



Stratton Sentinel

October 2025

Monthly Newsletter

Letter from the Principal

Hello again Stratton families! With Fall officially upon us we have a lot of changes, both inside and outside. Soon we'll be talking about our first "official" snowfall and getting into all our holiday events. Some of our students have already told me what their costume will be for our Halloween events and I can't wait to see all the ways our students will express themselves.

Before those happen though, we have some very important events that I hope every family will be partners with us in, so that we can really put a strong, positive stamp on the beginning of this school year and move forward together. The official state "Count Window" opened this week and the week of September 29th to October 3rd is super important for our school. I am asking for your support in making sure that every day next week, and especially on the 1st, that every student is here in school and on time for school. Our day begins at 7:50 am and it is so important to have your student here at school on time, because our day really does begin at 7:50!

Coming up fast after that week is our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences, which lead up to the end of the 1st quarter. We know that we will have two evenings the week of October 13th to the 17th, and then Monday, October 20th is set aside for conferences for families as well. We hope to have every family come to conferences this fall, so that we can share information, show you what your child has done so far, and what we hope for them to accomplish this school year. We will be setting our conferences through PowerSchool this year. The big first step is to ensure that you have an active Parent Portal account, and that you are receiving communications there. If you have a question about the account, please call us here at Stratton and we can help you with set-up or answer questions for you.

October also brings our PTA Halloween Dance on the 9th, a well-earned break for students (and staff!), and then Halloween! We are really looking forward to having a great day here at school and we will have some guidelines for student costumes. We will communicate before our Fall Break what those expectations are so everyone can have some fun. We plan on inviting families out for our Halloween Parade and classroom parties once again, and we have a "great" surprise planned for everyone!

Thank you again everyone—it's been wonderful getting to meet so many of you, and I'm very proud to be a Stratton Stallion!

Mr. P

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Stratton's SAC Meeting (School Accountability Committee)

Join Principal Phalen for a conversation. Discuss such topics as school budget, improvement plans, academic achievement, etc.

**Wed, Oct 29th
5:00-6:00 pm In Person
and via WebEx
(by request)**

Blue Flag =



- Enter the building.
- Hang backpack.
- Sit quietly in hallway until the first bell.

School News & Events

COUNT DAY

Wednesday, October 1st

Students present on this day help determine the funding our school receives to support programs, teachers, and resources for your child.

We encourage all students to be here on October 1st.

***It is equally important they are at school on the days before and after Count Day as well.**



Vision & Hearing Screenings

**Wednesday, Oct, 1st -
Friday, Oct 3rd**

Students will take part in vision and hearing screenings at school. If anyone requires extra attention, families will be notified. Stratton needs volunteers to help with screenings.



No School

Friday, Oct 10th

No Students /
Teacher Work Day

**Monday, Oct 20th -
Friday, Oct 24th**

No Students /
Fall Break



School News & Events

Field Trips

Fridays in Oct- ISP

3rd -Garden of the Gods

17th- Flying Pig Farm

31st- (At School) Pumpkin Patch & Trick or Treating



Thurs, Oct 2nd

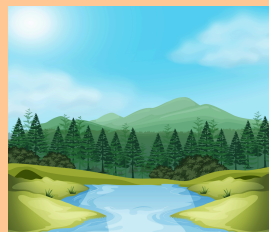
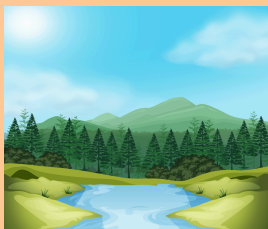
9:30-11:30 am

Pre-K to
Longneck
Pumpkin Patch

Thurs, Oct 17th

9:00-11:30 pm

4th Grade to
Fountain Creek
Nature Center



Tues, Oct 28th

9:30-12:30 pm

3rd Grade to
Fountain Creek
Nature Center

Parent Teacher Conferences

Be on the lookout for information from your child's teacher about signing up for Parent-Teacher Conferences later this month. Teachers will share details soon, including dates and times, and how to reserve your spot



Student Council Red Ribbon Week October 23rd - 31st

Join us from for a variety of activities promoting healthy choices and drug-free living. Also, keep an eye out for our Harvest of Love food drive kicking off later in October — let's come together to support our community!

School News & Events

Scholastic Book Fair

When: Monday–Thursday, October 13th–16th

Time: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Where: The Library

Explore brand-new books and favorite classics

Find something for every reader—mysteries, adventures, graphic novels & more

Help support our school with every purchase.

Spark your imagination and take home your next great read!

Stratton's Annual Costume Parade

Friday, October 31st 1:40 pm

Parade will start at 1:40 pm in the building- collecting classrooms as we go, and will proceed out front around the Kiss and Go area. Parents are encouraged to come support the students and admire costumes.

Parent Costume Reminder:

- All costumes worn must be appropriate for school. Please **DO NOT** allow your child to dress as a scary or violent character.
- No blood or weapons are permitted.
- Students are not to wear their costumes to school. Each child will be given a **SHORT** time to change prior to the parade.
- Please keep the costume simple enough that the child can dress themselves.

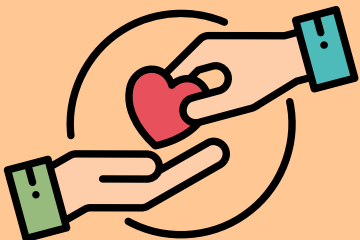
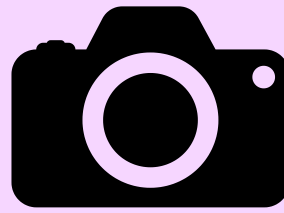
CLASSROOM PARTIES TO FOLLOW THE PARADE



School News & Events

Support Stratton's SPED Resource Room & ISP Students

Celebrating the unique learning styles of our students. Our Special Education team uses hands-on, multisensory methods to make learning engaging and accessible. Help us enhance our learning spaces by scanning their Amazon List for contributions!



Picture Retake Day

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER
15TH

Code- FM488267



ISP Pumpkin Patch Party

Friday, Oct 31st
9:00-10:30 am

The ISP classroom is celebrating the season with a pumpkin patch on Stratton's south lawn.



Cub Scouts

Pack 24 October Meetings

Mon, 6th 6-7 pm

Mon, 13th 6-7 pm

Mon, 27th 6-7 pm



PTA News & Events

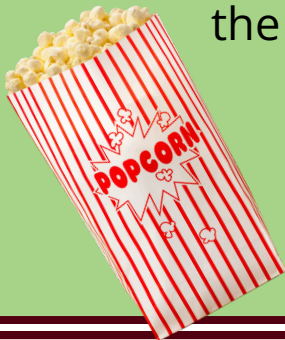
Stratton PTA Board

Email- thestrattonpta@outlook.com

President- Anna Rau **Vice President-** Anneliese McCain
Secretary- Amanda Lockwood **Treasurer-** Rhonda Ball

Popcorn Friday Friday, Oct 17th

Please give money to classroom teachers. Bags will be distributed at the end of the day.



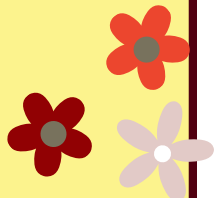
**\$1.00
per bag**

PTA Meeting Tuesday, Oct 7th

Join us for the upcoming [PTA Meeting](#) to share updates, celebrate current initiatives, and plan for an amazing school year!

5:30-6:45 pm

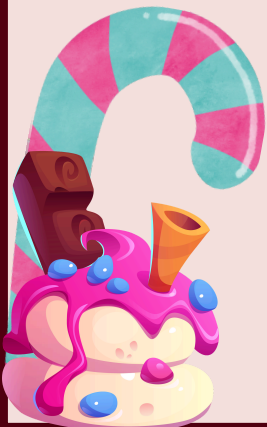
School Library or via WebEx



PTA HALLOWEEN DANCE

**Thursday October 9th
5:00-7:00pm in the gym**

Dance, play games, and
"trick or treat."



Pizza slices, water, and cotton candy
\$1.00 Each



School Clubs



Yes Club

Thursdays
3:00-5:00 pm

Art Clubs

1st Grade
Tuesdays
2:50-3:30 pm

3rd-5th Grade
Thursdays
2:50-3:50 pm



Battle of the Books

Tuesdays
2:50-3:50 pm

Thursdays
(During Lunch)

Yearbook Club

Wednesdays
(During Lunch Recess)



Thursday,
October 2nd
2:50-3:30 pm

Cross Country Party

Student Council

Mondays
2:50-3:50 pm



Health & Wellness

Counselor's Corner

Welcome back to school! These past couple of weeks have been so fun seeing our returning Stratton students and meeting our new students! Returning to school can bring a range of emotions for both kids and families. For some students, they're so excited, happy to be back and ready to jump in. And for other students, they're overwhelmed, nervous or just simply tired thinking about all that school entails. A big part of my job at the beginning of the school year is helping students with this transition and ensuring we are doing all that we can for our students to be successful here at Stratton.

QUICK TIP!

As your child adjusts to the start of the school year – have a 1–2-minute check-in with them after school every day. You'll get a sense of your child's day at school and how their day may impact them throughout the rest of the evening.

I want school to be a safe place for your child to thrive! If there is something you feel may get in the way of that (whether it's academically, socially, emotionally or situationally) please let me know so I know how to best support your child.

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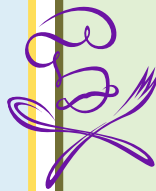


LINQ
Connect
ONLINE PORTAL

Free and Reduced/FEDS Combo Application

Even though the students are eating their meals for free, other benefits [to apply](#) are:

- Possible reduction of fees for programs both within District 11 and outside of District 11
- Qualified students will receive Summer Electronic Benefits (S-EBT) in the summer when school is not in session
- Additional funding for schools and District 11 thereby providing an enhanced educational experience for students



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

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 7:30 AM for breakfast.
- Pick-up is at 2:50 PM. Please arrange timely pick-ups, as administrative staff cannot supervise students.



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 staff, 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 COUNT DAY Vision & Hearing Screening Yearbook Club During Lunch Recess	2 Vision & Hearing Screening Pre-K field trip to Pumpkin Patch 9:30-11:30 am Battle of the Books During Lunch Art Club 3rd-5th Grade 2:50-3:50 pm Cross Country Party 2:50-3:30 pm YES Club 3:00-5:00 pm Philharmonic Rehearsal 4:00-5:00 pm	3 Vision & Hearing Screening Make-ups ISP Field Trip Garden of the Gods 9:00-11:30 am	
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