



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, November 16, 2025



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Reminders



Student Drop-Off/Arrival

The school doors open for students at **9:10 AM**. Any students on school property before 9:10 AM need to be supervised by a parent or guardian. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe in the mornings.

Keeping Students Healthy and Learning: When to Stay Home

The cold and flu season is here. We know how important it is for your child to be in school to learn, but it is just as important to keep our school community healthy.

- A fever (100.4°F or higher)
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Flu-like symptoms (body aches, chills, fatigue)

Students may return to school when they are fever-free for 24 hours (without using fever-reducing medicine), when vomiting/diarrhea has not occurred in 24 hours and/or 24 hours after antibiotics are started.

Attendance is vital for academic success, but so is good health. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our classrooms a safe and healthy learning environment for everyone.

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Parent Teacher Conferences

The Genesis parent portal will open on Monday, November 17th to sign up for parent-teacher conferences on Tuesday, December 2nd (afternoon) and Wednesday, December 3rd (evening). Click on the [STES Fall Conferences Info document](#) for details.

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Thanksgiving Food Drive

The STES Food Drive is this week! Please see the flyer below for details.
Thank you in advance for supporting the Strathmore community.

STRATHMORE ELEMENTARY PTO IS
HAPPY TO HOST A

Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

NOVEMBER 17TH-21ST
DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED IN BINS
OUTSIDE THE MAIN LOBBY

PLEASE HELP US IN PROVIDING UNOPENED, NON-EXPIRED,
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR STRATHMORE FAMILIES

WE ASK EACH GRADE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

PRE K- MASHED POTATO MIX, STUFFING, GRANOLA BARS

KINDERGARTEN- CEREAL, PANCAKE MIX, SYRUP, CANNED TUNA

1ST GRADE- PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED FRUIT

2ND- RICE, CANNED VEGGIES, MACARONI AND CHEESE

3RD- SOUPS, JUICES, JELLY, PEANUT BUTTER

If you have any questions or are
able to donate a turkey/ham
please text or call Rosie at
201-341-5256.



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY

Be a Buddy, Be a Leader - 3rd Grade Peer Buddy Program



We are looking for 3rd-grade students who are interested in being a **Peer Buddy**.

What is the Peer Buddy Program?

Our Peer Buddy Program gives 3rd grade students the chance to be a **friend and role model** to some of our students with unique

needs. Student volunteers will participate for approximately 30 minutes, once per month.

Volunteers will be paired with 1 to 2 students to:

- Be a positive friend and role model
- Participate in planned activities to help build socialization skills
- Practice leadership and communication skills

This is a wonderful chance to build a connection and form new friendships.

Volunteer schedules will be developed to minimize the impact on instruction in the core curriculum; however, students are responsible for any missed class work. Students will be volunteering while their classmates are in their classroom. The peer buddies will be instructed in their responsibilities and asked to sign a participation agreement. Before the program begins, students will have a brief introduction to our self-contained special education programs and the wide variety of students' needs. To better match the students, your child will be asked to state why s/he wants to volunteer as a buddy, and to list his/her interests and hobbies.

How to Apply

If you know a responsible 3rd grader who is ready to be a leader, help them complete the [Peer Buddy Application](#) by **Friday, November 20th**.

Shaping our District's Future

Community Message from the Superintendent (11/13/25)

We would like to invite you to join our **Community Connection Session: "Shaping Our District's Future"** on Monday, November 24, at 5:30 p.m. The session will be held in person at Ravine Drive School, or you may listen in virtually via Google Meet.

Please take a moment to [register here](#) to help us plan appropriately and ensure we have adequate space to accommodate all who wish to attend. Your participation is essential as we work together to engage in meaningful dialogue about the future of our schools. Please remember you can also share your questions prior to the session [HERE](#). **Should we need to change locations, the District will send out communication with the new location next week.**

In preparation for our session, below is an overview of the agenda:

- Discuss the scope of the redistricting project
- Review the reasons redistricting is being considered
- Introduce the team supporting this work
- Outline the project timeline and potential implementation plan.
- Share ways you can provide feedback.

This Community Connection Session is an important opportunity for our school community to learn more, ask questions, and share their perspectives. Together, we can ensure that decisions about our district's future take into account the voices of our families, staff, and community. We look forward to seeing you there and continuing this meaningful conversation.

Video Message

Click below to view a brief video which highlights the purpose and importance of our upcoming discussion.



MARSD_Community_Message.mp4

[drive.google.com](#)

STES Kindness Ticket Program

We are so proud of all the kindness we see every day at school!

Here's how our **Kindness Ticket Program** works:

- When a student is caught being kind, responsible, or helpful, they earn a **Kindness Ticket**
- Students place their ticket into their grade level's collection bin

- At the end of each week, we pull one winner from each grade level

Weekly winners receive school-wide recognition via announcement, a certificate, awesome prizes, and a special treat. This week, all of our amazing winners enjoyed extra recess time at the end of the day!

Thank you for making our school and our world a better place!



Declan



Isabella



Mia



LilyAnn

October Students of the Month - Respect

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

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.

Pre-K Flu Vaccinations

According to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 Immunization of Pupils in School, preschoolers must have proof of vaccinations to attend school. **Proof of the flu vaccination must be received by December 23, 2025.** Please send proof of vaccination directly to the school nurse at Strathmore Elementary School, Ms. Mallozzi, at CMallozzi@marsd.org.

PTO

PTO Happenings



Crumb Cake Fundraiser - due 12/5

click image for details



Dine Out Fundraiser - Monday, 11/17

click image for details



T-Shirt Design Contest - due 11/28

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. Remaining meeting dates for the year are 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

- Monday, November 17: Dine & Donate Fundraiser @ Texas Roadhouse
- November 17-21: Food Drive
- Friday, November 21: Kindergarten Indigenous People's Activity

- Monday, November 24: Report Cards available on Parent Portal
- Monday, November 24: Community Connections Meeting, 5:30 PM at Ravine Drive School
- Tuesday, November 25: PK Family Activity
- 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)



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