

TRACK DAY

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 8th!

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.

Individual events in the morning. Class relays in the afternoon.

Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, May 1st
6-7 pm

Join us for the Spring Orchestra Concert in the Stratton Gym to celebrate our students' musical achievements!



Orchestra students: Please arrive by **5:40 PM** in **concert attire**.

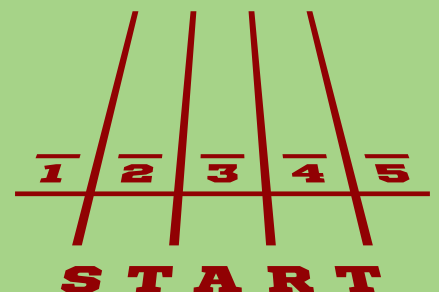
We look forward to seeing you there!

RON HEIN EVENT

Wednesday May 14th
(All Day)

Students picked to represent Stratton will participate in the District 11 Elementary Track and Field Competition @ Garry Berry Stadium

Parents must provide transportation for students



School News & Events

*We wish
you
all
the
Best*

**To our incredible
5th Graders—**

Congratulations!

We're so proud of you
and can't wait to see
all the amazing things
you'll do on your next
journey. You'll always
be a part of our school
family! ❤️

**5th Grade Egg Drop
@ Nancy Lewis Park
Wednesday, May 21st
11:00–1:00 pm**

5th Grade families are
welcome to join
in the fun with a potluck
meal and the ever
exciting egg drop....

**WILL THE EGG
BREAK??????**

**5th Grade
Continuation**

**Thursday, May 22nd
9:00–10:00 am**

(on the black top out back)

Join us in celebrating our
5th-grade students as
they transition to Middle
School.

Cake and punch to follow
in the gym.



School News & Events

We Are Hiring.....

Stratton is hiring for multiple positions:

- **Crossing Guards**– Ensure students safety during street crossings.
- **Music Teacher**– Instructs students in singing, instruments, and movement.

Interested applicants can apply on the D11 website Careers.

Field Trips

**Tuesday, May 6th–
10:00–1:00 pm**
4th Grade to the
Cliff Dwellings



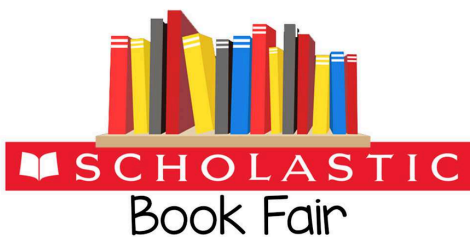
**Tuesday, May 13th–
9:30–1:30 pm**
3rd Grade to the
Cog Railway

**Friday, May 16th–
9:00–12:30 pm**
1st Grade to the
May Natural History
Museum



Cub Scouts Pack 24 May Meetings

Monday, 10th 6–7 pm
Monday, 24th 6–7 pm



**Tuesday, May 6th –
Friday, May 9th**

Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming to our school!
It's a great chance to discover new books and support our school at the same time.

**7:30–3:30 pm Tuesday–Thursday
7:30–Noon Friday
In the School Library**

School News & Events

Help Us Celebrate

MR. SMITH

Stratton Elementary School proudly invites you to join us as we WISH our fantastic Mr. Jeff Smith, P.E. Teacher extraordinaire, HAPPY TRAILS!

We will be celebrating his 35 years of teaching, laughter, lifelong skills and friendship.

Friday, May 9th,
2025

4:00–6:00 pm
Stratton
Elementary
Gymnasium



Happy Retirement!

*Thank you for
going above
& beyond.*

PTA News & Events

Stratton PTA Board

Email- thestrattonpta@outlook.com

President– Zenia Nattiel **Vice President**– Anna Rau
Secretary– Amanda Lockwood **Treasurer**– Rhonda Ball

POPSICLE FRIDAY May 16th

Popsicles will be available for purchase out in the front of the school after the dismissal bell.



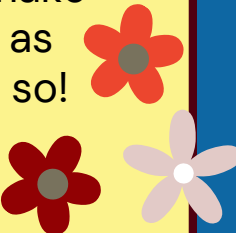
PTA Meeting

Tuesday, May 13th

School Gym or via WebEx

Join us for the final PTA meeting of the year! We'll celebrate this year's successes and start dreaming up ways to make next school year just as magical — if not more so!

5:30–6:45 pm



Skate City Night Wednesday, May 14th 5:00–7:00 pm

Get ready to roll, because it's the last Skate City night of the school year! Join us and let's groove our way straight into summer vibes!

Location:
Academy &
Constitution



THANK YOU

"Thank you to all of our incredible members and volunteers! Your time, energy, and dedication made this year a true success. The PTA couldn't do it without you — we're better together, and our school is stronger because of it."

School Clubs



Yes Club

Thursdays:
2:50–4:50 pm
Ending 5/15

Art Clubs

3rd–5th Grades
Thursday, May 1st
(LAST DAY)
2:50–3:50 pm



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.

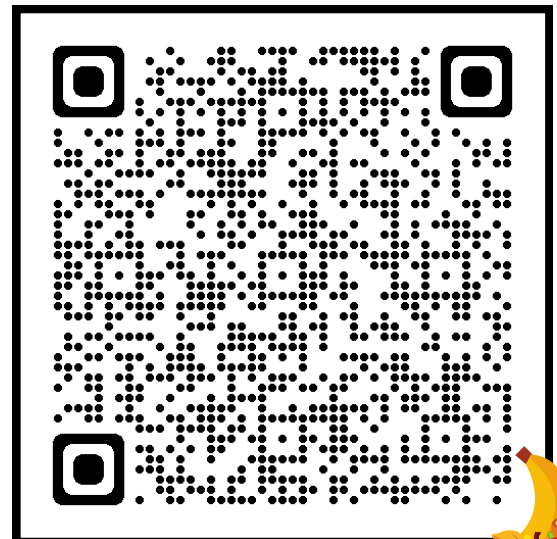
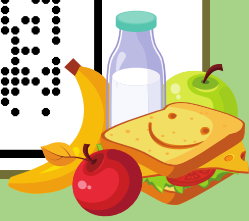
Severe Cough, Sore Throat, or Flu-Like Symptoms: If your child has significant symptoms that make it difficult to participate in class, they should rest at home.

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:

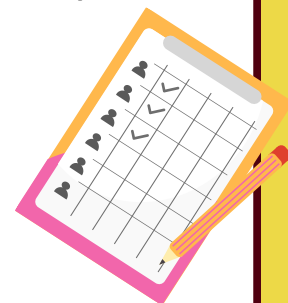
- The AIS system is fully operational, with automated texts and calls at 8:50 AM for absent or tardy students. Families of students with attendance below 90% will receive periodic updates until improvement.

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](#)



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 Kindergarten Goat Show 1:15-2:00 pm Yes Club (Field Trip) 2:50-4:50 pm 3rd-5th Grade Art Club 2:50-3:50 pm Orchestra Concert 6:00-7:00 pm	2	3
4	5 StuCo 2:50-3:50 pm Cub Scouts Pack 24 Den Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm Teacher Appreciation Week -----	6 Book Fair 7:30-3:30 pm 4th Grade Field Trip to Cliff Dewllings 9:00-1:30 pm	7 Book Fair 7:30-3:30 pm	8 Book Fair 7:30-3:30 pm Track Day Yes Club 2:50-4:50 pm	9 Book Fair 7:30-Noon Mr. Smith Retirement Party (School Gym) 4:00-6:00 pm 	10
11	12 StuCo 2:50-3:50 pm Cub Scouts Pack 24 Den Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm	13 3rd Grade Field Trip to Cog Railway 9:00-1:30 pm SAC Meeting 4:30-5:30 pm PTA Meeting 5:30-6:45 pm	14 Ron Hein @ Garry Berry Stadium (All Day) 3rd Grade Presentations in the Library 9:30-11:30 pm PTA Skate City Night 5:00-7:00 pm	15	16 PTA POPSICLE FRIDAY Palmer Senior Walk Out/Clap Out 2:00-2:40 pm 1st Grade Field Trip to May Natural History Museum 9:00-12:30 pm	17
18	19 StuCo 2:50-3:50 pm	20 5th Grade Kickball	21 5th Grade Potluck & Egg Drop at Nancy Lewis Park 11:00-1:00 pm	22 5th Grade Continuation 9:00-10:00 am	23 Kindergarten Breakfast 9:00 am LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	