



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

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STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

### **Straight From Strathmore**

**Hootline News - Sunday, December 21, 2025**



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#### **Important Links**

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## A Message from Mrs. Kelly

As we close out this year together, we want to take a moment to celebrate all that our students have accomplished. From new friendships to academic milestones, each day has been filled with discovery and growth.

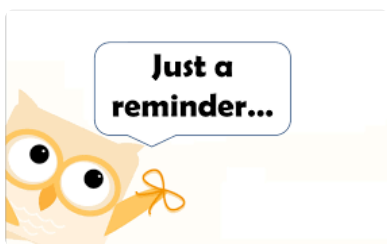
Winter recess is just around the corner—a special time to rest, recharge, and spend quality moments with family and loved ones. Whether you're building snowmen, reading by the fireplace, traveling, or simply enjoying the slower pace of the season, we hope these weeks bring joy and relaxation to your household.

As the new year approaches, it's a perfect opportunity for reflection. Talk with your child about their favorite memories from this year and what they are looking forward to in the new year. Perhaps they will want to set a learning goal or resolution for 2025—whether it's reading more books, trying a new activity, or being an even better friend.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. We're grateful for our school community and look forward to welcoming everyone back in January, refreshed and ready for new adventures in learning.

Wishing you and yours a peaceful, joyful winter break!

## Reminders



### Vaccinations

All preschool and Kindergarten vaccinations are **due by December 23, 2025**. Documentation submitted after 12/23 will not be reviewed until January 5th. Please send proof of vaccination directly to the school nurse, Ms. Mallozzi, at [cmallozzi@marsd.org](mailto:cmallozzi@marsd.org).

### Inclement Weather Reminder: Delayed Openings

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind families about our inclement weather procedures. When weather conditions require it, our school will operate on a **2-hour delay**. This means:

- **School start time** will be 2 hours later than usual (Doors open at 11:10 AM)
- **Bus pickups** will be 2 hours later than your child's regular pickup time
- **Morning programs** (Y-Time) will not be available
- **Dismissal time** remains the same (3:35 PM)



Notifications about delayed openings will be sent via our mass notification system. Please make sure your contact information is up to date so you receive these important alerts.



## Health Class

We want to remind families that students will be participating in our health curriculum during marking periods 2 and 3. Health class is an important part of our program, covering topics such as wellness, safety, nutrition, and personal development in age-appropriate ways.

For detailed information about what your child will be learning, please refer to the curriculum overview included in the [parent letter](#) from September 2025, or visit our district website by clicking this link - [district curriculum](#). If you have questions or would like to review specific lesson content, we encourage you to reach out to your child's health educator.

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## MARSD Cares Hat Sale

Stay warm and support a great cause!  
(click the flyer for details)

A flyer for the "MARSD CARES HAT SALE". At the top right, it says "APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION" with a signature. Below that is a banner of red and grey triangular flags. The main text reads: "MARSD CARES HAT SALE", "STAY WARM AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!", "COZY WOOL HATS AVAILABLE - PERFECT AS GIFTS AND THE WINTER SEASON AHEAD!". To the left of a QR code, it says "SALE ENDS 01/07/26". To the right of the QR code, it says "\$20". Below the QR code are two images of black knit hats with white stripes and the word "Huskies" on them. At the bottom, it says "\*30% OF PROCEEDS GOES TO MARSD CARES".

# Strathmore Snapshots

Kindness Ticket Recipient Recognition

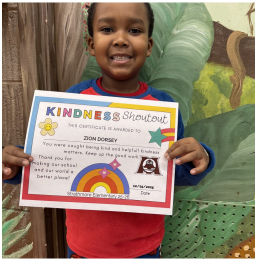
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Sabine



Jayden



Zion



Ivy



Priya

## MRHS Student Visit

Students from MRHS' Interact Club visited STES this week to foster connections with our young learners. The students completed a craft activity with some 2nd and 3rd grade students.



## PTO Happenings

Pizza Bingo - Friday, January 9th

GET READY FOR STRATHMORE'S

# PIZZA BINGO NIGHT

Join us for a fun night of Family Bingo at Strathmore Elementary!  
Kids of all ages are welcome to play to win great book prizes.

IMPORTANT: All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

A colorful graphic for a 'Pizza Bingo Night' event. At the top, several bingo cards are fanned out in a semi-circle, each with a different color and the word 'BINGO' written across it. Below the cards are five large, colorful circles containing the letters 'B', 'I', 'N', 'G', 'O' in a sequence. To the left and right of these circles are two pizza slices on a white background with the word 'PIZZA' written above and below each. The entire graphic is set against a background of red dotted lines. Below the graphic, the date 'FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026' is written in bold red text. Underneath the date, the times '6:30 PM - PIZZA' and '7:00-8:00 PM - BINGO' are listed. A QR code is positioned to the left of the registration information. The registration text states: 'Registration and payment in advance is required to attend. Space is limited. The deadline to sign up is JANUARY 6th or whenever capacity is reached, whichever occurs first. SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP & LEARN MORE!'. At the bottom of the graphic, the website 'strathmoreespto.givebacks.com/' is provided.

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## 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.

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## Save the Date - 3rd Grade Spring Dance Party



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## 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!

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## Important Dates

- Tuesday, December 23: Early Dismissal
- School Closed: December 24 through January 2
- Monday, January 5: School re-opens
- Friday, January 9: Spirit Day
- Friday, January 9: PTO Pizza Bingo
- Monday, January 19: School Closed
- Thursday-Friday, January 29-30: School Store



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



**Matawan-Aberdeen Regional**  
School District

