



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

STRATHMORE NEWSLETTER

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September 6, 2026



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Attendance

We would like to remind all families about the importance of regular attendance for your child's success in school. Consistent attendance is essential for building strong academic foundations, as each lesson contributes to your child's learning progress. When children attend school regularly, they stay connected with their classmates, engage in hands-on activities, and participate in discussions that enrich their learning experience.

Signing Students Out Early

The main office is the heart of our school and a very busy place. We understand that there may be instances, other than illness, when a student is required to leave school early. With a planned early dismissal, please notify your child's teacher and the front office in advance, whenever possible. This can help minimize the time it takes to dismiss your child to you. Additionally, please always have photo ID ready when picking-up your student.

Health Communication

Please keep Nurse Mallozzi informed of any health/medical issues/concerns as they arise. When medical restrictions/accommodations are required, please provide documentation from a physician upon your child's return to school.

Meal Applications

The 2026-2027 Meal Applications are to be completed electronically, via the [Genesis Parent Portal](#). Parents who wish to complete paper applications can request a copy of the application packet.



Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

[Strathmore Arrival / Dismissal Procedures.](#)

During arrival and dismissal times, the main parking lot is designated for STAFF ONLY. Parents/guardians will not be permitted to park or idle in the main parking lot. Please plan accordingly.

Sibling Dismissal Begins Tuesday, September 8th

Important Guidelines:

- Pre-K Restriction - This option is not available for Pre-K students due to their separate dismissal time.
- Youngest Child's Door - All siblings involved will be dismissed from the youngest child's door.
- Parent Action Required - Notify the teacher of each of your children regarding this request. Please include one consolidated email, that includes all teachers involved as well as the

building Principal. Required Information - include the name, grade level and teacher of all children involved so that every teacher is aware of the coordinated plan.

Students will not be permitted to dismiss with siblings without the proper parent communication, including all teachers.

Transportation for Bus Students



- If your child has been assigned to a bus, and you do not intend to utilize it, please notify the transportation department so s/he can be removed from the bus roster.

- With parent permission, 4th & 5th grade students can be released at the bus stop without an adult present. Please complete the *parent questions* in the Genesis portal to document permission.

Please continue to review the bus stop and riding safety reminders with your student(s).

ATTENTION



**NO CELL PHONES OR
INTERNET ENABLED
DEVICES ALLOWED**

Smartphones / Mobile Devices

Please remember personal smart devices and smartwatches must be kept in your child's backpack or school bag at all times.

Our district policy, MARSD SmartPhone/Mobile Device Policy #5516.02, applies to all personal devices, including smartwatches, to reduce distractions and promote face-to-face interactions. You can review the full policy ([#5516.02](#)) on the district website for complete details.

Daily Attire

Students should be dressed in seasonally-appropriate clothing, as recess is held outdoors most days.

Slip-in shoes, with no back (i.e. Uggs, Crocs, slides, flip-flops, etc.) and any open-toed shoe/sandal pose a safety risk and are not permitted footwear. Students will not be permitted to participate in physical education class and/or recess activities with unsafe footwear.

Pajamas are not considered to be appropriate school attire, unless it is a designated theme day.

Animals on School Property





We know how much your children (and you) love their furry friends – and honestly, we wish we could bring them to school too. However, for the safety and well-being of all our students, staff, and animals, we kindly remind you that **animals are not allowed on campus** during drop-off, pick-up, or school events.

Please see [district policy 7940](#) for reference

Mascot Update

We're excited to share that our school is transitioning from the Owl to the Husky, aligning us with the mascot used across our district. While we'll always have a special place in our hearts for Hootmore and the spirit that has been part of our school for so long, we're looking forward to embracing our new Husky Pride and all the school spirit that comes with it. Our Pre-K friends will continue their own special tradition as our beloved Husky Pups.



Back to School Night - September 22, 2026, 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Strathmore's Back to School Night is **Tuesday, September 22nd**. This is a great opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, see the classroom, and get a firsthand look at what the year ahead has in store. You'll learn about classroom routines, curriculum highlights, and ways you can support your child's learning at home.

Specific details/schedule will be shared this week.

Parent Notification of Standardized Assessment

Please see the [Standardized Assessment Schedule](#) for the 2026-2027 school year.

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PTO-Sponsored Grade Level T-Shirts

Strathmore PTO provides each student with a FREE t-shirt to wear on designated spirit days and field trips. Each grade is represented by a different color. In order to receive the t-shirts as soon as possible and to ensure your child gets a shirt that fits properly, you must complete the form below by Wednesday, 9/16/2026.

Grade Level T-Shirt Order Form

YMCA Child Achievement - Staff Recruitment

Are you interested in joining the team at the YMCA? See the flyers for details.

Staff Recruitment Flyer

M.O.S.T Program

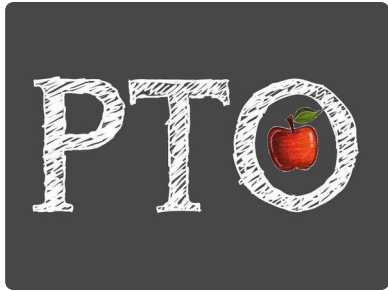
Mentoring Our Students Together (M.O.S.T)

The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to announce the return of [The M.O.S.T. Program](#).

Students in Grades 2-12 within the MARSD will have the opportunity to work with certified staff members and dedicated community members as we work to **Mentor Our Students Together**.

The M.O.S.T. Program will be held on select Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons from 3:00pm to 6:00pm in the [Matawan Aberdeen Middle School Cafeteria](#).

[Click Here to Register](#).



Get Involved

Please consider joining the PTO this year. Student events and fundraisers would not be possible without volunteers. If you are unable to volunteer, becoming an active member still helps to support the PTO and their annual events. Check out Strathmore's [PTO page](#) on the district website for more information.

RAFFLE TICKET

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JOIN THE STRATHMORE PTO!

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

\$20 PER FAMILY

Your PTO membership helps support programs, activities and special experiences for Strathmore students and staff.

JOIN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Every family that purchases a PTO membership will be entered into our membership raffle!

The first class to reach 100% membership will get \$3/Student in HOOT LOOT to the school store!

SCAN TO JOIN TODAY!

MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

FIRST PTO MEETING: SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

RAFFLE DRAWING: SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

ONE MEMBERSHIP COVERS YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!

STRATHMORE ELEMENTARY PTO

Our dedicated Strathmore PTO has many events lined up for this year. Keep your eyes out for more details regarding PTO events and on how you can help out this year. Please refer to this [PTO Calendar](#) for the year at a glance.

STRATHMORE PTO

2026/2027 CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

11: Mums Sale Ends
18: Free Grade-Level T-shirt
Size Deadline
22: Back-to-School Night
22: Fall Catalog Fundraiser
Begins
23: PTO Meeting @ 7PM
23-2: Spirit Wear Sale (Online)
24-25: School Store
29: Mum Pickup

OCTOBER

2: Spirit Day
14: PTO Meeting @ 7PM
16: Trunk or Treat
18: Fall Fundraiser Ends
19-20: Book Fair
22-23: School Store

NOVEMBER

11: PTO Meeting @ 7PM
13: Spirit Day
16-20: Food Drive

DECEMBER

1-2: Holiday Shop
04: Spirit Day
09: PTO Meeting @ 7PM

JANUARY

8: Spirit Day
13: PTO Meeting @ 7PM
22: Pizza Bingo
21-22: School Store

FEBRUARY

2: Chocolate Sale Starts
5: Spirit Day
10: PTO Meeting @ 7PM
19: Chocolate Sale Ends
25-26: School Store

MARCH

5: Spirit Day
10: PTO Meeting @ 7PM
12-22: Spirit Wear Sale (Online)
18-19: School Store
22-23: Book Fair

APRIL

9: Spirit Day
14: PTO Meeting @ 7PM
29-30: School Store

MAY

4: Muffins with Mom
7: Spirit Day
7: Plant Sale
12: PTO Meeting @ 7PM
TBD: Lip Sync

JUNE

4: Spirit Day
15: Dessert with Dad



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Visit www.strathmorespto.givebacks.com for more info & event registration.

All dates are subject to change as necessary.

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Important Dates

- September 7: School Closed for Labor Day
- September 14: BoE Meeting, Cambridge Park, 6:30 PM
- September 11: Patriot Day - Wear Red, White and Blue
- September 21: School Closed for Yom Kippur
- September 22: Back to School Night
- September 30: Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Assembly Program
- October 9: District-wide Pink-Out
- October 12: School Closed for Columbus Day
- October 23: School Pictures



Catch a glimpse inside our school on our Instagram page

Follow us at [strathmore_school_aberdeen](https://www.instagram.com/strathmore_school_aberdeen)

[Day 1 Teacher Video](#)



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



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