



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

RAVINE DRIVE NEWSLETTER

March 26, 2026

Principal's Message

Dear Ravine Drive Community,



It is already Spring time. I hope that you enjoy next week's Spring Break with your children.

We would like to remind all families about the importance of regular attendance for your child's success in school. Consistent attendance is essential for building strong academic foundations, as each lesson contributes to your child's learning progress. When children attend school regularly, they stay connected with their classmates, engage in hands-on activities, and participate in discussions that enrich their learning experience. If your child is or will be absent please notify the main office at 732-705-5800.

Arriving to school on time by 9:20am is also important. There are so many morning routines that occur within the first 5-10 minutes of class. Also, if you utilize the kiss and drop loop, drop off is between 9:10am and 9:20am. Drop off after 9:20am is through the main entrance door.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendars:

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

Monday, March 30th-Friday, 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

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Roadrunner Information

Third Grade NJSLA-A Testing

Third Graders will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) this Spring.

Testing Dates:

ELA: April 28th, 29th, and 30th

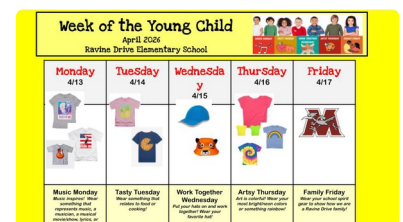
Math: May 5th and 6th

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 required pulling them from their regular classroom instruction and can be disruptive to their learning routine.

For Grade-specific online practice tests for students and families click [here](#)
[MARSD Parent Notification of Standardized Assessments - 2025-2026](#)

Week of the Young Child

Each April, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) invites educators, families, and communities to come together for the Week of the Young Child® (WOYC)—a joyful celebration of early learning, young children, and the adults who support them.



RD Spirit Themed Days 4/13-4/17



Rules for Electronic Devices

Please know that students may **not** use electronic devices including smart phones, cell phones, mobile devices or wearables (e.g. smart watches) while at school. These devices interfere with our students' ability to focus on academic work and can negatively impact a learners' social and emotional well-being. Students may keep personal devices turned off and in their backpack during the school day.

MARSD School Board [Policy 5516.02](#)

In March, our monthly character trait was Problem-Solving. We learned about the "Size of the Problem," a concept which helps students evaluate the problems they encounter, identify the size of each, and determine whether the size of our reaction matches the size of a particular problem. Students worked with partners to classify and sort a varied range of problems on a "size of the problem" number line. They reflected on different types of problems, why they would be considered small versus big, and what they could do to solve small and medium problems they might experience.

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Yearbook Photos

The Ravine PTO is accepting pictures for the yearbook that you have taken during group or school events. Up to 3-4 pictures, include your child/children's names and teachers name.

You can email pictures to ravinedriveyearbook@gmail.com

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2026 Color Run

Ravine Drive PTO presents Color Run

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Registration at 5PM and Run at 6PM



District Information

Link to [2025-2026 District Calendar](#)

Link to [2025-2026 MARSD School Hours](#)

Link to [2026-2027 District Calendar](#)

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

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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