



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

RAVINE DRIVE NEWSLETTER

April 30, 2026

Principal's Message

Dear Ravine Drive Community,

It is hard to believe that we only have 36 school days left. But there are still so many lessons, activities, field trips, and events left for your children. Take a look below for some of our May events.

Next week we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week May 4th through May 8th. A big shout out to all educators for all they do for our students.

Marking Period 3 Reports Cards are available in the parent portal.

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

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendars:

Friday, May 22nd: Early Dismissal for Students at 1:20PM

Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day- No School for Students

If you ever have any questions, suggestions, or concerns do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Lorena Carbajal

lcarbajal@marsd.org

Roadrunner Information

RDES Night of the Arts and 3rd Grade Concert

Please join us next week on Wednesday, May 6th.

Doors Open at 6:00PM

3rd Grade Concert will be held in the Gym at 6:30PM

Our students Artwork will be displayed throughout the school.



MAEF Teacher Appreciation Week Contest

The Matawan Aberdeen Ed Foundation is running their 3rd annual 'Thank a Teacher' fundraiser to support grant funding for the 2026-2027 school year. (This year MAEF awarded over \$11,000 in grants to the MARSD schools (<https://www.maefgrants.org/grants>) The

fundraiser asks for community donations along with a note of appreciation to teachers. The teacher(s) with the highest amounts donated in their name receive mini-grants for their classrooms. To participate, complete [this Google form](#) (or see the [flier](#) for more information)

Third Grade NJSLA-A Testing Update

Students took NJSLA-A Reading on April 28th and 29th and the NJSLA-A Writing April 30th

Next Week: NJSLA-A Math Section: Tuesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 6th

If your 3rd grader was absent on any of the dates this week they will have make up testing next week on May 7th.

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

Counselor's Corner

This month, students focused on the emotion of Calm and the character trait of Self-Control. Students participated in various calming exercises that they can utilize when they are experiencing a big emotion and need to regain self-control. We engaged in deep breathing (bird breath, finger breathing, rainbow breath, and square breathing), stretching (holding



different yoga poses), and tensing/relaxing our bodies in different ways (chair push-ups, squeezing our hands, and hugging ourselves).



PTO Plant Sale 5/8

RD PTO will be hosting a plant sale on Friday, May 8th. The event is open for parents or family members to come in and shop with their student. Here is the plant day schedule:

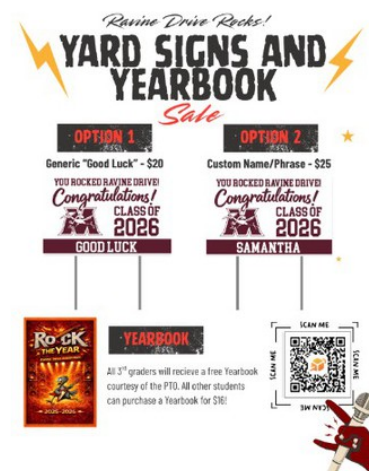
[Plant Sale Schedule](#)

Yard Signs and Yearbooks

If you would like to purchase a yard sign and/or yearbook. Scan code on flyer or go to <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/yearbook-graduation-signs-2026/items>

All 3rd graders will receive a free Yearbook courtesy of the PTO.

Last day to order is Friday, May 15th.



2026 Color Run

Ravine Drive PTO presents Color Run

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Registration at 5PM and Run at 6PM

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 Parent Workshop: Connected But Cautious 5/18

Preschool Through 5th Grade Parents/Guardians are invited on
Monday, May 18th 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM

This presentation provides caregivers with practical, research-informed guidance on managing your children's screen use. It explores what screen time is, recommended limits by age, and the developmental impacts of excessive or low-quality media exposure, including effects on sleep, behavior, speech, and social interaction. The presentation also highlights the importance of high quality, supervised content and offers actionable strategies such as setting time limits, creating screen-free zones, modeling healthy digital habits, and encouraging alternative activities that support healthy development.

Connected but Cautious [Flyer](#)

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/dVaipJR9kCEcX68D7>

Location: Cambridge Park Elementary School
1 Crest Way
Aberdeen, NJ 07747

MARSD Kindergarten Parent Information Session 5/20

In preparation for the 2026-2027 school year, there will be a Kindergarten Information Session for parents on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30pm.

Location:
Cambridge Park Elementary School
1 Crest Way
Aberdeen, NJ 07747



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District Calendars

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

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

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

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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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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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