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# Lloyd Road Parent Update Feb 2026

Lloyd Road Elementary



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**Matawan Aberdeen School District**

## Parent Newsletter Updates ~ February 2026

Dear Lloyd Road Elementary School Community

Please [click here for the latest Lloyd Road Parent Update](#) and enjoy this Smores Newsletter update.



Thank you,  
Dr. John Bombardier  
Principal

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## REMINDER - No School - Monday, January 19th

- Please note that all schools are closed on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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## PTO Information ~ Upcoming Events & Fundraisers ~ See Below



- Please [click here](#) to access a flyer with information on PTO Valentine's Pretzel Grams
- Please [click here](#) for a flyer on PTO Family Bingo Night on Thursday, February 26th.
- Please [click here](#) to access a flyer on the Lloyd Road PTO Lip Sync.

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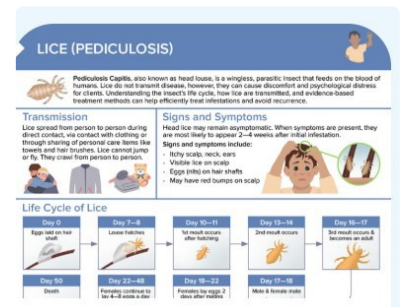
## 5th Grade Parent Letter from Nurse Regler ~ Scoliosis Screenings February

- Please [click here](#) for a letter to 5th grade families from Nurse Regler.



## Parent Letter ~ Pediculosis Information & Prevention Tips ~ 2025-26

- Please [click here](#) for an important letter regarding pediculosis prevention



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## Reminder for Students & Parents -Online Safety & Digital Footprints



- As part of our school's partnership with [NJ4S/Compass](#), we recently held student workshops focused on *online safety, cyberbullying and Social Media Safety*.
- As students grow to be responsible digital citizens, it is important that they understand the negative effects that technology misuse can have on others and on themselves.

### Please talk with your student about these key considerations before posting or messaging

- **THINK acronym:** Before posting, ask: Is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind?.
- **Privacy & Safety:** Be cautious about sharing personal details (full name, location, school) that can be exploited by strangers or criminals.
- **Future Impact:** Remember that colleges and employers often review social media, so posts should reflect positively on you.
- **Empathy:** Would you want someone to post this about you? Would it embarrass or negatively portray someone else?.

- **Mental Health:** Impulsive posting can lead to anxiety and mood swings; pausing helps prevent regrettable actions.
  - **Digital Footprint:** Anything online can be permanent; assume it's public, even with privacy settings.
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## Student Attendance Matters

- Daily attendance is essential for the academic success and personal development of students. Consistent participation enhances understanding of the curriculum, fosters a sense of community, and develops important skills such as punctuality and responsibility.
- Students who attend classes regularly are more likely to complete assignments, perform better academically, and build positive relationships with educators. These connections provide valuable support as students navigate their high school experience. Prioritizing daily attendance is crucial for ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed in their educational journey.



### The State of NJ Recognizes the Following as Excused Absences Only:

- Religious observance ([N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3\(h\)](#))
- College visits (up to 3 days per school year for students in grades 11 and 12)
- "Take Our Children to Work Day"
- Participation in observance of Veterans Day (N.J.S.A. 18A: 36-13.2)
- The closure of a busing district that prevents a student from having transportation to the school
- Participation in district board of election membership activities.

### When to Keep your Child Home From School...

- A child with heavy cold symptoms, deep or uncontrollable coughing
- If your child has a fever, keep them home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- If your child has pain in their ears, throat, head or chest and can not comfortably participate in school activities.
- If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, they must have neither for 24 hours before they can return to school.

### Reminder ~ Report Your Child's Absence

- If your child will be absent, please notify our front office attendance secretary, Mrs. Karen Liebowitz at 732-705-5700 or email her at [Kliebowitz@marsd.org](mailto:Kliebowitz@marsd.org).
- It's always a good practice to notify your child's teacher as well, especially if your child will be absent for more than one day.

### Not sure how many days your child has missed this year?

- Login to the Genesis Parent Portal using your username and password
  - Click Attendance
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- The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to announce the return of [The M.O.S.T. Program](#) for **students in grades 2-12**.
  - Students who join the M.O.S.T. program will have the opportunity to work with certified staff members and dedicated community members to **Mentor Our Students Together**.
  - **The M.O.S.T.** program will be held on select **Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons** from **3:00pm to 6:00pm** in the Matawan Aberdeen **Middle School Cafeteria**.
  - Please [click here to register your child](#) for the MOST Program.
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## LR GEOY Recipients ~ 2025-26 ~ Congratulations

- Two Lloyd Road team members were recently recognized as part of the Governor's Educator of the Year Program for the 2025-26 school year.
- The Lloyd Road Elementary **Teacher of the Year** is **Mrs. Alissa Nikolic**
- The Lloyd Road **Ed Service Professional of the Year** is 5th Grade Counselor **Mrs. Kathleen Tay**
- Congratulations to both of our school's receipts. We appreciate their dedication and support of our Lloyd Road students and for going above-and-beyond each day to meet their students' needs. Please join me in celebrating these very-deserving staff members.



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## District Information- Redistricting Information - For Parent/Community

### Shaping Our District's Future

#### Redistricting Information

- The district has prepared FAQs with Scenario based on community feedback and questions.
  - Please see [this document titled Shaping Our District's Future](#) for more information.
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**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2026/2027**

**OUR PROGRAM**

<p><b>Locations</b></p> <p>Preschool classrooms are offered at Brookdale Park Community Center, 1000 Brookdale Parkway, Brookdale, NJ 07005</p> <p><b>Classes</b></p> <p>Classes are held with 20-25 children and 2-3 teachers per class.</p> <p>Students must be enrolled by March 20<sup>th</sup> to be included in the lottery.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility</b></p> <p>Students must be 3 years old on or before October 1, 2026 to be eligible for preschool or 4 years old on or before August 31, 2027 to be eligible for kindergarten.</p> <p>Preschool is free to all eligible students of the Monmouth County Regional School District.</p> <p>Seating is available for eligible students.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 15TH</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">SCAN HERE!</p>
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For questions or additional information, please call (732) 705-4079 or visit <https://www.monmouthschools.org/parents-students/central-registration>

**INSCRIPCIÓN PARA PREESCOLAR Y KINDER 2026/2027**

**NUESTRO PROGRAMA**

<p><b>Ubicaciones</b></p> <p>Se ofrecen clases de preescolar y kindergarten en el edificio principal del centro.</p> <p><b>Clases</b></p> <p>Las clases son mixtas con niños de 3 y 4 años. Todas las aulas tienen al menos un maestro.</p> <p>Los estudiantes deben estar matriculados antes del 20 de marzo para poder participar en el sorteo.</p>	<p><b>Eligibilidad</b></p> <p>Los estudiantes deben tener un cumpleaños antes del 1 de octubre de 2026 o antes para el kindergarten y antes del 31 de agosto de 2027 para el preescolar.</p> <p>El preescolar es gratuito para todos los estudiantes elegibles del Distrito Escolar Regional de Monmouth County.</p> <p>El sorteo de los asientos está disponible para los estudiantes elegibles.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">LA INSCRIPCIÓN COMIENZA EL 15 DE FEBRERO</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">¡SCAN AQUÍ!</p>
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Para preguntas o información adicional, llame al (732) 705-4079 o visite <https://www.monmouthschools.org/parents-students/central-registration>

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## Monmouth County Schools Partnership for Wellness Presents a Symposium on Mental Health/Wellness

Brookdale Community College  
March 11, 2026

5:30 PM



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Asociación para el Bienestar presenta una  
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## **Salud mental/bienestar**

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### **School Counseling Department**

#### **Lloyd Road Elementary Guidance Department**

Ms. Feen (Grade 4 Counselor)

[kfeen@marsd.org](mailto:kfeen@marsd.org)

- Grade 4 guidance referrals
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), Mental Health and Wellness
- Classroom guidance lessons / support
- Small group / individual counseling
- Restorative practices conflict resolution
- School safety, climate, culture equity and diversity
- Crisis team member
- YMCA counseling contact - grade 4
- I&RS support
- Student attendance concerns - grade 4
- Assists with HIBS when needed



Ms. Tay (Grade 5 Counselor)

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Our counseling department services include classroom lessons and individual and/or group counseling based on individual student needs. Some focus areas for classroom lessons and schoolwide emphasis are conflict resolution, mental health and wellness, social-emotional learning, coping skills, and relationship-building skills.

**Our counselors are here to support our students and families. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback.**

## Child Study Team (CST) Department

### Lloyd Road Elementary School Child Study Team Department

Ms. Melissa Zarrella, *School Psychologist*

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### **Members of the Child Study Team (CST) work together to:**

- Conduct comprehensive evaluations, including cognitive, academic, and social-emotional assessments, to determine eligibility for special education services
- Interpret assessment data and shares findings with families and staff in a clear, supportive, and culturally responsive manner
- Participate in the development, implementation, and ongoing review of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
- Provide consultation to teachers and administrators to support evidence-based instructional and behavioral interventions
- Monitor student progress and recommends data-driven interventions and program modifications
- Collaborate with key staff members, including counselors to evaluate, and support students experiencing academic, behavioral, social, or emotional challenges

- Support a multidisciplinary, collaborative approach that promotes inclusive practices and student success within the general education setting
- Serve as a liaison between school, families, and community resources to ensure coordinated support for students

**Our Child Study Team members are here to support our students and families. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback.**

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### **Dr. John Bombardier**

John is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters