



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Monday, October 6, 2025



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A Message from Mrs. Kelly

As we move into fall, our school is bustling with energy. This season brings exciting opportunities for active, engaging learning experiences, meaningful relationship-building, and continued academic growth. In classrooms, students are engaging in collaboration, connection and increased academic rigor. Our focus remains on nurturing both the minds and hearts of our students.

Academically, we strive to challenge each learner with instruction that encourages critical thinking and creativity. Equally important is our focus on social and emotional development—helping students build empathy, resilience, confidence, and a strong sense of belonging. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your student(s) as we grow together this fall.



Diagnostic Results

Fall 2025 iReady diagnostic reports have been uploaded to Genesis. Parents can find them on the documents tab in the Parent Portal.

Spirit Day

Friday, October 3rd, was the first official Spirit Day at STES. Students showed off their school spirit, wearing the colorful t-shirts provided by our generous PTO. Our school mascot, Hootmore, even made an appearance! We put him to work in the front office after he visited all the classrooms.



Friendly Reminders

Attendance

We would like to remind all families about the importance of regular attendance for your child's success in school. Consistent attendance is essential for building strong academic foundations, as each lesson contributes to your child's learning progress. When children attend school regularly, they stay connected with their



classmates, engage in hands-on activities, and participate in discussions that enrich their learning experience.



Daily Attire

Although the summer temperatures are still hanging around, we have officially transitioned into fall. We can expect fall season to load shortly. Please keep in mind that students should be dressed in seasonally-appropriate clothing, as recess is held outdoors most days.

Slip-in shoes, with no back (i.e. Uggs, Crocs, slides, flip-flops, etc.) and any open-toed shoe/sandal pose a safety risk and are not permitted footwear. Students will not be permitted to participate in physical education class and/or recess activities with unsafe footwear.

Finally, pajamas are not considered to be appropriate school attire, unless it is a designated theme day.

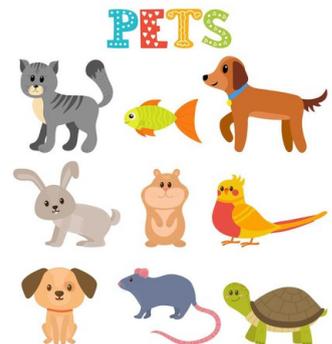


Playground Usage

Our school playgrounds are popular spots, even during non-school hours. If your students are using the school playgrounds or school equipment (i.e. items located near the PK/K playground) before or after school, please encourage them to do so safely and appropriately. Please also note that each playground on campus is designed for specific age ranges. Students should not be accessing equipment that is not appropriate for their age.

Animals on School Property

We know how much your children (and you) love their furry friends – and honestly, we wish we could bring them to school too! However, for the safety and well-being of all our students, staff, and animals, we kindly remind you that **pets are not allowed on campus** during drop-off, pick-up, or school events. Please see [district policy 7940](#) for reference.



Nurse's Notes

Please click [here](#) to view important information from Nurse Mallozzi regarding **student health screenings**.

If you have any medical/health-related questions, please reach out to Nurse Mallozzi at CMallozzi@marsd.org.

Mrs. Monaco

Our school counselor, Mrs. Monaco (formerly Ms. Connelly) has been busy planning and implementing classroom lessons focused on social emotional learning and the character traits that we want our students to embrace. She is an integral part in supporting all students. You can find a few of her friendly reminders by clicking the counselor's corner image.

Week of Respect 10/6-10/10

We are recognizing Week of Respect, October 6-10. This special week is dedicated to teaching and reinforcing the importance of kindness, empathy, and respect for ourselves and others. Students and staff can participate in designated theme days all week.



SEPAG Fall Meeting

Save the date! The Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG) will be hosting a fall meeting on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm at the MARSD Central Office (1027 State Route 34, Matawan, NJ). You can join them in person or virtually. Please see the attached meeting flyer for complete details



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PTO

Givebacks

Visit the Givebacks website to stay up to date on the PTO, events and fundraisers. [Click here](#) to visit the Givebacks website.

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 7:00 PM. Meeting dates for the year are October 8, November 12, January 7, February 25, April 8, and June 3.

Important Dates

- Wednesday, October 8: PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM at STES Library
- Monday, October 13: School Closed for students
- Tuesday, October 14: Fire Department Visit
- Thursday, October 16: Battle of the Faculties, 5:30 PM at MRHS
- Friday, October 17: Trunk or Treat (PK-1st @ 6:30 PM; 2nd-3rd @ 7:30 PM)
- Tuesday, October 21 & Wednesday, October 22: Book Fair
- Thursday, October 23 & Friday, October 24: School Store
- Tuesday, October 28: Fall Picture RETAKES
- Friday, October 31: Halloween Parade @ 10:00 AM



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