



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Saturday, April 4, 2026



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Message from Mrs. Kelly

I hope everyone is enjoying a restful and rejuvenating spring recess with family and friends. We are looking forward to having our students back in the building, and all that is to come as we head into the final stretch of the school year.



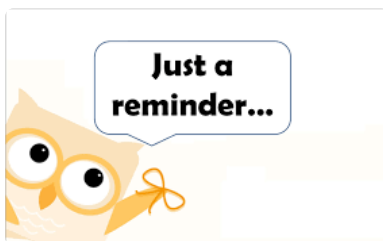
As we return, we are busy planning some exciting end-of-year activities and celebrations. At the same time, we are also looking ahead to next year, including important conversations around transition planning and the redistricting process that is currently underway. We remain committed to keeping you informed and supported throughout this change.

With so much happening, it is natural for students, and families, to experience a little end-of-year fatigue. The days feel fuller, calendars fill up quickly, and it can be easy to lose momentum. Here are a few simple ways to stay ahead of it: keep consistent routines at home, make sure your child is getting enough sleep, and take a few minutes each evening to check in about their day. Small habits go a long way.

Most importantly, I want to encourage everyone to keep academics at the forefront. While events and activities are a wonderful part of school life, the work happening in our classrooms every day remains our top priority. Our students have worked incredibly hard this year, and we want to finish strong together.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Reminders



Arrival

Homeroom begins at **9:20 AM**. Once the Kiss-and-Go line has closed, please use the **main entrance** to drop off your child. Any student arriving after 9:20 AM must enter through the main doors, which will help ensure they are marked present rather than absent. Thank you for your cooperation.

Student Supervision and Equipment Use

For the safety of all children, students must be supervised by an adult at all times while on school grounds – including playground areas – before and after school hours. Please do not drop your child off on campus prior to the doors opening, as there is no supervision available. Additionally, we ask that students use all playground equipment appropriately and responsibly, even during after-school hours. Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe environment for everyone.

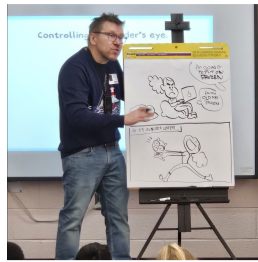
Health Communication

Please keep Nurse Mallozzi informed of any health/medical issues/concerns as they arise. When medical restrictions/accommodations are required, please provide documentation from a physician upon your child's return to school.



Author Visit

Strathmore students learned the basics of making comics, and how drawings tell a story during an Author Visit. Mike Dawson, author of *The Fifth Quarter*, engaged students in the art form of cartooning, leaving the students inspired to tell their own comic book stories. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this event!



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,

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.

Third Grade Show

This year's show will be held on May 20th at Matawan Regional High School. Details regarding rehearsal, show attire and ticket distribution will be shared in the coming weeks.



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!

Matawan Borough Summer Rec Camp 2026

Click the flyer for details on the Matawan Borough Summer Rec Camp 2026

Matawan Borough Recreation Commission Announces

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SUMMER REC CAMP 2026

For Kids K-6th Grades



NEW THIS YEAR

Sports Activities
Coordinator
for mini clinics & games
Snapology 4-6grds
Creature Creator
Robotics & Coding
More Special Events

BACK AGAIN

Obstacle Challenge
Kickball tournament
Snapology 1-3grds
Pizza Party
Arts 'n Crafts

SPECIAL EVENTS

Water Days
Ices/Ice Cream Days
Assemblies
Movies
Theme Days
Trips

JUNE 29 - AUG 7
RAVINE DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
M-F, 9 AM - 1 PM

Matawan Resident
Registration opens
3/18 at 9:00 am
\$650 per child

Non-Resident
Registration opens
3/23 at 9:00 am
\$750 per child

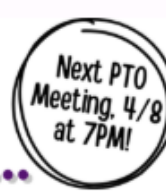
Registration Link and QR code will be posted on 3/18 at 9 am on our FB (Borough of Matawan), Instagram (@MatawanBorough), and matawanborough.com

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PTO Happenings

STRATHMORE PTO

What's coming up...



MUFFINS WITH MOM

Thursday, May 7th

Join us to celebrate moms, aunts, grandmas or any special lady in your child's life! Registration is now open on Givebacks, see the flyer below for details.

Registration is required, signup closes Friday, 5/1.

ART TO REMEMBER

Order by Tuesday, 4/14!

Don't forget to place your order for FREE delivery to the school! Enjoy your child's artwork on a keepsake product with proceeds benefitting the PTO. Orders should arrive at school around 5/5.

DATES TO REMEMBER

3/30-4/3: Spring Break!

4/8: PTO Meeting 7PM

4/10: Spirit Day

4/14: Art to Remember deadline

4/29: Lip Sync Rehearsal

4/30-5/1: School Store

5/1: Spirit Day

5/1: Muffins with Mom registration deadline

5/7: Muffins with Mom

5/8: Plant Sale

LIP SYNC REMINDERS

- T-shirt orders are due by April 1st.
- Ticket sales for PERFORMERS ONLY are now live on Givebacks (see flyer below). Sale closes April 15th.
- Tickets for the public will go on sale at a later date, with a limited capacity based on space.
- First rehearsal date is 4/29.

Enjoy break.
see you
Monday, 4/6!



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

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PART OF THE PTO TODAY!

Save the date!
Plant Sale
May 8th



Lip Sync 2026 Tickets (Performers ONLY)

Performers' families can now purchase tickets to attend the Lip Sync show!

Each family is allowed to order up to 8 tickets. Tickets for friends and others excited to see the kids perform will be available at an upcoming date. The sale for performer's families will close on April 15th or when capacity is reached (whichever happens first). Additional tickets may be



Muffins with Mom 2026

Bring mom, grandma, aunt, or any special lady for a sweet celebration to honor the women who make our lives brighter!

Thursday, May 7th -

SESSION 1 (Pre-K, K and 1st)
6:30-7:15pm

SESSION 2 (2nd & 3rd) 7:30-
8:15pm



click image for details

Art to Remember helps parents and schools preserve children's artwork, Art to Remember helps parents and schooloney for art education with custom printed keepsakes

purchased once they are open to the public. The limit per family is 8 tickets. ANY ORDERS FOR MORE THAN 8 TICKETS WILL BE CANCELED.

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

- April 8: Lead-U Assembly
- April 8: PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM, STES Media Center
- April 10: Grade 2 Reptile Assembly
- April 10: Spirit Day
- April 27: BoE Meeting, CLES
- April 13-17: Week of the Young Child
- April 14: MP3 ends
- April 24: PK Field Trip
- April 28-30: NJSLA (ELA)
- April 30: Kindergarten Field Trip



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional

School District

