



Stratton Sentinel

May 2026

Monthly Newsletter

A Letter From The Principal

Hello Stratton Families! Hard to believe April has come and gone...we really are in the home stretch for this school year and things are happening fast! We're about to wind up our Peak Experiences with Rocket Day for 5th grade, and follow that up with Track Day the next day. Field trips for many of our grades are coming up, and we're hoping that the weather cooperates a little more!

I want to thank all our families for your support for your student during testing—this is a big part of the end of our school year, and although we know it certainly isn't their favorite part, it is important for our students so that we know what to keep doing, what to do better, and what not to do in the future in terms of their academic growth. I also want to thank Ms. Siegel for all her work to coordinate CMAS and STAR testing, as well as our DIBELS testing for the whole school! It's quite a job, and she did it amazingly...thank you Ms. Siegel!

You will probably see in this newsletter all the information for Track Day next week, as well as the calendar especially for our 5th graders as they finish up their time in elementary school and move on to middle school. I hope that regardless of whatever school they are attending that they will always consider themselves a "Stratton Stallion" and we want to hear all about what they are doing in the future!

On a personal note, I want to say how happy I am to be here at Stratton myself. I've had a lot of fun this year getting to know our staff and students, and I'm excited to see what the future will bring. One thing you'll start seeing a lot more of is information on the bond measure that District 11 is in the process of planning. If you have any questions about this, or want to make sure you know the straight story, please feel free to call or come by Stratton; I'm happy to sit down and talk with you about it! There are a lot of great things in the works for Stratton and all of D-11, and we hope many of you will want to be part of it!

Thanks, everyone!

Mr. P

What's In This Month's Issue:

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Stratton's SAC Meeting (School Accountability Committee)

Join Principal Phalen for a conversation. Discuss such topics as school budget, improvement plans, academic achievement, etc.

Wed, May 20th
5:00-6:00 pm In Person
and via WebEx
(by request)

Blue Flag =



- Enter the building.
- Hang backpack.
- Sit quietly in hallway until the first bell.

School News & Events

To our incredible 5th Graders—

Congratulations!
We're so proud of you
and can't wait to see
all the amazing things
you 'll do on your next
journey. You 'll always
be a part of our
school family!

*We wish
you
all
the
Best*

5th Grade Continuation

Thursday, May 21st

9:00-10:00 am

(on the black top out back)

Join us in celebrating our 5th-grade students as they transition to Middle School.

Cake and punch to follow in the gym.

School News & Events



Kindergarten Breakfast

Friday, May 22nd 9:00-10:30 am

Potluck Breakfast for Kindergarten Families to Celebrate Year-End.



***Classrooms will be walking to Nancy Lewis after the breakfast.**

Orchestra Concert

Thursday, May 7th
6:00-7:00 pm

Join us for the Spring Orchestra Concert in the Stratton Gym to celebrate our students' musical achievements!



Orchestra students: Please arrive by 5:40 PM in concert attire.

Final class and party will be on Tuesday, May 19th.

If students want to check out instruments for the summer, Please to talk with Mrs. Traff.

5th Grade Career Fair

Thursday, May 14th
10:00-12:00 pm

5th Grade students will have the opportunity to connect with individuals from a wide range of career fields, learning firsthand about different jobs, skills, and pathways.



School News & Events



NANCY LEWIS PARK - WALKING FIELD TRIPS

Tuesday, May 19th-
4th Grade 12:30-2:00pm

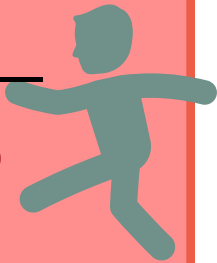
Wednesday, May 20th-
5th Grade 11:00-1:00 pm

Thursday, May 21st-
2nd Grade 12:30-2:00pm

Friday, May 22nd-
1st Grade 9:00-11:00 am

5th Grade Kickball Game
Monday, May 20th 1:30 pm

5th Grade vs. Staff
Kickball Showdown—
who will claim
bragging rights?



Track Day

Thursday, May 7th
8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

Wear athletic clothes
and proper footwear,
bringing a water
bottle, and apply
sunscreen if
necessary.



**BBQ Lunch for
students;
families can join
for \$5.00.**

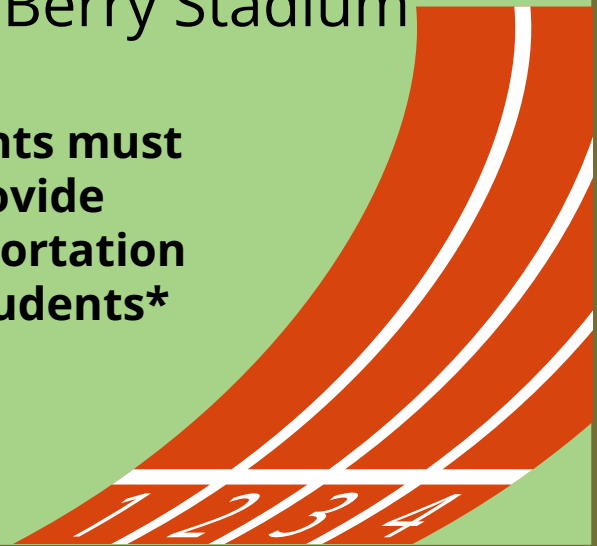
**PTA Kona Ice
After School**

Ron Hein Invitational

Tuesday, May 19th
(All Day) @ Garry Berry

Students picked to
represent Stratton will
participate in the
District 11 Elementary
Track and Field
Competition @ Garry
Berry Stadium

***Parents must
provide
transportation
for students***



School News & Events

Field Trips

Fridays in May for ISP

9:00-11:30 am

1st- Home Depot

8th- Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

15th- Panorama Park



Tuesday, May 12th

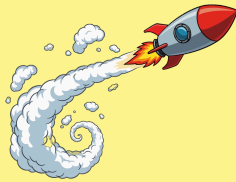
10:30 - 2:30 pm

Kindergarten to
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

Wednesday, May 6th

12:00-2:00 pm

5th Grade to Memorial Park for
Rocket Day



Tuesday, May 12th

9:00 - 2:30 pm

5th Grade to the
YMCA Pool



Wednesday, May 13th

11:30 - 2:30 pm

2nd Grade to Skate City



Cub Scouts Pack 24 May Meetings

Mon, 4th 6-7 pm

Mon, 11th 6-7 pm

Mon, 18th 6-7 pm



ISP Parent Partnership Series

Friday, May 1st 1:15-2:45 (Library)

Learn insights on
Augmentative and
Alternative Communication
(AAC) to enhance children's
communication skills.

**AAC
101**



GMP SHOWCASE

Thursday, May 14th

5:00-6:00 pm.

Displays will be set up in the main hallway, GMP hallway, and classrooms to celebrate their hard work. Come see the incredible work our students have been creating.

3rd- Project Showcase

4th- Heroes in History

5th- Passion Projects

PTA News & Events

Stratton PTA Board

Email- thestrattonpta@outlook.com

President- Anna Rau **Vice President-** Anneliese McCain
Secretary- Noel Erdmann **Treasurer-** Rhonda Ball

PTA Meeting

Tuesday, May 5th

Members, come vote for our final financial projects. Everyone welcome! If you haven't come this year, come check us out! Last chance!

5:30-6:45 pm

School Library or via WebEx



KONA ICE

Friday, May 22nd
After School



Celebrate the last day of school with a delicious cold treat, and support Stratton too!

20% of proceeds comes back to Stratton



Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously contributed their time this school year. You are the reason all our PTA events can take place.

Staff Appreciation Week

May 4th-8th

Show your appreciation for our amazing Stratton staff in your own way, or email Strattonptapres@gmail.com to see how you can jump in with PTA plans to honor them.



School Clubs



**3rd-5th Grade
Art Club**

Thursdays
2:50-3:50 pm
(Last class May 14th)

**YES
Club**

Thursdays
2:50-4:50 pm
(Last class May 14th)



Mondays
2:50-3:50 pm
(Last class May 4th)

**Student
Council**

Health & Wellness

Counselor's Corner

You Matter

District 11 is offering a Summer Skills Social Camp for students ages 5-14, in partnership with Mindsight. Sessions include snacks, outdoor play, and coached indoor play stations.

The program runs June 1-July 24, Monday-Friday from 9:30-12:30 PM at Martinez Elementary, Wilson Elementary, and Holmes Middle School.

It is free for children with Medicaid coverage, and limited spots may be available for others.

Families can register for one or more 2-week sessions. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up soon! For more information or to register, visit: www.joinmindsight.com/summerskills or call 719-377-0421.

AGES 5-14
D11 SUMMER SKILLS

School-Based Social Skills Camp
In Partnership With Mindsight



Free for children with Medicaid Coverage!

District 11 students from all schools build social skills through games, crafts, teamwork challenges, and Bluey-inspired lessons from the Incredible Years® program. Sessions include snacks, outdoor play, and coached indoor play stations.

Where: Martinez Elementary Wilson Elementary Holmes Middle

When: June 1 - July 24 Monday-Friday, 9:30-12:30pm

Register for one or more 2-week sessions

Scan or visit our website to register! Spots are limited!

www.joinmindsight.com/summerskills

Limited spots may be available for families without Medicaid coverage



Questions? 719-377-0421 admin@joinmindsight.com



LINQ
Connect
ONLINE PORTAL

Free and Reduced/FEDS Combo Application

Even though the students are eating their meals for free, other benefits [to apply](#) are:

- Possible reduction of fees for programs both within District 11 and outside of District 11
- Qualified students will receive Summer Electronic Benefits (S-EBT) in the summer when school is not in session
- Additional funding for schools and District 11 thereby providing an enhanced educational experience for students

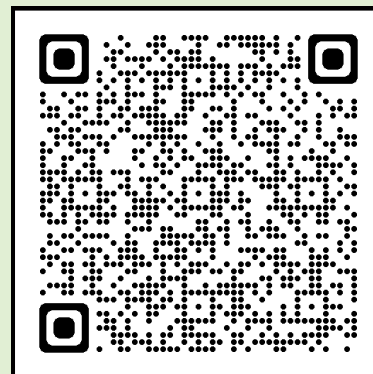
School Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Please scan the QR Code for Breakfast and lunch menus.

Menus are subject to change based on availability.



Breakfast
is served
at 7:30 am



Attendance & Safety



Dress Code

As the weather gets warmer, we start to see more summer styles at school—and we want to take a moment to share a friendly reminder about our district dress code so we can keep our school a safe, comfortable, and focused place for all students.

Students should come to school in clothing that is worn as designed, fits appropriately, and provides proper coverage of private areas, including midriffs, backs, and undergarments. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least mid-thigh or fingertip length, and mesh tank tops, half shirts, spaghetti straps, excessively ripped clothing, or pants worn below the waist are not permitted. Clothing with alcohol or tobacco references is prohibited, shoes with wheels must have the wheels disabled, and if attire disrupts the learning environment, parents may be contacted to provide alternative clothing.

For safety, students need to wear footwear that protects their feet—slippers and bare feet are not allowed. We also ask that clothing, accessories, and jewelry reflect school-appropriate messages, free from references to drugs, alcohol, gangs, or anything that is obscene, profane, or disruptive to learning.

We truly appreciate your support in helping students make choices that align with these expectations. Please see the full district dress code below for more details.

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1725541126/d11org/zxyowoumpai4dsycemo9/StudentHandbookRevised9_4_24.pdf



Kiss & Go Lane

The Kiss and Go Lane is a pull-through only. Pull to the right lane as far up as you can to drop off or pick up students. Please do so safely and quickly. **DO NOT PARK OR EXIT YOUR VEHICLES.** The left lane is used for exiting the Kiss and Go area. **DO NOT** let students out or pick up while in the left lane. For safety students **must** exit on the sidewalk.

Employee Parking Area

The employee parking area is **strictly reserved** for staff, buses, daycare, and “Hop, Skip, Drive” student pick-up only.

Parents are not permitted to use this area for student drop-off or pick-up.



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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
					<p>1 ISP field trip to Walmart 9:00-10:30 am</p> <p>Pre K field trip to Wasson for Discovery Day All Day</p> <p>ISP Parent Event AAC 101 1:15-2:45 am</p>	2
3	<p>4 Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p>StuCo 2:50-3:50 pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts Pack 24 6:00-7:00 pm</p>	<p>5 Book Fair 8:00-3:30 pm</p> <p>PTA Meeting 5:30-6:45 pm</p>	<p>6 Book Fair 8:00-3:30 pm</p> <p>5th Grade field trip to Memorial Park- Rocket Day 12:00-2:00 pm</p>	<p>7 Book Fair 8:00-3:30 pm</p> <p>TRACK DAY</p> <p>Pre K field trip to Nancy Lewis 11:30-2:50 pm</p> <p>3rd-5th Grade Art Club 2:50-3:50 pm</p> <p>Yes Club 2:50-4:50 pm</p> <p>PTA Kona Ice After School</p> <p>Orchestra Concert 6:00-7:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>ISP field trip to Cheyenne Mountain Zoo 9:00-2:30 am</p>	9
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17	<p>18</p> <p>5th Grade vs Staff Kickball 1:30-2:30 pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts Pack 24 6:00-7:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ron Hein Invitational All day @ Garry Berry</p> <p>4th Grade walking to Nancy Lewis Park 12:30-2:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5th Grade Egg Drop & Nancy Lewis Park 9:00-9:50 am 11:00-1:00 pm</p> <p>SAC Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5th Grade Continuation 9:00-10:00 am</p> <p>2nd Grade walking to Nancy Lewis Park 12:30-2:00 pm</p>	<p>22 Last Day for Students</p> <p>Kindergarten Breakfast & field trip walking to Nancy Lewis Park 9:00-1:00 pm</p> <p>1st Grade walking field trip to Nancy Lewis Park 9:00-11:00 am</p> <p>PTA Kona Ice After School</p>	23
24/ 31	25	26	27	28	29	30