



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, October 19, 2025



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Important Reminders

Please Help Us Keep Personal Items at Home

We're all about learning and playing at school, but to help us keep the focus on academics and group activities—and prevent lost or broken belongings—we ask that students leave personal items and toys at home. This includes popular items like action figures, dolls, electronic games, and trading cards.

This is especially important right now regarding Pokémon cards. We've noticed these cards have recently been the center of several disagreements between students. While we understand the excitement around collecting and trading, this activity can be very disruptive to the school day and lead to hurt feelings.

Don't Forget to Power Up!

Please help your child get ready for the school day by making sure their Chromebook is fully charged every night! A dead battery can make it really tough for students to participate in lessons and complete assignments that require their device. We don't always have enough charging stations available in the classroom for everyone.

Ready for Recess: Dress for the Weather!

As the seasons change and the weather gets cooler, we want to make sure every student can safely enjoy their time outside! We take the students out for recess whenever the weather permits, so it's important that they come to school prepared for the day's forecast.

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Mix it Up!

Get ready for an exciting change of pace! One day this week, we'll be shaking up the usual routine with a special grade-level Mix-Up Lunch.

Instead of sitting with their homeroom classes, students from the same grade will eat together at lunch tables, seated randomly by ticket color. This is a wonderful opportunity to build connections and strengthen the sense of community within of our school!

This activity encourages students to step outside their usual circles and meet new peers they might not see during their school day. Students will get valuable practice initiating conversations, engaging in cooperative dining, and interacting comfortably with a wider variety of peers.

During the lunch session, we will review cafeteria and playground expectations and to introduce our new "Kindness Ticket" system.

Second and third grade students will mix it up on Monday (10/20), while Kindergarten and first grade will participate in the activity on Wednesday (10/22).

Scholastic Book Fair

Our PTO will host the scholastic book fair this week, on Tuesday (10/21) and Wednesday (10/22). Parents are invited to shop with their student(s). Letters were sent home last week, which included the shopping times for each class. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions about shopping times.



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Halloween Parade

Get ready to see our students show off their creative costumes! We are excited to invite parents and family members to watch our Annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31st at 10:00 AM.

Students will parade outside, looping once around the entire school building. Parents are invited to watch along the perimeter of the parade route.

We anticipate a large crowd, so please be aware that parking will be limited. Our parking lot will be accessible for parking until it is full. Once the lot reaches capacity, it will be closed to all incoming traffic to ensure the safety of our students. We encourage you to plan accordingly or consider walking if you live nearby.

This is an outdoor event, so please note that the parade is weather permitting. We will notify you if the parade needs to be canceled due to inclement weather.

MAEF

The Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation (MAEF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that funds creative classroom projects for preK-12 students in the Matawan-Aberdeen School District.

MAEF Fall Donor Drive

You can support the MAEF through their Fall Donor Drive. Details can be found [here](#) or by downloading the flyer below.



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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.

PTO

Fundraiser Alert



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

- Tuesday, October 21 & Wednesday, October 22: Book Fair
- Thursday, October 23 & Friday, October 24: School Store
- Tuesday, October 28: Fall Picture RETAKES
- Wednesday, October 29: Fundraiser at Sundaes
- Friday, October 31: Halloween Parade @ 10:00 AM



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