



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, April 26, 2026



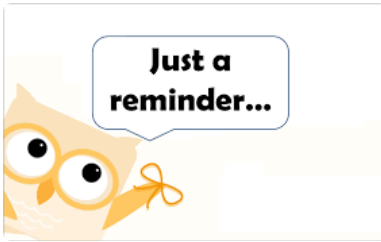
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Reminders



Please Help Us Keep Personal Items at Home

We're all about learning and playing at school, but to help us keep the focus on academics and group activities—and prevent lost or broken belongings—we ask that students leave personal items and toys at home. This includes popular items like action figures, dolls, electronic games, and trading cards

Recently, we have noticed an increase in students bringing popular sensory toys, such as "squishies," to school, including Needoh and happy dumplings. While we understand these items are a lot of fun, they have become a distraction in the classroom and are frequently being misused, resulting in damage/rupture to the toys themselves.

We kindly ask that personal items such as these be left at home so that our students can stay focused and make the most of their school day. Thank you for your support.

Kindergarten Field Trip

Our Kindergarten students will visit Historic Long Street Farm on Thursday, April 30th. Please send your student to school in their grade-level t-shirt.

School Store

Due to testing this week, the PTO school store will only operate on Friday, 5/1. There will be no school store on Thursday, April 30th.



Save the Date

- Strathmore's Annual school-wide Fun Day is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th (rain date June 15th).
- Our Kindergarten Celebrations will be held on Tuesday, June 9th. Details regarding class times will follow.
- Our preschool students will participate in small stepping-up activities on June 12th. Details will be shared out with families by the classroom teacher.



Superintendent's Message

Matawan-Aberdeen Connection

Click [here](#) for the April Newsletter from Dr. Perez, Superintendent of Schools

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3rd Annual Teacher Appreciation Week Contest

Show your teachers you care by raising money for MAEF Teacher Appreciation Week!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8, 2025. The fun starts leading up to this April 20 - the 4th MATAWAN ABERDEEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (MAEF) FUNDRAISER for 3rd annual competition. Recognize MAEF's teachers and raise money for their great schools for the 2026-2027 school year. MAEF awarded over \$20,000 in grants to the MARIO schools who have been successful in their fundraising.

Competition Description

When: April 20 - May 4, 2025

Goal: SHOW THANKS TO TEACHERS AND RAISE MONEY FOR TEACHER GRANTS

The Top 3 Elementary (Cambridge, Haddon, Cliffwood, Stratford, and Lewis) and Top 3 Upper Grade (MMA and MMS) teachers, along with the top SPECIALLY EDUCATED teachers, with the highest amount of donations win the following prizes.

COMPETITION PRIZES UP FOR GRABS WILL BE AWARDED BY OUR GENEROUS DONORS - Teacher's Insurance Plus from Plymouth Rock

	Top 3 Elementary Teacher	Top 3 Upper Grade Teacher	Top 3 Specially Educated Teacher
Prize Value	\$500 for classroom from MAEF	\$500 for classroom from MAEF	\$500 for classroom from MAEF
Prize Description	Elementary Prize Plus party sponsored by school	Elementary Prize Plus party sponsored by school	

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Step 1: Complete the Sample Form completely. ALL fields to be eligible -> <https://forms.gle/mJLWUQSLAAMA>

Step 2: Make a minimum \$5 donation to MAEF by 10:00am May 4, 2025

Donations can be made via Venmo @Dorinda-MAEF, Direct or via Charities, Credit Card at www.paycomptax.com/Support or via Cash by sending an envelope to our address: MAEF Contest, 1000 West Street, Donations, PO Box 27, Haddon, NJ 08033. Donations above \$25 will receive a tax-deductible receipt at the end of the calendar year. Donations above \$25 can also receive one of our Support Car Stickers.

Teachers will receive all their notes of appreciation and winners will be announced by May 9!

Learn more about MAEF at: <https://www.maef.org> or on Facebook

Any questions email: info@maef.org

Thank you for your support!

3rd Annual MAEF Teacher Appreciation Week Contest

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, The Matawan Aberdeen Ed Foundation is running a fundraiser to support grant funding for the 2026-2027 school year. The fundraiser asks for community donations along with a letter of appreciation to teachers. The teacher(s) with the highest amounts donated in their name receive mini-grants for their classrooms.



MAEF Teacher Appreciation Contest.pdf

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MEET THE ROCKET

If you wonder how NASA's Space Launch System, or SLS, compares to earlier generations of NASA launch vehicles:

- SLS is 141 ft tall (compared to 110 ft for Saturn V)
- SLS will produce 15% more thrust at launch than the space shuttle and 15% more than Saturn V during liftoff and ascent.
- SLS will launch more cargo to the Moon than the space shuttle could send to low-Earth orbit.

Labels on the rocket diagram include: Orion Service Module (Orion), SLS, Upper Stage (Orion), Main Engines, Core Stage (Orion), and Solid Rocket Boosters (SRBs).

Artemis Rocket Engineer Presentation

This week, our third grade students explored the work of engineers behind the Artemis Program through an informative and engaging presentation. Students listened closely, asked thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity about how rockets launch and what it takes to travel beyond Earth. Their engagement and interest made the learning come alive!

Thank you to Gerardo Martinez for such an amazing presentation!



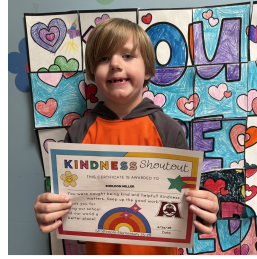
Strathmore Snapshots

Kindness Ticket Recipients - 4/24/26

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!



Audiranna



Sheldon



Olivia

Third Grade NJSLA Testing

NJSLA testing begins this week. Third grade students will test on **Tuesday, Wednesday (Reading) and Thursday (Writing)**. Math testing will be May 5th and 6th.

Attendance is crucial during testing dates. Please make every effort to get to school on time. Students that arrive after the testing session has started will not be permitted to test that day. 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



Parent Letter

Please see the letter for details about our upcoming Third Grade Chorus Concert, on Wednesday, May 20th at MRHS.



Third Grade Concert Letter - 2026.pdf

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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!

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

Open Volunteer Positions

If you are interested in any of these positions or want more information before deciding, please reach out to Stephanie Canecchio at strathmoreptoinfo@gmail.com/917-679-2849, or Rachel Flanders at strathmoreptosecretaryinfo@gmail.com/571-243-0955.

Food Drive/Holiday Giving (1 person)

Run the Thanksgiving food drive and assist with holiday support for any designated families in need. Both done in partnership with Mrs. Monaco, the school counselor.
 ▷ **Time Commitment:** food drive is one week in November. Food needs to be sorted after school, ideally daily but at a minimum 1-2 afternoons. Then one ½ day to be spent in school working with a selected group of students to organize the food to be picked up by designated families. Holiday support is shopping for gifts on your own schedule in November or December, based on requests by Mrs. Monaco and the budget approved by the treasurer.

Lip Sync Co-Chairs (2 people)

Lip Sync is a talent show performed by students (individually or in small groups) during an evening performance in late spring. It is a lot of work but such a fun show that the kids really love! We need two people truly willing to commit to running the committee: organizing acts, music, ticket sales, and event space; running rehearsals and the show; and communicating with parents.
 ▷ **Time Commitment:** much of the behind the scenes work will be on your own schedule, winter into the spring months. Rehearsals and the show are evening hours, typically in April or May. Some daytime set up around the event.

Trunk or Treat (1 person)

Fully organize and run the Trunk or Treat, which takes place on a Friday evening in October. Tasks include making the flyer; organizing trunk volunteers; purchasing candy, snacks, and craft supplies; setting up and managing the event the night of.
 ▷ **Time Commitment:** behind the scenes work will be on your own schedule in September/October, with the event in the evening.

Pizza Bingo (1 person)

We need someone to run this fun evening event, typically held once in the winter. Tasks include making the event flyer; organizing and placing the order for pizza; collecting donations for drinks and snacks; gathering prizes (as necessary); setting up and managing the event, and cleaning up after.
 ▷ **Time Commitment:** behind the scenes work will be on your own schedule leading up to the event, with the event in the evening.

Muffins with Mom/Dessert with Dad (1 or 2 people)

At least one person to fully organize and run both events, two co-chairs would be even better. Tasks include making the event flyers, planning for/ordering decorations and crafts supplies, buying the food items, and managing each event.
 ▷ **Time Commitment:** behind the scenes work will be on your own schedule in the spring; the events are in the evening in May and June.



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

Plant Sale Price List

Flat - 16.00 or 19 pack for 14 dollars
1 1/2 inch basket - 15.00
1 1/2 inch pot - 16.00
6 inch combo - 16.00
6 inch basket - 18.00
8 inch basket - 19.00
8 inch combo - 19.00
12 inch Geranium pot - 18.00
12 inch oval pot - 19.00
10 inch combo basket - 20.00
Vegetable plants - 15.00

Mother's Day Plant Sale
 Friday, May 8th.
 Teachers will share their class time for parents to shop with their child(ren)



Desserts with Dad 2026
 Join us for a fun-filled event celebrating all the amazing dads and father figures!
 Thursday, June 9th-
 SESSION 1 (PreK, K & 1st Grade) 6:30-7:15 pm
 SESSION 2 (2nd & 3rd Grades) 7:30-8:15 pm



Lawn Sign - Farewell to Strathmore
Celebrate your graduate with this Class of 2026 sign!

\$20 per sign. Signs may be personalized. If you don't want it personalized, the sign will say Good Luck. Be sure to enter a personalization for each sign separately if ordering multiple signs.



Lawn Sign - Graduation 2026
A fun way to say farewell to Strathmore and hello to Lloyd Road!

\$20 per sign. Signs may be personalized. If you don't want it personalized, the sign will say Good Luck. Be sure to enter a personalization for each sign separately if ordering multiple signs.

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. The last meeting for the year is scheduled for 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

- April 27: BoE Meeting, CLES
- April 28-30: NJSLA (ELA)
- April 30: Kindergarten Field Trip
- May 1: School Store
- May 4-8: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 7: Muffins with Mom
- May 8: Plant Sale



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
School District

