



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, November 9, 2025



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Building a Positive and Caring School Culture



Strathmore Kindness Tickets

We're excited to introduce (in addition to student of the month) a new positive behavior recognition system focused on promoting and celebrating kindness in our school community!

Starting this week, teachers and staff will be handing out **Kindness**

Tickets to students "caught being good." Students can be recognized for including someone, sharing, listening respectfully, helping a classmate, being a good friend, or any other act of kindness.

Students will drop tickets received throughout the week in their designated grade-level bin. At the end of each week, tickets will be drawn and students will be recognized via announcement. Selected students will get a special reward: **extra recess time!** (playground or games inside depending on weather).

Claim Lost Items

Our Lost & Found is absolutely overflowing! We have a huge collection of forgotten coats, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, water bottles, and other gear that desperately needs to be claimed before it's donated.

We invite you to come and sort through our inventory on:

- **When:** Tuesday, November 11th
- **Time:** 3:00 - 6:00 PM (during fall fundraiser p/u)
- **Where:** Please enter through Door #17 (cafeteria by the stage)

It's the perfect chance to reunite your child with that missing favorite item!



Holiday Giveaway

The [Synergies Family Foundation](#) will be holding their Annual Toy, Food and Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, December 13, 2025** from 9-2 at the Matawan Regional High School Cafeteria.

To help us better prepare for the event, please register by scanning the QR code in the attached flyer by November 22nd. Click below for the flyer.

[Synergies 2nd Annual Holiday Giveaway](#)

Community Connection Session



You are invited to attend a Community Connection Session: Shaping Our District's Future, on Monday, November 24, 2025

This session will focus on the topic of PreK–5 redistricting for the 2026–2027 school year. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn what redistricting entails, why it may be necessary, and how it could impact our schools and families.

The session will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Ravine Drive School, in person or virtually.

For complete details, please refer to the [flyer](#).

Governor's Educator of the Year Program (GEOY)

MARSD is participating in the New Jersey Department of Education Governor's Educator of the Year Program (GEOY). Do you know an educator who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program by completing this nomination form template and returning it to the building principal by Friday, November 28th. Administrators, staff members, students, parents, and community members are encouraged to participate.

[Eligible Criteria](#), [Nomination Form](#)



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

As the leaves change and the air turns crisp, the shift in seasons can sometimes affect our mood and energy. Our school counselor, Mrs. Monaco, wants to encourage all families to be present and embrace the autumn season to support social-emotional well-being.

Click the image for a few tips to help your student (and your family) feel grounded and connected during this beautiful time of year.

PTO

10/31/25

STRATHMORE PTO What's coming up...



STUFFY SLEEPOVER

Don't forget to turn in your form by 11/4!

Stuffed animals will be dropped off on 11/24 for the sleepover on 11/25, then sent back home on 11/26. If any 3rd grade parents are able to help on the evening of the the sleepover, please email strathmoregrade3@gmail.com.

FALL FUNDRAISER PICKUP

Tuesday, 11/11 from 3-6PM
Door 17 (cafeteria by the stage)

Many items are perishable, please make sure you pick up that day. Any issues contact Laura at 732-673-3195.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

November 17th-21st

- Food will be used to make baskets for Strathmore families.
- See the flyer below for what to bring in by grade (this is to ensure we get a good variety of food!)
- Please ensure food is NOT EXPIRED. It will be thrown away because we cannot give it out.
- Food can be placed in the bins in the main lobby, or sent in with students.
- To donate a turkey or ham, please email Rosie at 201-341-5256.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/4: stuffy sleepover deadline
- 11/5: Half-day
- 11/6-7: School closed
- 11/12: PTO Meeting 7PM
- 11/14: Spirit Day & half-day
- 11/17: Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser (benefits 3rd Grade Committee)
- 11/17-21: Food Drive
- 11/24: Stuffed animals due for Stuffy Sleepover on 11/25
- 11/28: 3rd Grade T-shirt design contest deadline



Scan the QR code to join, shop or get involved, or visit <https://strathmorepto.givebaacks.com>

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PART OF THE PTO TODAY!

Save the date for Holiday Shop! 12/8-9

PTO Happenings



Thanksgiving Food Drive
click image for details



Dine Out Fundraiser
click image for details



T-Shirt Design Contest
click image for details

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.

Save the Date - 3rd Grade Spring Dance Party



Submit a Story

Do you have good news to share about a student, staff member, team or club? The district is always looking for opportunities to share school-community connections! Use this [Google Form](#) to tell us about it. We may feature it in some way on the district's newsletter or social media!

Important Dates

- Thursday, November 13: MP1 ends
- Friday, November 14: STES Spirit Day
- Friday, November 14: Early Dismissal (PreK-8 students)
- Monday, November 17: Dine & Donate Fundraiser @ Texas Roadhouse
- November 17-21: Food Drive
- Monday, November 24: Report Cards available on Parent Portal
- Monday, November 24: Community Connections Meeting, 5:30 PM at Ravine Drive School
- Wednesday, November 26: Early Dismissal Students and Staff (1:20 PM)
- Thursday-Friday, November 27-28: School Closed
- Tuesday, December 2: Parent Teacher Conferences (afternoon)
- Wednesday, December 3: Parent Teacher Conferences (evening)



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



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