



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, May 10, 2026



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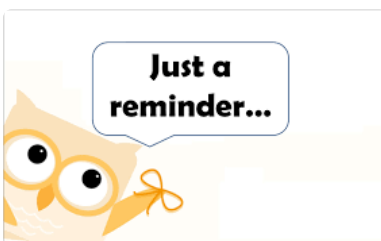
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I want to take a moment to wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all of the incredible moms, grandmothers, stepmoms, aunts, and every special woman who plays a nurturing role in our students' lives. We are so grateful for the amazing network of caregivers that supports our STES community. Wishing you a beautiful, restful, and joy-filled day!



Reminders



Glass Items at School

For the safety of all students and staff, we ask that families please avoid sending glass items to school with their children. This includes glass water bottles, jars, or containers of any kind. Glass can break easily and pose a serious injury risk, especially in busy hallways, cafeterias, and classrooms.

Playground Safety & Supervision Reminder

With warmer weather upon us, our playgrounds have become a popular gathering spot for students and families before and after school. We want to take this opportunity to remind all families that student supervision is essential at all times while on school grounds.

Whether your child is arriving early or staying to play after dismissal, a responsible adult must be present and actively supervising all children on the playground. We request that adults are physically present and attentive and not waiting in a parked car or nearby vehicle.

We want the playground to remain a fun, safe, and welcoming space for everyone in our STES community. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us keep every child safe.

Help Keep our Events Safe for All

We love seeing our school community come together at PTO-sponsored events. As a reminder, even though these events are fun and festive in nature, they are still held on school grounds, and school expectations for behavior remain in effect.

We ask that all children be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times during PTO events. Please take a moment to review behavioral expectations with your student(s) before attending, as we want to ensure that every family has a safe and enjoyable experience. Our goal is to maintain a welcoming and respectful environment where everyone feels comfortable.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our events fun, safe, and memorable for all.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Our staff felt truly celebrated during Teacher Appreciation Week, thanks to the amazing efforts of our PTO and the generosity of our STES community. Our PTO treated the staff with a warm and welcoming coffee cart to kick off the week, a delicious catered lunch, and a sweet surprise visit from the ice cream truck.

A heartfelt thank you also goes out to our STES families for the thoughtful notes of appreciation, kind gestures, and tokens of gratitude that poured in throughout the week. We are so lucky to be part of such a warm and caring community. Thank you for reminding our teachers just how much they matter. We were all feeling the love!



Don't Miss a Thing

The final weeks of the school year are packed with exciting activities and special events for our students to enjoy and celebrate all of their hard work and growth. We want to make sure every family is informed and prepared so no one misses a moment of the fun.

For details on upcoming events and important deadlines, please refer to the **Important Dates** section at the bottom of this newsletter. You can also find a full calendar of events on the **district website**. All Strathmore Elementary events are listed on the [calendar](#) and can be easily identified by the **STES** label. We encourage you to check back regularly, as details are subject to change.

We Still Need Bottle Caps!

All Strathmore Families: Please continue to send in plastic bottle caps (all colors and sizes!) and "squeeze pouch" tops for a school-wide collaborative project. These can be sent in (washed and dry please) to Ms. Munice, any time until **May 22nd**.

The project will be created during the week of May 26th.

Thank you for your help!



Parent Workshop - May 18, 2026

Connected But Cautious: A Guardian's Guide to Screen Time for Preschoolers Through Fifth Grade

This presentation, through Preferred Behavioral Health, 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. [Register Here](#)



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MAY 18TH
6:15 - 7:15 PM

Cambridge Park Elementary School
1 Crest Way, Aberdeen NJ 07747



<https://forms.gle/dVaipJR9kCEcX68D7> **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

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Kindergarten Information Night - Parent Session May 20th

MATAWAN ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



KINDERGARTEN

INFORMATION
SESSION

PARENT

WEDNESDAY, MAY
20TH
6:30 PM

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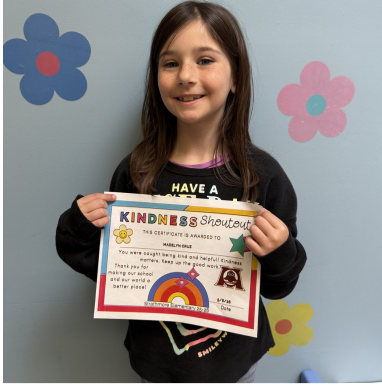
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Strathmore Snapshots

Kindness Ticket Recipients - 5/8/26

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!



Maddie



Zayden



Nehemiah



Angelica

Third Grade Show

Tickets will be Sent Home on Monday, 5/18/26

2026 Grade 3 Chorus Concert

When: Wednesday, May 20, 2025

Where: Matawan Aberdeen Regional High School Auditorium

Time: 6:00 PM

- Students should arrive at MRHS by 5:30 PM.
- The doors will open for spectators at 5:45 PM.

Additional details to keep in mind:



- Each family will be issued 4 tickets for the performance. Tickets will be required for entry into the auditorium.
- Students' dress should keep with our theme: Black Jeans/pants, dress pants, leggings or skirts with "Strathmore School" RED shirt on the top.
- The performers will be entering and exiting the auditorium down the aisles, therefore, no strollers can be blocking them. The aisles must be kept clear at all times.
- Please do not bring balloons as they can block the view of other spectators.

You Are Invited!
Strathmore
**Visual Arts Celebration
and
Wax Museum**
Wednesday, June 10
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Strathmore Elementary School

Come enjoy:

- *Over 1,000 pieces of art created by Strathmore students and staff*
- *Interactive art experiences for kids and their grownups*
- *"Live" Wax Museum - featuring 2nd and 3rd grade enrichment students*



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.

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Share

Desserts with Dad

Join us for a fun-filled event celebrating all the amazing dads and father figures!



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Thursday, June 11th-



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 May 28th.

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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](#)



Important Dates

- May 12-13: STEAM Fair
- May 13: Third Grade Field Trip
- May 14-15: Second Grade Field Trip (select classes each day)
- May 20: Third Grade Concert, MRHS 6:00 PM
- May 22: Matawan Aberdeen Public Library Educational Program
- May 22: Early Dismissal Day
- May 25: School Closed for Memorial Day
- May 28: Third Grade Carnival



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
School District

