



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, November 2, 2025



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October Wrap-Up

Halloween Fun

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Halloween Parade a success. The costumes were creative, and the school spirit was fantastic! We also appreciate our wonderful staff for bringing the festive fun by dressing up as holidays!



Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Please remember to "fall back" and set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 2nd. This is a great time to ensure your student gets to bed early so they are rested and ready to go for the week ahead.



Navigating November

November tends to be a fragmented month with holidays and professional development days resulting in scheduled days off (e.g., NJEA Convention, Thanksgiving). While we value these necessary breaks, we want to highlight the importance of consistent attendance on the days we are in session.

Missing days, especially when clustered around breaks, can disrupt the pace of learning and make it harder for students to stay connected. When your child is absent, they miss out on essential instruction and classroom

community time. Please help us ensure your child is present and on time for every scheduled school day this month so they can maximize their academic success.

Embrace the Season

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.

Here are a few tips to help your student (and your family) feel grounded and connected during this beautiful time of year:

Fall Coping Skills

- 🍂 Feel the crisp, fall air.
- 🍂 After cleaning, decorate an area for fall.
- 🍂 Hear the crunch of leaves as you step on them.
- 🍂 Make a list of what you're grateful for.
- 🍂 See all of the new developing fall foliage.
- 🍂 Find a charity to donate fall food items to.
- 🍂 Smell a hot cider or pumpkin spice latte.
- 🍂 Color Fall-themed coloring pages.
- 🍂 Taste and truly enjoy some warm soup.
- 🍂 Carve a pumpkin.
- 🍂 Go for walk around a pumpkin patch.
- 🍂 Visit a pumpkin patch and spend time picking your pumpkin.
- 🍂 Enjoy reading by a fire.
- 🍂 Try cooking a fall recipe.
- 🍂 Enjoy time outdoors in the new weather and views.
- 🍂 Spend time with friends at a pumpkin patch.
- 🍂 Have a bonfire and smores.



Our Lost & Found Is Overflowing!

Our Lost and Found collection has reached epic proportions, and we know many of these items belong at home with you.

We currently have an overflowing inventory of coats, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, water bottles and other missing gear. To help get these items back to their rightful owners, we are scheduling a dedicated time for parents to come into the school and search through the collection. Please keep an eye out for a follow-up

communication next week with the date and time for this event. In the meantime, please check with your child about any missing items.

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Important Reminders

School Schedule

Wednesday, November 5th is an early dismissal day. Students dismiss at 1:20 PM.
School is closed on Thursday, November 6th and Friday, November 7th.
Please click [here](#) for the most recent school calendar.

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Community Letter

Click below to read the latest message from our Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Nelyda Perez.

Community Letter 10/28/25

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](#).

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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](#)

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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

Mrs. Monaco has been busy preparing to launch our Kindness Ticket program, scheduled to kick off on Monday, 11/13. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

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://strathmoreespto.givebacks.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

- Wednesday, November 5: Early Dismissal Day - 1:20 PM
- Thursday-Friday, November 6-7: School Closed
- Thursday, November 13: MP1 ends
- Friday, November 14: STES Spirit Day
- Friday, November 14: Early Dismissal (PreK-8 students)
- 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





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