



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Monday, February 23, 2026



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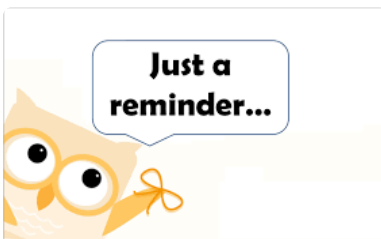
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MARSD Closed Monday, February 23, 2026

School is closed to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and families. All activities including before and aftercare are canceled.

We are also monitoring road conditions, ice accumulation, and cleanup efforts, which may impact operations later in the week. Updates will be shared as information becomes available.

Please continue to check email and our website for notifications.



Reminders

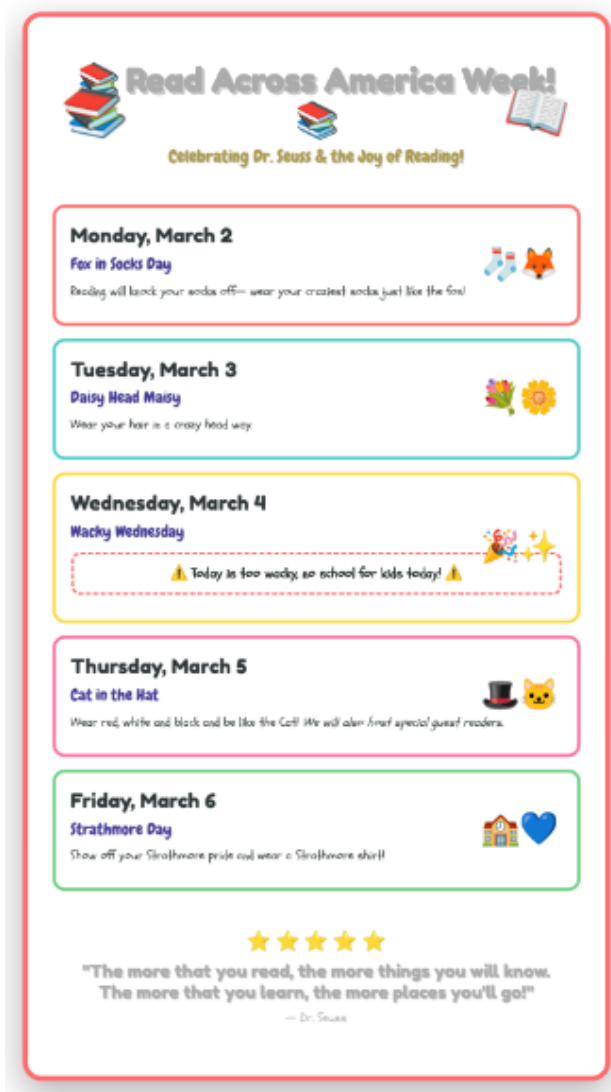
Spring conferences are scheduled for March 11th and March 12th. The Genesis Parent Portal will open on Monday, February 23rd for conferences. Please read the [STES Spring Conferences Info](#) document for details.



Read Across America Week

March 2 - March 6

Strathmore Elementary School is celebrating Read Across America Week March 2nd-March 6th. The week will be filled with theme days (see picture below), fun activities, guest readers and maybe even a visit from a special guest!



Read Across America Week!
Celebrating Dr. Seuss & the Joy of Reading!

Monday, March 2
Fox in Socks Day
Reading will knock your socks off— wear your craziest socks just like the fox!

Tuesday, March 3
Daisy Head Maisy
Wear your hair in a crazy hood way.

Wednesday, March 4
Wacky Wednesday
⚠️ Today is too wacky so school for kids today! ⚠️

Thursday, March 5
Cat in the Hat
Wear red, white and black and be like the Cat! We will also find special guest readers.

Friday, March 6
Strathmore Day
Show off your Strathmore pride and wear a Strathmore shirt!

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"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"
— Dr. Seuss

STES Kids Heart Challenge Update



We are so excited for our upcoming Kids Heart Challenge activities! Wear your sneakers and be ready to get your hearts pumping! We are so proud of you for participating in this program and for being a heart hero! Together, our efforts will help save lives! To date:

- 84 students have registered
- 14 families have completed Finn's Mission and learned the life-saving steps of Hands Only CPR
- We have achieved 63% of our impact goal of \$10,000!

There's still time to join our school team and help us reach our school goals!

- SIGN UP: Scan the QR code and download the “AHA Schools” App or go to www.heart.org/schools
- Collect donations to help kids with special hearts.
- Complete Finn’s Mission! Learn Hands-Only CPR, earn your lifesavers cape and be entered to win 2 tickets to Super Bowl LXI!
- Share with Family & Friends: Post on social media and send 10 emails and texts. There are messages already written for you in the app and in your online headquarters!
- Check to see if your employer has a matching gift program—it could double your donation! Follow the steps and forward the confirmation to MatchingGifts@heart.org.



Sign up today and help us reach our goals!



STRATHMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS HEART CHALLENGE UPDATE!

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Once we have half our school sign up, we will earn \$500 for new PE equipment for our students! All students will receive a Heart Hero wristband just for registering. You will also help your class win the classroom challenge. The class in each grade with the highest % of students registering will earn Extra Recess and Heart Hero Keychains!

To date, the leaders are:

- **Kindergarten:** Marion with 9 students, Connolly with 4 students and Pereria with 3 students.
- **1st Grade:** Tomkins with 8 students, Barsi with 7 students, Larkin with 4 students and Cullen with 3 students.
- **2nd Grade:** Winchel and Kushwara with 5 students, Holynskij and McNeerney with 3 students.
- **3rd Grade:** Flynn with 7 students, Latin with 4 students, Bauer, Mizenka and Trischitta with 3 students.



When we reach our Principals’ Challenge goal, we will celebrate with a school-wide PAWjama day! Plus, the class with the highest % of students registering will get to have lunch with Mrs. Kelly!

Receive the following Heart Hero Keychains based on amount raised. Collect them all!



New Offering from the YMCA

Click the image for details on a new group being offered by the YMCA that focuses on coping skills to help minimize test anxiety and increase confidence.

TEST DAY TOOLBOX!

TESTING ANXIETY GROUP



**WEDNESDAYS
5-6 P.M.**

MARCH 11 » APRIL 22



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



Strathmore Snapshots

Symposium on Mental Health

The Monmouth County Schools Symposium on Mental Health & Wellness is scheduled for **March 11th at 5:30 PM at Brookdale Community College**. Please see the flyer below for details and registration information.

Monmouth County Schools

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION
Monmouth County Public School District

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Partnership for Wellness Presents a

Symposium on Mental Health & Wellness

Featuring a Keynote by

Rebecca Bryan

“Positive Childhood Experiences are the Foundation of Lifelong Resilience”



FIRST 300 ATTENDEES
WILL RECEIVE A
FREE COPY OF
“UNSELFIE”

Brookdale Community College

Student Life Center

March 11, 2026

5:30PM

Visit the link below or scan the
QR code to register:



<https://tinyurl.com/MCSPW2026>

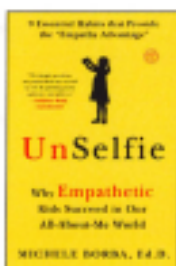
#BeYouBeWell

Escuelas del condado de Monmouth

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Student Life Center

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5:30PM

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el código QR para registrarte:



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#BeYouBeWell

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)

PTO Happenings

1/30/26

STRATHMORE PTO What's coming up...



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://strathmoorestpto.givebacks.com>

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PART OF THE PTO TODAY!

Online Spirit Wear sale March 13-23!



DIBARI'S PIZZERIA

259 Main Street, Matawan
Tuesday, February 24 from 4-9pm.



Please present this flyer or mention Strathmore when you order. Applies to dine in or phone orders. If you make an online order, contact the restaurant and mention Strathmore

15% of the proceeds will go to support the Strathmore Third Grade Committee



★ STRATHMORE LIP SYNC 2026 ★
 The Golden Mic
 Your Golden Ticket Straight to Hollywood!
 It's the moment everyone has been waiting for...
 The Strathmore Lip Sync Show is BACK! Get ready for an unforgettable night of music, dancing, laughter, and pure entertainment!

EVENT DETAILS
 Friday, May 15, 2026 7:30 PM
 Matawan Aberdeen Regional High School

WHAT IS LIP SYNC?
 This is a non-competitive, high-energy showcase where students perform on stage with friends...no judging, no prizes, just FUN!
 Participants choose a song (or rick) from their favorite POP ICONS from 1980 to present, create a group and perform with friends, and perform it live on stage!
 ✓ Make up a group name (group names are encouraged, 1 performance per group)
 ✓ Create choreography
 ✓ Practice & perform
 ✓ Have an AMAZING time!

HOW TO SIGN UP
 By Friday, February 27, 2026 (or earlier if we reach the maximum number of acts)
 Submit ONE email per group with all of the following details to: lipsync@psd20.org
 • Song title(s)
 • Artist & writer
 • Group name
 • Full name and grade of each child
 • Parent contact info (phone & email for each child)

Important Notes
 • Acts are limited...once it's sign-ups will close!
 • No repeat songs (that's approved in school only)
 • Announcements about sign-up closures will be posted on the Strathmore Elementary Parents Facebook Page

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

The WFC fundraiser is underway. Click [here](#) to complete the Google form for the chocolate sale.

2026 Lip Sync - May 15th

Click [here](#) 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 February 25, April 8, and June 3.

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](#)

Important Dates

- Thursday-Friday, February 26-27: School Store
- March 2-6: Read Across America Week
- March 4: School Closed for Students (Teacher Professional Development)
- March 11: Early Dismissal for Parent /Teacher Conferences (pm)
- March 12: Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences (afternoon)
- March 17: PK Trimester 2 Ends
- March 23: First Grade field trip
- March 24-25: Book Fair
- March 26: Author Visit
- March 27: Early Dismissal
- March 27: 3rd Grade Spring Dance



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
School District

