



Stratton Sentinel

September 2026

Monthly Newsletter

A Letter From The Principal

Happy September, Stratton!

It's hard to believe we're already getting into the swing of another school year! Our classrooms are busy, our teachers are working hard, and our students are settling in, making friends, and doing what they do best—learning and growing. We are so glad you and your family are part of our Stratton community! One of the best ways to support your child is to stay connected. Ask about their day, talk with their teacher, read school communications, and come to an event when you can. You don't have to do everything—just showing your child that school matters to you makes a big difference. Coming up soon—our first Skate City night (September 1st) and our In & Out Burger Night (September 25th)! These are great opportunities to meet other parents and support our school while also having a good time!

And please, read, read, read! Encourage your child to spend some time reading on their own every day. It doesn't have to be a chapter book—graphic novels, joke books, magazines, sports books, and nonfiction all count! The goal is to help kids discover that reading can be something they enjoy, not just something they have to do. I also hope you'll find a few ways to be part of our Stratton community this year. Come to an event, volunteer if you can, cheer on our students, or simply stop by and say hello. Every connection makes our school stronger.

I'm really looking forward to another great year together and to watching our students learn, grow, and have some fun along the way. Thank you for being our partners and for helping make Stratton such a special place. We're glad you're here!

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.

Tue, Sep 15th
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



Fall Picture Day

Tuesday, September 15th



Families who would like to order pictures can visit strawbridge.net and enter code PX506332. Please watch for additional information from your child's teacher regarding Picture Day.

Orchestra & Band



Orchestra 4th & 5th grade students that participate will meet during their specials on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Band 4th & 5th Grade students that participant will rehearse during specials on Mondays & Wednesdays.



NO SCHOOL District Closed



Monday, Sept. 7th

School News & Events



Field Trips

**Fridays in September
for ISP 9:00-11:30 am**

4th- Chick-Fil-A

11th- Nancy Lewis Park

18th- King Soopers

25th- Bear Creek Park

**Wednesday,
September 30th**

9:30-1:30 pm

2nd Grade to
Bear Creek
Nature Center

Cub Scouts Pack 24 September Meetings

Mon, 7th 6-7 pm

Mon, 14th 6-7 pm

Mon, 21st 6-7 pm

Mon, 28th 6-7 pm



Health Screenings

Friday, September 18th
Monday, September 21st

Students will take part in
vision and hearing
screenings at school.



KONA ICE

Tuesday, Sept 15th

After School &
During the Cross
Country Meet



20% of proceeds
comes back to
Stratton



PTA News & Events

Stratton PTA Board

Email- thestrattonpta@outlook.com

President- Anneliese McCain **Vice President-** Patty Lee
Secretary- Noel Erdmann **Treasurer-** Shawna Campbell

PTA Meeting

 Tuesday, Sept 8th

  5:30-6:30 pm

School Library or via WebEx

Popcorn Friday

 Friday,
Sept 11th

\$1.00 per Bag



Skate City Night

Tuesday, Sept 1st 6-8 pm

Join us for a Glow Party at Skate City....
Bring your friends, family and neighbors. If
we hit **200 paid entries** Stratton PTA will
earn a **\$1,000.00 bonus**. Even if you do not
skate help us reach our goal.

Free ICE CREAM for every skater.

Location- Academy & Constitution

Admission is only \$7.00 each

Skate Rental- \$5.00

Meal Deals- \$5.00



In & Out Burger Night

Tuesday, Sept 28th 5:30-8:00 pm

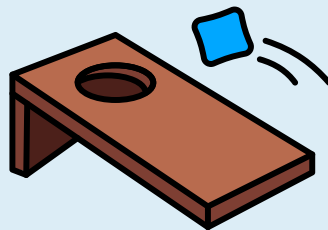
Ticket Sales: Sept
3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th, 11th, &
Week of the 14th-18th

Afternoon:

front of the school
2:50-3:15 pm

Cost: \$8.00 per meal
(cash preferred)

Bring your picnic blankets, lawn
chairs, and favorite games for a
fun evening connecting with the
Stratton community.



Don't wait! We need
at least 200 meal
tickets sold to make
this event a success



*Meals are purchased in advance thru PTA. You WILL NOT be able to
purchase meals during the event

School Clubs

Battle of the Books

Tuesdays
2:50-3:50 pm Thursday
(During Lunch)



Mondays
2:50-3:50 pm

Student Council

Cross Country

Practice
Thursdays
3:00-3:45 pm

Meets
Tuesdays
3:30-6:00 pm



Health & Wellness



Counselor's Corner

Welcome back to school! These past couple of weeks have been so fun seeing our returning Stratton students and meeting our new students! Returning to school can bring a range of emotions for both kids and families. For some students, they're so excited, happy to be back and ready to jump in. And for other students, they're overwhelmed, nervous or just simply tired thinking about all that school entails. A big part of my job at the beginning of the school year is helping students with this transition and ensuring we are doing all that we can for our students to be successful here at Stratton.

QUICK TIP! As your child adjusts to the start of the school year – have a 1-2-minute check-in with them after school every day. You'll get a sense of your child's day at school and how their day may impact them throughout the rest of the evening. I want school to be a safe place for your child to thrive! If there is something you feel may get in the way of that (whether it's academically, socially, emotionally or situationally) please let me know so I know how to best support your child.

Taylor Combs School Counselor
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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



Attendance Matters

AIS & Attendance Notices: The AIS system is fully operational, with automated texts and calls at 8:50 AM for absent or tardy students. Families of students with attendance below 90% will receive periodic updates until improvement.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up: Drop-off starts at 7:30 AM. Pick-up is at 2:50 PM. Please arrange timely pick-ups, as administrative staff cannot supervise students.



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
		1 Battle of the Books 2:50-3:50 pm PTA Skate City Night 6:00-8:00 pm	2	3 Battle of the Books during lunch In & Out Burger Night Meal Presale 2:50-3:15 pm Cross Country Practice 3:00-3:45 pm	4 ISP field trip to Chick-Fil-A 9:00-10:30 am In & Out Burger Night Meal Presale 2:50-3:15 pm	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL District Closed 	8 Battle of the Books 2:50-3:50 pm Cross Country Meet @ Adams 3:30-6:00 pm PTA Meeting 5:30-6:35 pm	9 In & Out Burger Night Meal Presale 2:50-3:15 pm	10 Battle of the Books during lunch In & Out Burger Night Meal Presale 2:50-3:15 pm Cross Country Practice 3:00-3:45 pm	11 ISP field trip to Nancy Lewis Park 9:00-11:30 am In & Out Burger Night Meal Presale 2:50-3:15 pm PTA Popcorn Friday	12
13	14 StuCo 2:50-3:50 pm In & Out Burger Night Meal Presale 2:50-3:15 pm Cub Scouts Pack 24 6:00-7:00 pm	15 Picture Day  Battle of the Books 2:50-3:50 pm PTA Kona Ice After School In & Out Burger Night Meal Presale 2:50-3:15 pm Cross Country Meet @ Stratton 3:30-6:00 pm SAC Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm	16 In & Out Burger Night Meal Presale 2:50-3:15 pm	17 Battle of the Books during lunch Cross Country Practice 3:00-3:45 pm In & Out Burger Night Meal Presale 2:50-3:15 pm	18 Health Screening ISP field trip to King Soopers 9:00-11:30 am In & Out Burger Night Meal Presale 2:50-3:15 pm	19
20	21 Health Screening StuCo 2:50-3:50 pm Cub Scouts Pack 24 6:00-7:00 pm	22 Battle of the Books 2:50-3:50 pm Cross Country Meet @ Trailblazer 3:30-6:00 pm	23	24 Battle of the Books during lunch Cross Country Practice 3:00-3:45 pm	25 ISP field trip to Bear Creek Park 9:00-11:30 am	26
27	28 StuCo 2:50-3:50 pm Cub Scouts Pack 24 6:00-7:00 pm PTA In & Out Burger Night 5:30-8:00 pm	29 Battle of the Books 2:50-3:50 pm Cross Country Meet @ Chipeta 3:30-6:00 pm	30 2nd Grade field trip to Bear Creek Park 9:30-1:30 pm			