



Stratton Sentinel

October 2023

Monthly Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Stratton Families,

As the leaves begin to change colors and the weather cools down, we are eager to welcome October to Stratton Elementary School! We have had a wonderful start to the school year, and we have many exciting events and activities planned for the month ahead.

Within the next few weeks, you will be receiving information regarding Parent Teacher Conferences and our Halloween activities. Teams have also collaborated to organize activity nights for each grade level. These events aim to offer valuable information to foster academic progress and success while actively involving families in our learning community. We value the partnership between our families and our teachers.

PTA Fun Run funds:

Our additional key card entry point on the south end of the building has finally been added! The staff identified this entry point as a need to limit disruptions in PE as students enter the building from the playground. It also addresses safety concerns if students need to enter the building quickly due to unforeseen dangers outside of the building.

Inclement Weather Plan:

Blue Flag

- On days when temperatures are 17° and below, the blue flags will fly from the flagpole and out back from a pole on the blacktop. This is to indicate that students will enter the building immediately upon arrival at school.

School Closures and Delays

- The district will send emails and texts to communicate any closures and delays. It will also be posted on Class Dojo. Be sure to check before driving to school.
- **Delay Start** days school will start at **9:50**. Students cannot be dropped off before **9:35**. **No AM Pre-School** and **No breakfast** will be served.

Important Reminders

- Ensure your child arrives at school on time each day.
- Encourage reading at home. Visit the school library to check out books.
- Keep an eye on the weather; make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor activities.
- Check the lost and found for missing items.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic October at Stratton Elementary School. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

Wishing you a joyful and productive month ahead!

Warm Regards,
Kyle Rudd
Principal

WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- Letter from the Principal
- School News & Events
- PTA News & Events
- Counselors Corner
- Calendar

STRATTON SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (SAC)

Members will meet with Principal Rudd to discuss such topics as School Budget, Improvement Plans, Academic Achievement, etc.

Thursday, October 12th
6-7 pm via WebEx

(LINK CAN BE FOUND
ON THE SCHOOL'S
WEBSITE)

School News & Events



COUNT DAY MONDAY OCTOBER 2ND

Please ensure that students are present at school on Monday, October 2nd for the official attendance count. An exact student count is crucial for securing essential funding for our School and District.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences will run from Wednesday, October 25th (after school) - Friday, October 27.

Please look for information coming from teachers to schedule meeting times.

“World’s Finest Chocolate” Fundraiser Oct 2nd -Oct 20th

We need your help! We’re raising money for supplemental classroom materials, field trips, end of year activities, and more. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 - if each family will sell at least TWO BOXES per family – we will reach our goal!

Box = 60 chocolate Bars @ \$1.00 per bar



Please look on DOJO or stop in the front office for more details.



BOOK FAIR

October 23rd-26th
Open Mon-Thurs
8:00 am - 3:30 pm

The Scholastics Book Fair is back... Books and other fun items available for purchase. Located in the School Library



No School

Friday, October 13th-
Teacher Work Day

Monday, October 16-
Professional Development Day

Thursday, October 26-
Friday, October 27th-
Parent Teacher
Conferences

School News & Events

Stratton Elementary Costume Parade

Tuesday, October 31st

Parade will start at 1:40 pm in the building collecting classrooms as we go, and will proceed out back to the track area.

Parents are Encouraged to come support the students and admire costumes

Parent Costume Reminder: All costumes worn must be appropriate for school.

- Please DO NOT allow your child to dress as a scary or violent character.
- No blood or weapons are permitted.
- Students are not to wear their costumes to school. Each child will be given a SHORT time to change prior to the parade. Please keep the costume simple enough that the child can dress himself/herself.



CLASSROOM PARTIES TO FOLLOW THE PARADE

Holiday Toy Drive

Stratton is teaming up with Odyssey ECCO High School for a "Holiday Toy Drive" from now until December 1st. We'd love it if you could donate gently used toys, books, and clothing. You can drop off your donations at the front office until December 1st. Odyssey will collect and give them to families who need them. Thank you so much for your support!



Harvest of Love Food Drive Oct 30th - Nov 10th

Help fight hunger in our Community! Participate in our Harvest of Love fundraiser by bringing donations of non-perishable food items to the front entry or by dropping off monetary donations to the front office.



CUB SCOUTS PACK 24 OCTOBER MEETINGS

Monday, 2nd-6-7pm

Monday, 9th-6-7 pm

Monday, 23rd- 6-7 pm



School News & Events

After School Clubs

MUSICAL PRACTICE

Monday & Thursday
2:50-4:00 pm

SPORTS CLUB

1ST-2ND GRADES
Monday 2:50-3:30 pm

ART CLUB

3RD-5TH GRADES
Tuesday 2:50-3:50
October 17th & 24th

ART CLUB

1ST-2ND GRADE
Tuesday 2:50-3:50 pm
October 19th, & 26th

SPORTS CHALLENGE

3RD-5TH GRADES
Tuesday & Thursday
2:50-3:50 pm

YEARBOOK CLUB

5TH GRADE
Friday 2:50-3:50 pm

VAPA

4TH-5TH GRADES
Mon-Thurs 3:00-4:00 pm
M/W Band & Dance
T/Th Orchestra & Theater

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

4TH-5TH GRADES
Tuesdays (during lunch)
Thursdays 2:50-3:50 pm

Stratton Parent Nights

Kindergarten- Fall craft, counting
Thursday Oct 12th 4:30-5:30 pm

3rd Grade- Make & Take Math
Thursday, Oct 12th 4:30-5:30 pm

1st Grade- Curriculum, Q&A
Friday, Oct 6th 4:00-4:30 pm

4th & 5th Grades- Board Games
Thursday, Oct 5th 4:00-4:45 pm

2nd Grade- Math Curriculum
Wednesday, the 18th 4:15-5:00 pm

GMP 3rd, 4th, & 5th- Program Info
Tuesday, Oct 17th 5:30-6:15 pm

School News & Events



EMPLOYEE PARKING AREA

*The employee parking area is for buses and Hop, Skip, Drive student pick up only.

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.

Attendance Matters

September Attendance
Rate= 92.18%

Don't get caught coming late
to school.



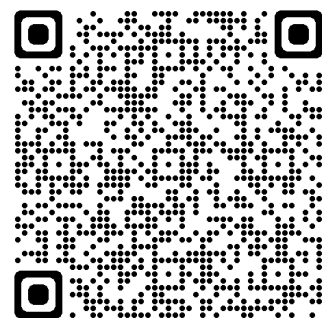
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Stratton Start

SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH MENUS

Please scan the QR Code for
Breakfast and lunch menus.

*Menus are subject to change based
on availability.*



PTA News & Events

STRATTON PTA BOARD

EMAIL- THESTRATTONPTA@OUTLOOK.COM

PRESIDENT- YOUR NAME HERE!!!!!!!!!!

VICE PRESIDENT- THIS COULD BE YOU!!!!

SECRETARY- VICTORIA SHEARON

TREASURER- RACHAEL HARTSON

PTA MEETING



Tuesday
October 10th
7-8 pm in the
Stratton
Annex
or via WebEx



TRUNK OR TREAT

@ Audubon Elementary
Friday, October 20th 4:30-6:30 pm



Safe Trick or
Treating
inside school
and out

Best Trunk
Contest

Food Trucks
and Kona
Ice

Toys for Tots Drive

EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT PTA

<https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards>



<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/how-to-earn>

TEAM
PTA



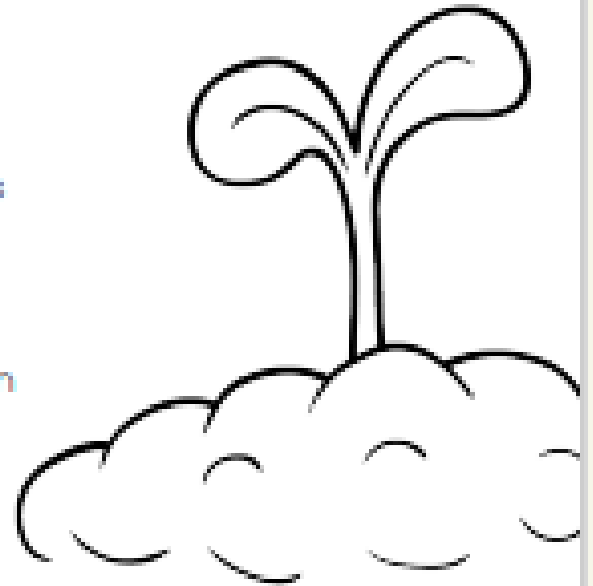
TEAM
PTA



growth mindset

what is it?

We used to think that our intelligence was fixed – meaning we were either smart or we weren't. Scientists have proven again and again that simply is not true. Our brain acts like a muscle – the more we use it, the stronger (and smarter) our brain becomes.



IS YOUR MINDSET FIXED?

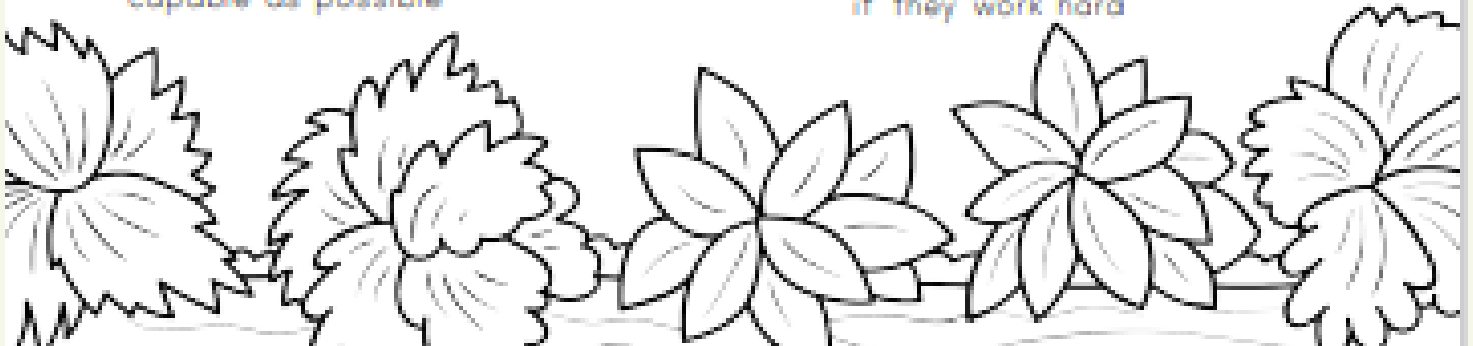
A person with a fixed mindset may do these things:

- avoid challenges
- give up easily
- ignore feedback
- become threatened by other people's success
- try hard to appear as smart or capable as possible

WHAT DOES A GROWTH MINDSET LOOK LIKE?

A person with a growth mindset may do these things:

- embrace challenges
- give their best effort
- learn from feedback
- become inspired by other people's successes
- believe their intelligence can change if they work hard





growth mindset

ways to help your child

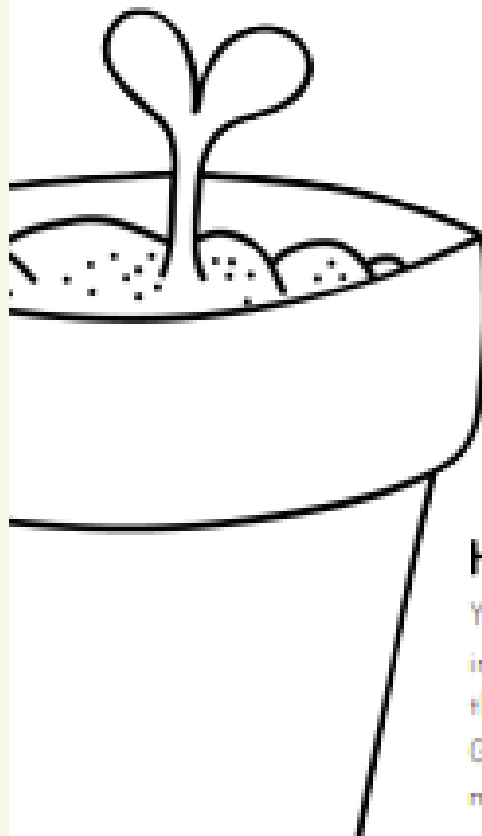
TALK ABOUT IT

Talk with your child about their day, but guide the discussion by asking questions like:

- Did you make a mistake today? What did you learn?
- What did you do that was difficult today?

ENCOURAGE FAILURE (say what?!)

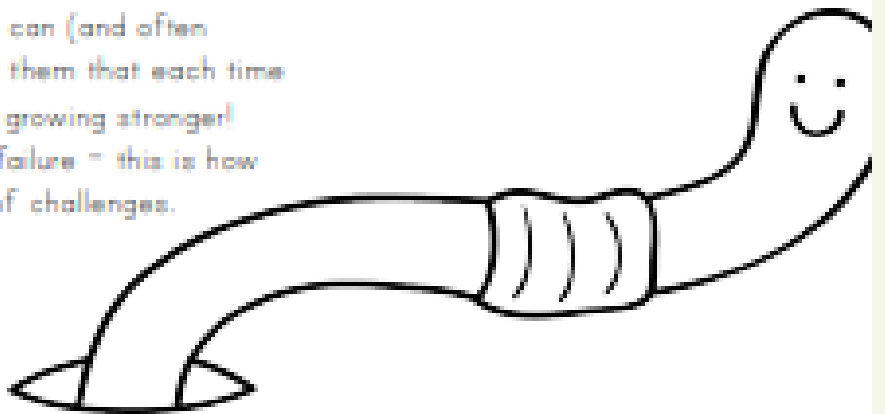
Your child needs to know that failure can (and often does) happen and **it is okay!** Remind them that each time they fail and try again, their brain is growing stronger! Don't step in to prevent your child's failure - this is how they learn to persevere in the face of challenges.



PRAISE THE PROCESS

Instead of saying, "You're so smart!" praise effort, goal setting, persisting through challenges, or being creative. You can say something like:

- "Wow! You must have worked really hard on this!"



THE BRAIN CAN GROW!


Remind your child that **their intelligence is not fixed**. Remind them that when things are difficult, their brain grows if they persist through the challenge. Each time they learn something new, their brain is making new connections. Your child needs to know this is possible!

HELP THEM CHANGE THEIR DIALOGUE

Your child's self-talk, or internal monologue, makes a huge impact on their mindset. If they say, "This is too hard!" help them change that to "I can't do this yet, but I will keep trying." Give them the words to say when they are feeling defeated by modeling it yourself!

OCTOBER 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Custodian Appreciation Day Musical Practice 2:50-4:00 pm VAPA Band & Dance 3-4pm @ Mann Sports Club 1st & 2nd 2:50-3:30 pm Cub Scouts pack 24 Den Meeting 6-7 pm	3 VAPA Orchestra & Theater 3-4pm @ Mann Art Club 1st-2nd 2:50-3:50 pm Sports Challenge 3rd-5th 2:50-3:50 pm	4 VAPA Band & Dance 3-4pm @ Mann	5 Musical Practice 2:50-4:00pm VAPA Orchestra & Theater 3-4pm @ Mann Sports Challenge 3rd-5th 2:50-3:50 pm 4th & 5th Grade Parent Night (not including GMP) 4:00-4:45 pm	6 Instructional Coaches Appreciation Day Yearbook Club 2:50-3:50 pm 1st Grade Parent Night 4:00-4:30 pm	7
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