MATAWAN–ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, May 31, 2026

Important Links

District Website, District Calendar, School Hours, Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

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4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24

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.

CogAT Testing

Third grade students will take the CogAT this week. For more information, please see the parent letter that was shared earlier this week.

Cape for a Cause - June 5th

Please see the flyer below for a fundraiser to support one of our STES families.

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

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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?

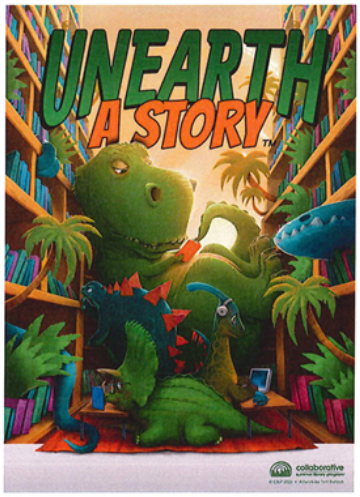
Summer Reading is an incentive program to keep kids reading all summer long. This year we will be celebrating a world of dinosaurs with fun books, games, and activities. Patrons can sign up in the library, log their books, get raffle tickets, and win prizes! Prize winners are selected and contacted every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



MATAWAN ABERDEEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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.

MATAWAN ABERDEEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

PTO Happenings

5/22/26

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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givebacks

Share

Desserts with Dad

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

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.

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

- June 5: Cape for a Cause Fundraiser / 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

Matawan-Aberdeen Regional

School District