



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, May 24, 2026



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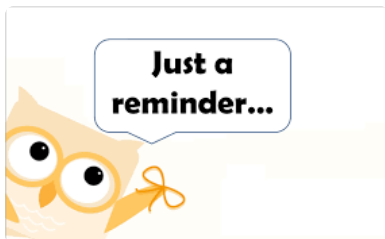
School Closed Monday May 25, 2026

MARSD will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday dedicated to honoring and remembering the men and women who gave their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is a day to reflect on their sacrifice, express gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy, and keep the memory of our fallen heroes close to heart.

We wish all of our families a safe and meaningful holiday weekend. School will resume on Tuesday, May 26th.

Reminders



Neighborhood Parking

The Aberdeen Police Department Traffic Safety Unit has asked us to share an important reminder with our school community: illegal and improper parking in the Idlewild and Ingress areas will not be tolerated. Parents and caregivers who are found to be improperly parked may be issued a summons.

We ask for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe during drop-off and pick-up.

Last Call - Lost and Found



Is something missing? Now is the time to check! Come and check out our lost and found piles, which include clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes, and all kinds of miscellaneous items.

The PTO will have all lost and found items displayed outside the cafeteria doors on Tuesday, May 26th, starting at 3:00 PM. Stop by and claim what's yours. Any items not claimed will be donated. Don't miss your chance to reunite with those missing belongings!

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.

Revised Calendar - 2026-2027

Click the link to view the revised, approved 2026-2027 school calendar. This edition replaces the version approved and published on March 18th. [2026-2027 calendar](#)



What's Hatching at Strathmore

Spring has brought something truly special to our school — baby chicks! Our first grade students participated in the **Quiver Farms Chick Hatching Program**, a hands-on agricultural experience that brings the miracle of life right into our classrooms. From observing eggs in the incubator to watching fluffy chicks hatch and grow, students have been captivated every step of the way.

This unique program connects our young learners to the natural world while supporting science concepts such as life cycles, animal development, and responsible care of living things. It has been a wonderful reminder that some of the most powerful learning happens when curiosity, wonder, and real-world experience come together.





MAPL Summer Reading Program

On Friday, our students learned about the Matawan Aberdeen Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Please click the flyers below for more information.

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SUMMER READING AT MAPL!

June 27th - August 22nd, 2026

The Matawan-Aberdeen Public Library invites you to participate in our Summer Reading Program. **Unearth a Story** by checking out books, attending fun programs, and winning prizes all summer long!

What is Summer Reading at your public library?

Summer Reading is an incentive program to keep kids reading all summer long. This year we will be celebrating a world of dinosaurs with fun books, games, and activities. Patrons can sign up in the library, log their books, get raffle tickets, and win prizes! Prize winners are selected and contacted every Monday.

What else is happening at the library?

There are story times for all age groups as well as parties and special presenters. Check our calendar online at mapl.org to see all of our events. For some programs, a valid library card is required for registration.

Here are a few highlights:

- June 27th — Kick-Off Party
- July 7th — Mad Science: Digging for Dinos
- July 19th — Jumpin' Jamie
- July 25th — Half-Way Party: All About Fossils
- July 29th — YoBOO
- July 29th — The Lizard Guy
- August 4th — Housel Fun and Fitness
- August 7th and 8th — Stuffed Animal Workshops
- August 19th — Mad Science: Earth Works
- August 22nd — End Party: Jurassic Art



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UNEARTH A STORY

Teen Summer Reading at MAPL!



June 27 - August 22, 2026

Patrons in **grades 6-12** get one raffle ticket for every book they read this summer. We will have weekly raffles with all sorts of great prizes. All raffle tickets will be added to the **Grand Prize Drawing** at the end of the summer! Ask us about our Teen "If You Dare" Challenge!

Summer 2026 Teen Events



Teen Lock-in: Prehistoric Snacks- Friday, July 10th, 6:30pm - 9pm

Join us after hours to enjoy some dinosaur-themed snacks. We will start the evening with pizza and after that, make sweet and savory treats that you can enjoy or bring home to share. Get ready for Kahoot trivia while we eat! Open to patrons entering grades 6-8. **Registration and signed permission slip required.**

Arrayscape Gaming- Thursday, July 23rd, 4:30pm - 6pm

Our friends from Arrayscape Gaming will join us in the meeting room for some coding through a Minecraft adventure. Show off your skills as we work together to build and complete challenges, all in a dinosaur theme! Open to patrons entering grades 6-12. **Registration is required.**

Let's Draw: Animals- Monday, July 27th @ 7pm

Let's draw together. Rick Stromski will be Zooming in to teach us how to draw animals. This program will take place in our meeting room and all supplies will be provided. Open to patrons entering grades 6-12. **Registration is required.**

Teen Lock-in: Jurassic Park Movie Night- Friday, August 14th, 6:30pm - 9pm

What better way to celebrate our Summer Reading theme than by watching a classic: Jurassic Park! We will start the evening with trivia and end with some post-movie desserts. Get ready to roar! Open to patrons entering grades 6-12. **Registration and signed permission slip required.**

Teens Cooking with Nick: Greek Dips- Wednesday, August 19th @ 7pm

Teens are invited to spend the evening with our favorite chef, Nick! He has prepared some Greek dips for you to try and will teach you how to make them on your own. They make great summer or after-school snacks! Bring your appetite! Open to patrons entering grades 6-12. **Registration is required.** Allergy information will be available on our website when you register.



Third Grade Show

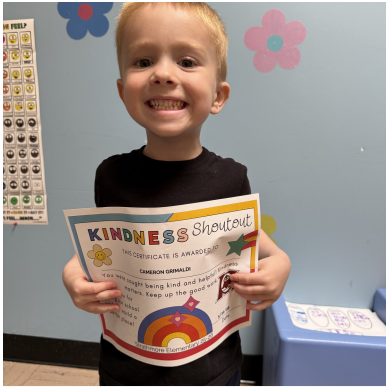
Last week, our third graders took center stage for their family and friends at the annual Third Grade Show. This year's performance featured Disney classics brought to life with incredible energy and heart. A huge thank you to Mr. Ebersole, Strathmore's very own music teacher, whose passion, patience, and commitment to our students made this performance possible. We also want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of the staff members who supported our students and helped bring this year's show together.



Strathmore Snapshots

Kindness Ticket Recipients - 5/22/26

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!



Cameron



Marco



Dylan



Kendell



Diamond

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
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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

PTO Happenings

STRATHMORE PTO

What's coming up...

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We still have 3 committees open for next year. If no one steps up, these events will not happen, PLEASE consider volunteering! More details can be found on the next page.

- * Food Drive/Holiday Giving *
- * Lip Sync * Trunk or Treat*

DESSERT WITH DAD

Thursday, June 11th

Advance registration is required, sign-up closes on Friday, 6/5. No late registration will be accepted! See the flyer below for details. Help is always needed at these events, please volunteer on the registration if you can help!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 5/22: Half day
- 5/25: School closed
- 5/28: PTO Meeting 7PM
- 6/3: Spirit Day
- 6/5: Dessert with Dad registration deadline
- 6/11: Dessert with Dad
- 6/19: School closed
- 6/22 & 23: Half days

LAST PTO MEETING!

Thursday, May 28th at 7PM

Please join us for our last PTO meeting of the year, Thursday, May 28th at 7PM in the school library. We will be recapping the year and starting the discussion about next year.

Thank you for
all your support
throughout the
year!



Scan the QR code to join, shop or get involved, or visit <https://strathmoreespto.givebaacks.com>

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A PART OF THE PTO TODAY!

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Share

Desserts with Dad

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



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.**

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

- May 25: School Closed for Memorial Day
- May 28: Third Grade Carnival
- June 5: Spirit Day
- June 8: Second grade field trip (select classes) *rescheduled from 5/14
- June 9: Kindergarten Celebrations
- June 10: Art Show and Wax Museum
- June 11: Fun Day
- June 12: PK Moving Up
- June 19: School Closed for Juneteenth
- June 22: Early Dismissal Day
- June 23: Last Day of School - Students dismiss at 1:20



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



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