



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

RAVINE DRIVE NEWSLETTER

February 28, 2026

Principal's Message

Dear Ravine Drive Community,

First off, I would like to thank families for their patience and understanding during arrival and dismissal with all of the snow we have received this past month. The snow appears to be melting a lot quicker so it may not hang around as long. I know we are definitely looking forward to Spring.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the AHA- Kids Heart Challenge during the month of February. The community raised \$5,360 which will make an impact on their mission to fund critical research, education and advocacy programs to fight heart disease and stroke. Also, through Finn's mission, students learned hands only CPR and how to be heart healthy. We will finish distributing students gifts this coming week.

Don't forget to return your child's Field Day/Class Trip T-shirt information by Friday, March 6th. Thank you to the PTO for providing the shirts for all our students!

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendars

March 4th- No School for Students

March 8th- Daylight Savings Time begins, clocks move forward an hour

March 11th & 12th- Early Dismissal for Students at 1:20PM

March 27th- Early Dismissal for Students at 1:20PM

March 30th-April 3rd- Spring Break- No School for Students

Link to [District Calendar](#).

If you ever have any questions, suggestions, or concerns do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,
Lorena Carbajal

Roadrunner Information

Read Across America Week 3/2-3/6

To make this celebration extra special, we have planned many exciting theme days for the students. Please feel free to participate in one or all of our upcoming theme days!



Monday, March 2nd

Character Day: Dress like your favorite character from a book!

Tuesday, March 3rd

Thing 1 and Thing 2 Day: Dress like Thing 1 and Thing 2 or identical to your friend.

Wednesday, March 4th

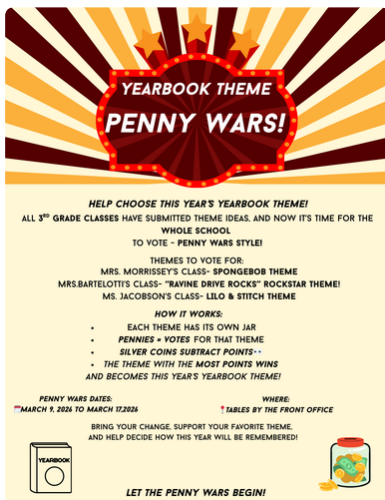
Professional Development- No School for Students
Enjoy a book at home with your families!

Thursday, March 5th

Green Eggs and Ham Day: Wear green to school!

Friday, March 6th

Road Runners Love to Read!
Wear maroon or Ravine Drive clothes to school!



Yearbook Theme Voting!

Help Choose This Year's Yearbook Theme

Each 3rd grade class picked a theme, now the entire school has a chance to vote Penny Wars style!

See [flyer](#) for additional details.

Collections will take place between March 9th and March 17th.

Conference scheduling through your parent portal is underway. [Spring Conference Letter](#)

Reminder students have early dismissal at 1:20pm both days.

- **Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**
- **Thursday, March 12, 2026 2:05 pm - 3:50 pm**

If you need assistance with your Genesis parent portal account- [Click Here for Help](#)

Spring Book Fair 3/11 & 3/12

The Scholastic Spring Book Fair will take place on Wed. March 11th and Thur. March 12th. See [Class Schedule](#) to see when your child's class will be visiting the book fair. The PTO will be dropping off the fair flyers next week to go home with students.

K-3 Health Curriculum

I would like to reshare the information about the K-3 Health Curriculum. We encourage you to review the [K-3 Health Curriculum Letter](#).

Arrival & Dismissal Reminders

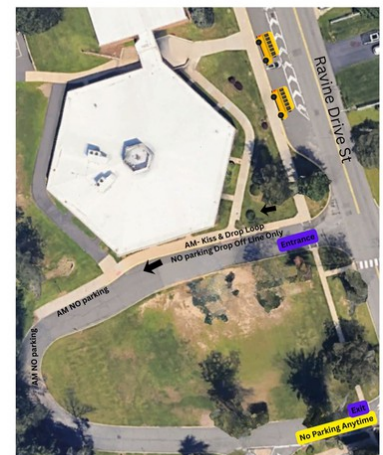
At Arrival the Kiss and Drop Loop is for Drop Off Only.

We ask that you remain in your car and that your child is prepared to exit through the **passenger side door**. If your student requires assistance getting out of the car, there are staff available to assist.

Drop off after 9:20am is not allowed in the loop, you need to bring your children to the main entrance door to check them in.

At Dismissal, please **do not park** by the **exit** of the loop as it is blocking the exit for cars turning right. It is also within 25 feet of the crosswalk, there is a no parking sign posted.

[Kiss & Drop Loop](#)



2025-2026 District Calendar & School Hours

Link to [District Calendar](#)

Link to [MARSD School Hours](#)

Ravine Drive PTO Information

The PTO needs your help! Send them an email to find out how you can volunteer.

PTO Email: RavineDrivePTO@gmail.com

Community Information

MARSD Shaping Our District's Future Information

Link to District Community Page- [Shaping Our District's Future](#)

Update: The district has prepared a set of FAQs with Scenario 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*.

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Mentoring Our Students Together (M.O.S.T)

The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to announce the return of [The M.O.S.T. Program](#). Students in Grades 2-12 within the MARSD will have the opportunity to work with certified staff members and dedicated community members as we work 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. [Click Here to Register](#).

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YMCA Before and After School Care

The YMCA offers before and after school care. All of the program's information can be found through this link [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about the program or registration, please contact the YMCA directly at 732-566-9266. If you will need the program, it is important to register as early as possible because the full registration process usually takes some time. This program is held in our school before and after school.

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