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# Lloyd Road Parent Update May 3rd

**Lloyd Road Elementary**



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**Matawan Aberdeen School District**

## Parent Newsletter Updates ~ May 3, 2026

Dear Lloyd Road Elementary School Families,

Please [click here for the latest Lloyd Road Parent Update](#) and enjoy this Smores Newsletter update.



Thank you,  
Dr. John Bombardier  
Principal

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## MAEF Fundraiser ~ Thank a Teacher ~ Donate by Monday, May 4th

- 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.
- 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 [this flyer](#) for more



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## 5th Grade FUNdraiser - Sundaes on Rt 34- Tues, May 5th @ 6:30-10pm

- Please [click here](#) for a flyer from the Lloyd Road 5th Grade committee with information about a Sundaes Fundraiser to support the 5th grade class!
- We hope to see you at Sundaes on May 5th! Thanks for supporting the 5th grade class!



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## 5th Grade T-Shirts Order Form - Return Form to Teacher by Wed, May 6th

- The PTO will be purchasing a t-shirt for every 5th grader.
- Please [complete and return this order form](#) to your child's teacher by **Wed. May 6th**.
- If the PTO doesn't receive a form back, we will order an Adult Small for your child.
- Please email Stacy Santoro with any questions at [stacyh13@gmail.com](mailto:stacyh13@gmail.com)



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## Reminder: Wear it with Pride Wednesday - Wednesday, May 6th

- As a reminder, our school's "Wear it with Pride Wednesday" is the 1st Wednesday of the month.
- We encourage students to wear their **school spiritwear or school colors**
- Our school's next Wear It With Pride Wednesday will be **Wednesday, May 6th**



## PTO Plant Sale this Friday, May 8th @ Student Lunch Periods

- Please [click here for the PTO Plant Sale Flyer](#) taking place this Friday, May 8th
- Students may visit the plant sale and make purchases during their lunch periods.
- Students will take home the plants they purchase at the sale on Friday afternoon.



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## PTO Fundraiser ~ Cash Cow ~ Monday May 11th - Friday May 15th

- Please [click here](#) to access a flyer with the fundraiser rules and participation information.
- The winning classes will have an extra outdoor recess with ice cream!
- All proceeds will help the Lloyd Road PTO support year-end student activities.



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## 4th Grade Fun Day T-Shirt Order Form - Select Size & Return Order Form by Friday, May 15th

- Please [click here](#) for a flyer on ordering your child's 4th grade t-shirt
- A big thanks to the Lloyd Road PTO for covering the cost of the t-shirts for all 4th graders!



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## Parent Workshop A Guardian's Guide to Screen Time- May 18th @ 6:15pm

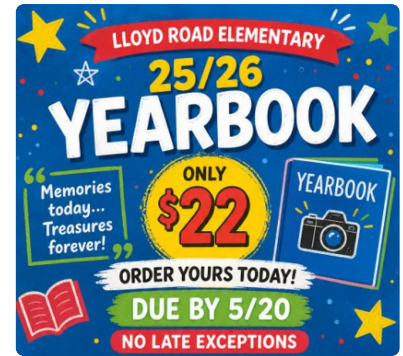
- This presentation, through *Preferred Behavioral Health*, provides caregivers with practical, research-informed guidance on managing your children's screen use.
- This presentation will also explore what screen time is, recommended limits by age, and the developmental impacts of excessive or low-quality media exposure, including effects on sleep, behavior, speech, and social interaction.
- [This presentation](#) will also highlight 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. [Please click here to Register](#)



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## Yearbook Information for Parents ~ Order by Wed, May 20th!

- Please [click here](#) for the 2025-26 yearbook informational flyer and order link.
- **Fifth grade students** receive a **FREE yearbook**. If you wish to purchase an additional yearbook, it would be \$22.
- Fourth grade students: If you want a yearbook, please [submit this form](#) with payment in the amount of \$22.
- Cash, check (made out to Lloyd Road PTO) or Venmo @katie-vultaggio
- Submission and payments are due by May 20. No late orders will be accepted!
- Hard copies will be sent home as well. If you [fill this Google form out](#), please do not return the hardcopy.



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## Reminder: 5th Grade Pool Club Update -Friday, June 12th

- Please note that 5th graders will have a special end-of-year trip to the Freehold YMCA Pool Club **Friday, June 12th**
- All required pool club documents and permission slips below have all been sent home.
- There was a typo on the date on the bottom portion of [this permission slip](#) sent home so a revised version will be sent home and parents are asked to sign and return. My apologies.
  - [Pool Club Permission Slip English](#) or [Spanish](#)
  - [Pool Club Waiver English](#) or [Spanish](#)
  - [Safety First Swim Indicators](#) -please review and discuss the selection made with your child
  - [Pool Rules](#) - please review and discuss with your child
- A special thanks to the Lloyd Road PTO for making this 5th Grade trip possible at no cost to parents/guardians thanks to their generous funding.



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## Kindergarten Parent Workshop Information Session May 20th @ 6:30pm @ Cambridge

- Please [click here](#) for a flyer on a **Kindergarten Parent Information Session** taking place on Wednesday, May 20th at Cambridge Park Preschool.



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**Art Show & Chorus Concert!- Retro Rewind! Wed, May 27th @ 5:30-7:30pm**

- Please [click here](#) for a flyer with information about Lloyd Road Elementary's Retro Rewind Art Show & Chorus Concert



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## District Information- Redistricting Information - For Parent/Community

### Shaping Our District's Future

#### Redistricting Information

- The district has prepared FAQs with Scenario based on community feedback and questions.
- Please see [this document titled Shaping Our District's Future](#) for more information.

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## Student Attendance Matters

- Daily attendance is essential for the academic success and personal development of students. Consistent participation enhances understanding of the curriculum, fosters a sense of community, and develops important skills such as punctuality and responsibility.
- Students who attend classes regularly are more likely to complete assignments, perform better academically, and build positive relationships with educators. These connections provide valuable support as students navigate their high school experience. Prioritizing daily attendance is crucial for ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed in their educational journey.



### The State of NJ Recognizes the Following as Excused Absences Only:

- Religious observance ([N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3\(h\)](#))
- College visits (up to 3 days per school year for students in grades 11 and 12)
- "Take Our Children to Work Day"
- Participation in observance of Veterans Day (N.J.S.A. 18A: 36-13.2)
- The closure of a busing district that prevents a student from having transportation to the school
- Participation in district board of election membership activities.

### When to Keep your Child Home From School...

- A child with heavy cold symptoms, deep or uncontrollable coughing
- If your child has a fever, keep them home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- If your child has pain in their ears, throat, head or chest and can not comfortably participate in school activities.
- If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, they must have neither for 24 hours before they can return to school.

### Reminder ~ Report Your Child's Absence

- If your child will be absent, please notify our front office attendance secretary, Mrs. Karen Liebowitz at 732-705-5700 or email her at [Kliebowitz@marsd.org](mailto:Kliebowitz@marsd.org).
- It's always a good practice to notify your child's teacher as well, especially if your child will be absent for more than one day.

### **Not sure how many days your child has missed this year?**

- Login to the Genesis Parent Portal using your username and password
- Click Attendance

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## **Child Study Team (CST) Department**

### **Lloyd Road Elementary School Child Study Team Department**

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### **Members of the Child Study Team (CST) work together to:**

- Conduct comprehensive evaluations, including cognitive, academic, and social-emotional assessments, to determine eligibility for special education services
- Interpret assessment data and shares findings with families and staff in a clear, supportive, and culturally responsive manner
- Participate in the development, implementation, and ongoing review of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
- Provide consultation to teachers and administrators to support evidence-based instructional and behavioral interventions
- Monitor student progress and recommends data-driven interventions and program modifications
- Collaborate with key staff members, including counselors to evaluate, and support students experiencing academic, behavioral, social, or emotional challenges
- Support a multidisciplinary, collaborative approach that promotes inclusive practices and student success within the general education setting
- Serve as a liaison between school, families, and community resources to ensure coordinated support for students

**Our Child Study Team members are here to support our students and families. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback.**

## **School Counseling Department**

## Lloyd Road Elementary Guidance Department

Ms. Feen (Grade 4 Counselor)

[kfeen@marsd.org](mailto:kfeen@marsd.org)

- Grade 4 guidance referrals
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), Mental Health and Wellness
- Classroom guidance lessons / support
- Small group / individual counseling
- Restorative practices conflict resolution
- School safety, climate, culture equity and diversity
- Crisis team member
- YMCA counseling contact - grade 4
- I&RS support
- Student attendance concerns - grade 4
- Assists with HIBS when needed



Ms. Tay (Grade 5 Counselor)

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- Grade 5 guidance referrals
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), Mental Health and Wellness
- Classroom guidance lessons / support
- Small group / individual counseling
- Restorative practices conflict resolution
- School safety, climate, culture equity and diversity
- Crisis team member
- YMCA counseling contact - grade 5
- I&RS support
- Student attendance concerns - grade 5
- Assists with HIBS when needed

Our counseling department services include classroom lessons and individual and/or group counseling based on individual student needs. Some focus areas for classroom lessons and schoolwide emphasis are conflict resolution, mental health and wellness, social-emotional learning, coping skills, and relationship-building skills.

**Our counselors are here to support our students and families. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback.**

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