



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

RAVINE DRIVE NEWSLETTER

August 18, 2025

Principal's Message

Dear Ravine Drive Community,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!

I hope that everyone has had a great summer and are ready to return to school next month.

There is information below on upcoming events and information you need to know for the 1st day of school.

If at any time you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Lorena Carbajal

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Upcoming Events

Student Orientations

Friday, August 29th

New student orientation- For new students attending Ravine Drive in Grades 1, 2, and 3. We will begin at 10:00am in the Cafeteria. You will be able to learn about the school, tour the building, and

receive your school issued chromebook.

Wednesday, September 3rd

Pre-Kindergarten Orientation 9:30am-10:00am. The orientation will begin on the blacktop (weather permitting). Parents and guardians will enter through our breezeway and report directly to their classrooms led by the classroom teacher.

Wednesday, September 3rd

Kindergarten Orientation 10:30am-11:00am. The orientation will begin on the blacktop (weather permitting). Parents and guardians will enter through our breezeway and report directly to their classrooms led by the classroom teacher.

[Pre-K/Kinder Orientation Parent Letter](#)



Back to School Night - SAVE the DATE!!!

The 2025-2026 Ravine Drive Elementary School Back to School Night is scheduled for **Thursday, September 11th**. Event will begin at 6:30pm in your students homeroom class.



Roadrunner Information

Ravine Drive Beginning of Year Information

Please read the [RDES Parent Letter](#) for important information you will need about the first day of school. It includes drop off/pick up procedures.



Ravine Drive ES Website

Make sure to check our school website for: School supply lists, PK-3 Early Childhood Student Handbook, and K-3 Code of Conduct. As well as any previous newsletters.

<https://rdes.marsd.org/>



Student Schedules & The Parent Portal

Student classroom assignments will be released on **Monday, August 25th**. When accessing your child's schedule in the [Parent Portal](#), it is imperative that contact information be updated to ensure proper communication throughout the year. Instructions on updating contact information on the Parent Portal can be found [here](#). Please be sure to review the information and make appropriate changes.

2025-2026 District Calendar & School Hours

The **first day** of school for students is **Thursday, September 4th**. To start the school year, please note that we will be operating on a 4 hour schedule on both **Thursday, September 4th** and **Friday, September 5th** with students being dismissed at **1:20pm**.

Link to [District Calendar](#)

Link to [MARSD School Hours](#)

Health Curriculum

The Matawan Aberdeen Regional School District believes that working closely with families is essential as we help students develop the knowledge and skills needed for a healthy, active lifestyle. In preparation for the upcoming school year, we encourage you to review the [K-3 Health Curriculum Letter](#) which contains additional information.

Community Information

YMCA Before and After School Care

The YMCA offers before and after school care. All of the program's information can be found through this link [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about the program or registration, please contact the YMCA directly at 732-566-9266. If you will need the program, it is important to register as early as possible because the full registration process usually takes some time. This program is held in our school before and after school.

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