



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, February 1, 2026



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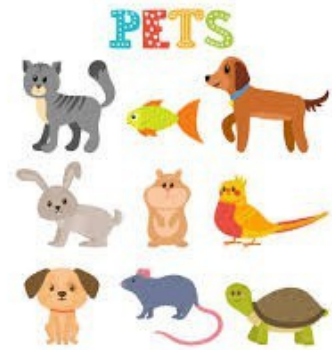
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Reminders

Animals on School Property

We know how much your children (and you) love their furry friends – and honestly, we wish we could bring them to school too! However, for the safety and well-being of all our students, staff, and animals, we kindly remind you that **pets are not allowed on campus** during drop-off, pick-up, or school events. Please see [district policy 7940](#) for reference




Teamwork Theme Week (2/2-2/6)

STRATHMORE'S TEAMWORK WEEK


February 2nd - February 6th




Join us for an amazing week celebrating collaboration, cooperation, and friendship! Get ready for fun activities that show how working together makes us stronger!

 **Monday**
(Groundhog's Day) Team Winter or Team Spring?


Dress in the seasonal attire of your choice! Winter hats, scarves, gloves OR spring break vacation, spring training (MLB), Easter best.

 **Tuesday**
Team Attire


Dress to represent your favorite team - any team, any sport!

 **Wednesday**
Tie-Dye for Teamwork

Wear your brightest, most colorful tie-dye!

 **Thursday**
Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Pajama Day! Come cozy and comfortable in your favorite PJs.

 **Friday**
Team Up for School Spirit

Wear spirit wear, school colors, or your favorite football jersey/shirt!

We Are Better Together!

Let's make this the BEST Teamwork Week ever! 🐝

Nurse's Notes

Reporting Absences



When your child will be absent from school, please remember to copy the school nurse on your email to the teacher. This helps me keep accurate health records and ensures I'm aware if your child is out due to illness. If your student has a contagious condition or will need any follow-up care when they return, letting me know directly helps me support their smooth transition back to class.

Extra Clothes

Consider sending in a complete change of clothes in a labeled bag for your child to keep at school. Accidents, spills, and playground mishaps happen, and having a fresh set of clothes on hand can help your child feel comfortable and get back to learning quickly. A spare outfit can make all the difference on those unexpected days.



Counselor's Corner

Self-regulation is the ability to effectively manage your thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. It's the ability that helps kids to manage everyday emotions, focus well on tasks, and positively connect with others. While it's an important skill throughout the whole year, self-regulation strategies become even more critical for kids before and after winter or holiday break. With the change in routines, increased indoor time, and potential for holiday stress, children and young adults often need extra support this time of year. That's where self-regulation activities can come in. Practicing these skills can (and should) be fun!

Here are 10 engaging activities to help your kids practice self-regulation skills this winter season:
<https://www.thepathway2success.com/winter-self-regulation-10-engaging-activities-for-kids/>

Winter Self-Regulation Activities for Kids

www.thepathway2success.com



American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge

Strathmore Elementary School is participating in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. Students will be learning about the importance of their heart and brain health as well as acquire lifesaving skills through the Finn's Mission educational model.

We will be kicking-off the program with an assembly on Tuesday, March 4th. Activities will continue throughout the month, and the program will culminate with a week of health and fitness activities facilitated by Mrs. Albanese and Mr. Pappas in physical education classes.

[Kick-Off Letter](#)

[Incentive Flyer](#)

Redistricting

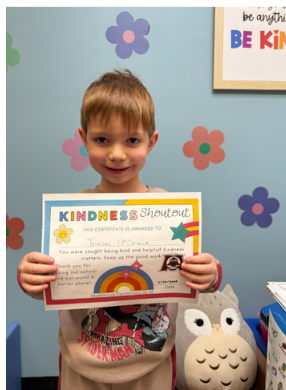
The district has prepared a set of FAQs based on community feedback and questions. Please use the link below to find this and all information regarding Shaping Our District's Future. This specific FAQ can be found under the tab for Letters & Resources to the Community tab.

[Shaping Our District's Future](#)

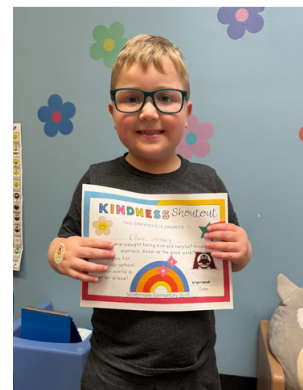
Strathmore Snapshots

Kindness Ticket Recipient Recognition - 1/30/26

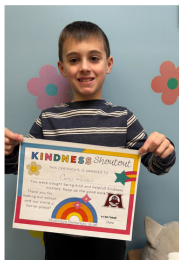
Congratulations to this week's Kindness Ticket winners, drawn from this week's collection of tickets for showing kindness, respect, and positivity in our school community. Thank you for making our school and our world a better place!



Jackson



Mark



Carter



Gloria



Austin

2026-2027 Registration

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration for the the 2026-2027 school year is now open. See the flyers below for details.



PreK and Kindergarten
(click on flyer for details)



PreK and Kindergarten Spanish
(click on flyer for details)

Save the Date

The Monmouth County Schools Partnership for Wellness presents a Symposium on Mental Health/Wellness. Click [here](#) for details.

SAVE THE DATE

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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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Escuelas del condado de Monmouth
Asociación para el Bienestar presenta una
Simposio sobre

Salud mental/bienestar

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PTO Happenings

What's coming up...

Please join us
for the next
PTO Meeting.
2/25 at 7PM!

VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY GRAMS

Due by February 6th

Support the 3rd Grade Committee by sending a candy gram to your child, friends, or even the whole class! See flyer below for details.

CHOCOLATE BAR SALE!

- Flyers going home Monday 2/2.
- Sign up by completing the Google form (link below) OR returning the slip on the flyer (disregard the QR code for Givebacks)
- Tuesday, 2/3 from 2-6PM: pickup your box of chocolates at door 17.
- Text Laura at 732-673-3195 if you can't make it Tuesday, or when you're ready for another box.
- Money due after chocolate is sold.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2/2-20: World's Finest

Chocolate Fundraiser

2/2: Half day

2/6: Spirit Day

2/6: Candy Gram Deadline

2/16: School closed

2/25: PTO Meeting 7PM

2/26-27: School Store

2/27: Lip Sync sign-up deadline

3/4: School closed

LIP SYNC IS BACK!

Lip Sync is a fun show where students perform on stage with their friends. Sign up closes February 27th, or when capacity is reached. See flyer below for instructions and details.

SCHOOL STORE

Thursday & Friday, February 26-27

Send cash in an envelope or baggy, students shop during lunch! Text Jackie at 917-524-4713 to volunteer.



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

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PART OF THE PTO TODAY!

Online
Spirit Wear sale
March 13-23!

Candy Gram Fundraiser

Click the picture for full details

♥ Valentine's Day ♥

Candy Gram Fundraiser

🔍 Spread the LOVE and show we care with a Valentine Candy Gram! 📧
The 3rd Grade Committee is hosting a Lollipop Gram!

Purchase Options:

1. Send as many as you like to friends, teachers, or a special someone for \$1 each.
2. Whole Class Candy Grams (1 for each student in the class) \$20

Return this form with cash/check (payable to Strathmore PTO) by FEB. 6.
Lollipop Grams will be delivered FEB. 13

Feeling extra sweet? An optional donation helps spread smiles to every student!

Questions? Contact Christine Nurhan 862-233-0029
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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 February 25, April 8, and June 3.



Save the Date - 3rd Grade Show, May 20, 2026

We are thrilled to announce the details for this year's highly anticipated Third Grade Annual Performance! This is a wonderful and memorable event that celebrates our students and their musical talent.

This year, the third grade will be participating in a spectacular Disney-themed show. Our show is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th, at the Matawan Regional High School Auditorium. Details regarding times and tickets will be shared closer to the event.

3rd Grade Show Letter

3rd Grade Show Letter - Spanish

POSP Gala

Click on the flyer for details and ticket information on the Parents of Special People (PoSP) Gala and Gift Auction set for February 7, 2026.



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!

Catch a glimpse inside our school on our Instagram page



Follow us at [strathmore_school_aberdeen](https://www.instagram.com/strathmore_school_aberdeen)

Important Dates

- Monday, February 2: MP3 begins
- Monday, February 2: Early dismissal (PK-8)
- Monday, February 2: World's Finest Chocolate Kick-off
- Tuesday, February 3: American Heart Assoc. Challenge Kick-off
- Friday, February 6: Spirit Day
- Monday, February 16: School Closed for Students
- Tuesday, February 17: 100th Day of School



- Monday, February 23: BoE Meeting, STES Cafeteria
- Thursday-Friday, February 26-27: School Store

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
School District

