



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

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STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

### **Straight From Strathmore**

**Hootline News - Sunday, March 22, 2026**



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#### **Important Links**

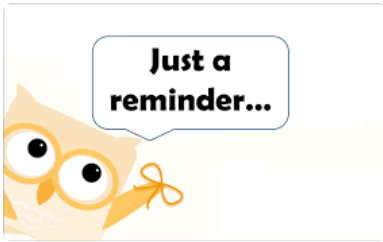
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## Reminders



### Grade 1 Field Trip

The first grade field trip is Monday, March 23rd. Students should wear their blue, grade-level Strathmore t-shirt.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The PTO is hosting the spring Book Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday this week (3/24-3/25). Parents are invited to shop with their child(ren).

### School Calendar

Early dismissal on Friday, March 27th. Students dismiss at 1:20 PM.

All MARSD schools are closed for spring break from March 30th to April 3rd.

### Outdoor Recess

Now that 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.



### Spring Pictures

Spring pictures will not be offered at Strathmore Elementary School this school year. We will evaluate whether to offer this in future years.

### MARSD School Calendar

The [2026-2027 District Calendar](#) was board approved at the March 9, 2026 BOE Regular Action Meeting. This can also be found on the [district's website](#).












## 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

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

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## 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.

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**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!

## Strathmore Snapshots

### Kindness Ticket Recipient Recognition - 3/20/26

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!



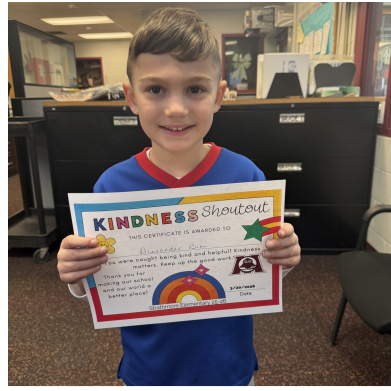
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## PTO Happenings

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 26<sup>th</sup>! Order one of his books (on Givebacks starting March 1<sup>st</sup>) and he will sign them the day of the visit. Book orders close midnight on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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://strathmorepto.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](mailto: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 [strathmorepto.givebacks.com](https://strathmorepto.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](mailto:strathmoreptoprograms@gmail.com)



For more info about our author visit visit [www.mikedawson.com](http://www.mikedawson.com)



**Author Visit - 3/26**  
click the picture for details

★ STRATHMORE LIP SYNC 2026 ★

🎵 The Golden Mic 🎵  
Your Golden Ticket brings to helpness!

👉 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  
📍 Metawan 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 mix) 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 shortography
- ✓ 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: [strathmorelipsync2026@gmail.com](mailto:strathmorelipsync2026@gmail.com)

- Song title(s)
- Artist & version
- Group name
- Performers 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!

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## Catch a glimpse inside our school on our Instagram page



Follow us at [strathmore\\_school\\_aberdeen](#)

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# Important Dates

- 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



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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



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School District

