



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

Straight From Strathmore

Hootline News - Sunday, June 14, 2026



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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](#)

Message from the Superintendent

Click [here](#) for the most recent community message from Dr. Perez, Superintendent of Schools.

STES Visual Art Show & Wax Museum Event

STES hosted our first annual Visual Art Show on Wednesday, June 10th. Paired with our Wax Museum activity, the art show showcased the many artistic talents of both students and staff. Work of every student, from PK through third grade, was represented in the show. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Art Teacher, Mrs. Munice, the event was a huge success! We are already looking forward to next year's event.





This Week at STES

Fun Day - 6/15/26 (Rescheduled from 6/11)

STES Fun Day is Monday, June 15th. Students should wear their grade-level t-shirts, comfortable bottoms and athletic shoes. Flip-flops, sandals and slide-on shoes are not permitted. Students should apply sunscreen before coming to school. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle. Spectators are welcome!

School Closed - Friday, June 19th

MARSD will be closed on Friday, June 19, 2026 for Juneteenth.

Third Grade Clap-out

Our 3rd grade class will participate in the annual clap-out tradition on Tuesday, June 23rd at 10:00 AM. The class will parade through the 3rd grade wing of the school and out the main entrance. The parade route will take them around the building (towards the back fields) and back into the school through door #7.

Parents are invited to view the parade and cheer on our 3rd grade students. You may line up along the outdoor parade route. Please be mindful of the designated areas and do not enter any area that is coned-off.

We are looking forward to this great tradition!

Books & Bundts Program

A youth reading program by Nothing Bundt Cakes. Click the links below for more information.



A Note to Educators

We all know that reading at an early age enriches children's lives, increases vocabulary and test scores, introduces readers to the world around them and helps develop their imaginations.

As part of our mission to bring joy to our communities and celebrate accomplishments big and small, we invite your students to join our "Books & Bundts" Youth Reading Program for a week to turn them into enthusiastic young readers. It's fun, free and will take little to no management on your part!

Simply provide the program materials to your students and/or parents/caregivers so they can track the time spent reading each month.

We will celebrate each child's reading accomplishments with a **Free Bundtlet** and an award certificate they can hold on to long after the cake has been enjoyed.

Contact us today to get started!

And, to sweeten the deal, we'd like to reward YOU for all that you do as an educator!



NBC Letter to Educators - Middletown.pdf

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What's Happening at the MAPL

Beat the Summer Slide – Free Online Learning Tools

With a library card, your students have free 24/7 access to a fantastic suite of online learning resources through platforms like Brainfuse, ABCmouse, Tumble Book Library, TumbleMath, Bookflix, Fiero Code, and more – covering all subjects from PreK through 12th grade. These tools are perfect for keeping young learners engaged and preventing summer learning loss.



BEAT THE "SUMMER SLIDE"

**YOUR MATAWAN ABERDEEN PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD
UNLOCKS FREE ONLINE LEARNING TOOLS – AVAILABLE
ANYTIME, ANYWHERE, ALL SUMMER LONG!**

- PreK–12th grade academic online support
- All subjects--Art, Music, Math, Science, Reading, Coding etc.
- Test prep help
- Teacher-created printables
- Interactive games and learning activities



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Teachables

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Come visit us in person
for our Summer Reading
Program: June 27th–
August 22nd!



Go to [https://mapl.org/k-8-
resources/](https://mapl.org/k-8-resources/) to access these. Call
732-583-9100 for help or email
maplkids@mapl.org



Summer Reading Program: Unearth a Story! (June 27 – August 22)

This year's theme is all about dinosaurs, and we have an amazing lineup of events for elementary-age students throughout the summer. Students earn raffle tickets for every book they read, with weekly prize drawings and a Grand Prize at the end. See the attached flyer for all the details!

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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mapl.org



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 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

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 15: Fun Day
- June 19: School Closed for Juneteenth
- June 22: Early Dismissal Day
- June 23: Third Grade Clap-out @ 10:00 AM
- June 23: Last Day of School - Students dismiss at 1:20



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
School District



