



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, March 8, 2026



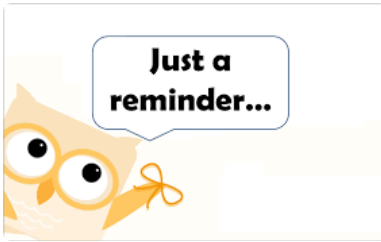
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Reminders



Spring Conferences

Spring conferences are scheduled for March 11th and March 12th. The Genesis Parent Portal will close for scheduling on Monday, March 9th.



Daylight Saving Time This Weekend

Spring forward! 🕒 Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.

Message from the Superintendent

MARSD Community School Letter - 03.05.2026

Please click the link below to read the March 5, 2026 School Community Letter, which includes the [MARSD Redistricting Plan 2026](#), from Mrs. Perez, Superintendent of Schools.

[3.5.26_MARSD_Redistricting_Plan.pdf](#)

Redistricting

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Committee of the Whole (COW)/Regular Action Meeting (RAM) Board of Education meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026, at MRHS. We encourage all community members to attend.

At this meeting, we will present Shaping Our District's Future: Redistricting Plans for the 2026–2027 School Year for Board approval. This plan reflects the district's ongoing commitment to ensuring equitable, efficient, and high-quality educational experiences for all students. Further details will be shared in advance of the meeting.

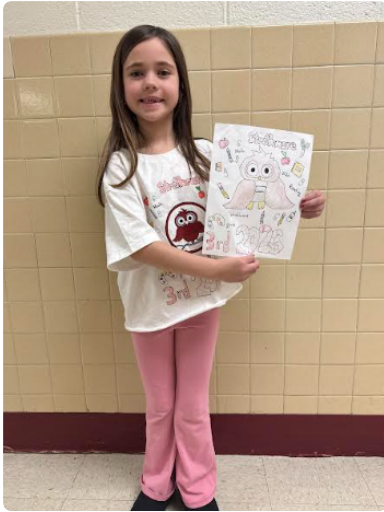
🍷 McTeacher's Night at McDonald's🍷

Want to see your favorite Strathmore teachers serving burgers and making McFlurries? How about a side of fries with that math



homework? Join us for McTeacher's Night at McDonald's on **Wednesday, March 18th** (flyer will be shared this week).

Watch as your teachers trade their classrooms for the kitchen and serve up smiles (and Happy Meals!). A portion of the proceeds will support a member of our Strathmore family, so bring your appetite and your family for a fun evening out.



Third Grade T-Shirt Contest Winner

Congratulations to Noelle for winning this year's Third Grade T-Shirt Design Contest! Her creative artwork is featured on shirts for all third graders. Thank you to our PTO for sponsoring this contest and purchasing the t-shirts for our third grade class.



Third Grade NJSLA Testing

Third graders will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) this spring. Testing dates are outlined below:

- **ELA:** April 28, 29, 30
- **Math:** May 5, 6, 7

Attendance is crucial during testing dates. We kindly ask that you not schedule appointments, trips, or vacations on these days. Students who miss testing sessions will need to complete makeup testing, which requires pulling them from their regular classroom instruction and can be disruptive to their learning routine.



Kindergarten Shoe Tying

We are excited to introduce the Strathmore Kindergarten Shoe-Tying Club! Learning to tie shoes is a BIG milestone for our Kindergarten students and we are proud to support them as they build this important life skill! In class, students are practicing step-by-step strategies for tying their shoes. Once students can independently tie their shoes, they will earn the special title of “Shoe-Tying Expert”, ready to assist others! See the [letter](#) for details.

**Mrs. Munice, our Art Teacher, is requesting your help.
She is in need of recycled materials for upcoming projects.**

Recycled Materials Needed!

All Strathmore Families: Please start saving plastic bottle caps (all colors and sizes needed!) and "squeeze pouch" tops for an upcoming school-wide collaborative project. These can be sent in (washed and dry please) to our art teacher, Ms. Munice, any time during the month of March. Thank you for your help!



All Second Grade Families: Our second grade students will need 20 ounce plastic bottles for an upcoming project. Please start sending these in to Ms. Munice any time before Spring Break. (Please be sure they are rinsed out and dry.) We will let you know once we've collected enough. Thank you!



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.



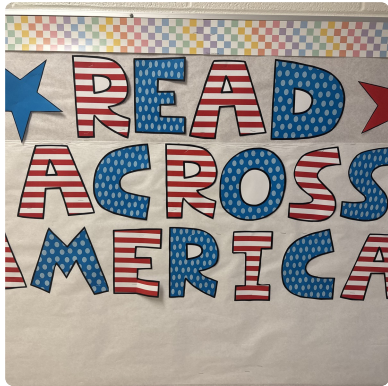
Counselor's Corner

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!

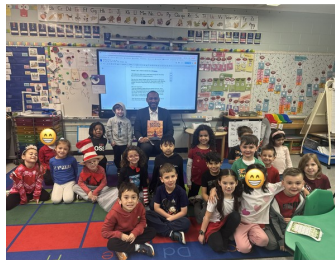
Here are 10 engaging activities to help your kids practice self-regulation skills this winter season: <https://www.thepathway2success.com/winter-self-regulation-10-engaging-activities-for-kids/>

Strathmore Snapshots



Read Across America Week

Last week, Strathmore joined schools across the nation in celebrating Read Across America Week. Founded to honor Dr. Seuss's birthday and promote literacy, this special week reminds us why reading is so important for our children. School-wide theme days included crazy socks and crazy hair. Classrooms hosted many guest readers throughout the week. A very special guest even made an appearance!



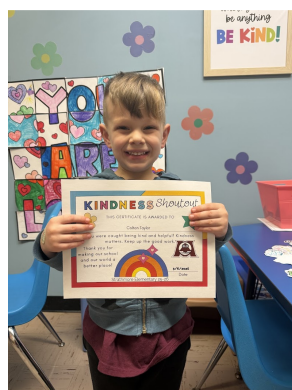
February Students of the Month

Congratulations to the students selected for February Student of the Month, selected by their teachers for demonstrating **Teamwork**.



Kindness Ticket Recipient Recognition - 3/6/26

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!



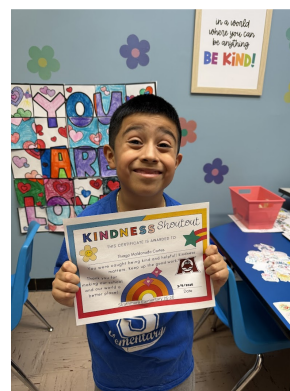
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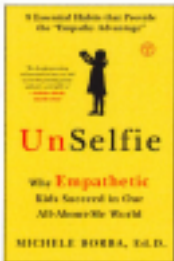


Symposium on Mental Health

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
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”***

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION
Monmouth County Schools District
Rebecca Bryan
Approved Signature



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:

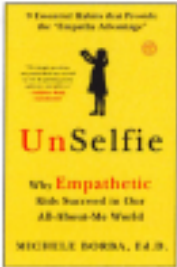


<https://tinyurl.com/MCSPW2026>

#BeYouBeWell

Escuelas del condado de Monmouth
 Asociación para el Bienestar presenta una
Simposio sobre salud mental y bienestar
 Presentando una conferencia magistral de
Rebecca Bryan

Las experiencias positivas en la infancia son la base de la resiliencia a lo largo de la vida”



LOS PRIMEROS 300 ASISTENTES RECIBIRÁN UNA COPIA GRATUITA DE "UNSELFIE"

Brookdale Community College
 Student Life Center

March 11, 2026

5:30PM

Visita el siguiente enlace o escanea el código QR para registrarte:
<https://tinyurl.com/MCSPW2026>



#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

What's coming up...

ANNUAL AUTHOR VISIT

Cartoonist Mike Dawson will be coming to Strathmore on Thursday, March 26th! Order one of his books (on Givebacks starting March 1st) and he will sign them the day of the visit. Book orders close midnight on March 8th, NO LATE orders will be accepted.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3/2: Lip Sync parent meeting
- 3/4: School closed
- 3/6: Spirit Day
- 3/6: Chocolate money due
- 3/8: Author Visit Book Orders due
- 3/11-12: Half days
- 3/19-20: School Store
- 3/24-25: Book Fair
- 3/26: Author Visit
- 3/27: 3rd Grade Dance 6-8PM
- 3/27: Half day
- 3/30-4/3: Spring break

SPIRIT WEAR SALE!

March 13-23

Kids and adult sizes, online only on the Givebacks website.

CHOCOLATE BAR SALE

Money Due March 6th

Send cash or check (to Strathmore PTO) to school in an envelope marked Chocolate Sale and your child's name.

BOOK FAIR

Tuesday & Wednesday, 3/24/25

Schedule will be coming home soon. Parents may shop with their child. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED both days, and for setup on Monday, 3/23 (time TBD). Please text Laura Gammoh at 732-673-3195 if you can help.

LIP SYNC

Registration is closed! Mandatory parent meeting Monday, March 2nd at 6:30PM in the cafeteria.



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!

3rd Grade
Dance Sign-up
Below

SPRING SPIRIT WEAR SALE

ONLINE ONLY from MARCH 13th-23rd

Orders **MUST** be placed online, where you can pay by credit card.

To pay by cash or check, send an email to StrathmorePTOSpiritWear@gmail.com



YOUTH SIZES

- Short sleeve t-shirts
- Long sleeve t-shirts
- Pullover hoodies
- Sweatpants
- Baseball hats

ADULT SIZES

- Short sleeve t-shirts in crew, v-neck & women's cuts
- ¾ sleeve baseball tee
- Long sleeve t-shirts
- Pullover sweatshirts with hoods or no hood
- Zippered hoodies
- Men's polo shirts
- Baseball hats



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(credit card payments only; email us for cash/check orders)

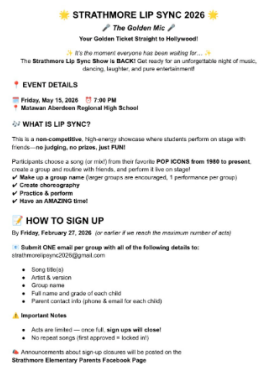
March 13th-23rd

NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED!

For questions or to order with cash/check, contact Rachel Flanders and Micah Wiginton at StrathmorePTOSpiritWear@gmail.com.



Author Visit - 3/26
click the picture for details



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 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



strathmore_school_aberdeen

🎵 Kidz Korner · Polar Bear Song!



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

Important Dates

- 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 18: McTeacher's Night
- 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



- March 30-April 3: School Closed for Spring Recess

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional

School District

