



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, March 15, 2026



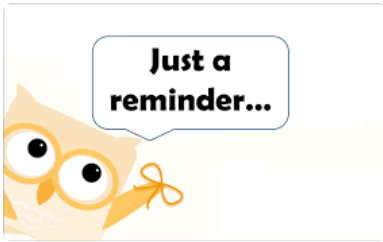
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Reminders



Outdoor Recess

Now that the snow is gone, and the temperature is changing, the students have been able to enjoy outdoor recess! Please send students to school dressed appropriately for the weather, including jackets/hats until the spring weather is upon us.



Important Safety Information

Our district experienced a security incident on Monday, March 9th. Thanks to the quick response of our Security Officer, Officer Jay, and local first responders, all students and staff remained safe. We are grateful for their professionalism and dedication.

We are proud of how our staff remained calm and followed safety protocols to protect our students. Our monthly safety drills prepare us for moments like these, ensuring everyone knows their role in keeping our school secure.

We know these situations can be frightening for parents. If an emergency occurs, we ask that you please do not come to campus. While we understand the instinct to be with your child, arriving at school during an incident can interfere with first responders and create unsafe conditions. Please know that the school will follow all safety protocols, and we will communicate with families as soon as it is safe to do so.



◆ Special Performance ◆

The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore Shillelaghs did a school tour on Friday morning at Strathmore. They performed a short set of traditional Irish music as they walked the hallways. The students and staff loved it!



🍷 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.

Please join the Strathmore Staff
for the

"McTeachers Night"
Give back event at



McDonald's



Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

From: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: 1108 Rt. 34
Aberdeen, NJ 07747

Please dine-in or drive-thru
and support our cause.










**A portion of the proceeds
will raise money to benefit
A member of our Strathmore Family**

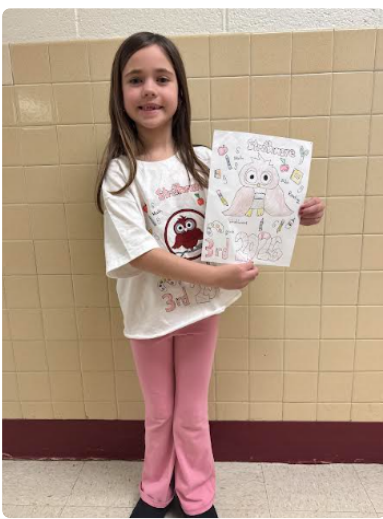
Embracing Differences

Strathmore will be recognizing all of our unique learners during Embracing Differences Week, March 23-27. Click the picture for information on theme days.

Embracing Differences Week

March 23-27

	Mismatched Monday 3/23 Celebrate World Down Syndrome day 3/21 by Rocking your best brightly colored mismatched socks!	
	Terrific Thinking Tuesday 3/24 Wear a fun hat or headband - Celebrate all of the amazing and wonderful ways that our minds are able to work.	
	What's your Passion Wednesday 3/25 Dress in a way that shows your favorite interests or hobbies . (Love horses? Wear a shirt with a horse on it! - Love Superman? Dress up like him!)	
	Born to Stand Out Thursday 3/26 Wear tie dye or bright colors . Let's celebrate the beauty in the diverse spectrum that is the human mind.	
	Sensory Friendly Friday 3/27 Dress in your comfiest clothes and/or accessories (school-appropriate pajamas, sunglasses, fidgets etc)	



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.

**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.

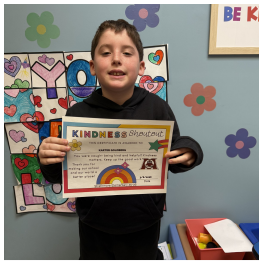
Extra Clothes

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.

Strathmore Snapshots

Kindness Ticket Recipient Recognition - 3/13/26

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!



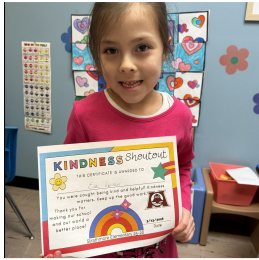
Karter



Ella



Madison



Eva



Lily



Nora

PTO Happenings

2/27/26

STRATHMORE PTO What's coming up...

Next PTO Meeting, 4/8 at 7PM!

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



<https://strathmoreespto.givebacks.com>
(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.

Strathmore Elementary School
MEET THE AUTHOR!
Strathmore Elementary PTO is excited to host author Mike Dawson
In addition to hosting the event, we are offering an opportunity to purchase books to be signed!
The Fifth Quarter.....\$16.00
The Fifth Quarter: Hard Court...\$16.00
Please visit our Givebacks website at strathmoreespto.givebacks.com to fill out your order form by **March 8th**.
We will not be able to accept late orders.
Any questions please email strathmoreptoprograms@gmail.com

Author Visit - 3/26
click the picture for details

★ STRATHMORE LIP SYNC 2026 ★
The Golden Mic
Your Golden Ticket brings to life!
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 7:00 PM
Matsuan Aberdeen Regional High School
WHAT IS LIP SYNC?
This is a non-competitive, high-energy showcase where students perform on stage with friends - and judging, no prizes, just FUN!
Participants choose a song (or more) 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 (each group 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: strathmorelipsync@gmail.com
Song title(s)
Artist & version
Group name
Participants and grade of each child
Parent contact info (phone & email for each child)
Important Notes
Acts are limited - once full, sign-ups will close!
No repeat songs (first approved + locked in)
Announcements about sign-up closures will be posted on the Strathmore Elementary Parents Facebook Page

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



Follow us at [strathmore_school_aberdeen](#)

Important Dates

- 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



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School District

