



STRAFFORD R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT

YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY JOHN COLLINS, SUPERINTENDENT

The second semester is half over and the school year seems to go by quicker every year. The spring extra curricular activities have begun and the calendar is full in the coming weeks. The MAP testing for the district will begin in late April.

At the February board of education meeting the board approved the 2017-2018 school calendar. A copy of the calendar has been included with this edition of Your School News.

The 2017 summer school will begin on Tuesday, May 30 and

end on Thursday, June 22. Summer school hours are from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please contact the building offices for sign up information.

The construction at the new middle school entrance is in the final stages and should be completed by early May. The new middle school entrance will be in use to start the 2017-2018 school year.

Thank you for your continued support for the Strafford R-VI Schools!!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

No School-District Offices Closed-Possible Make-up Day
April 14

Last Day of School
May 16
11:00 am Dismissal

FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS

The Cox Care Mobile Unit will be at Strafford Schools June 12-16, 2017 to do student sports physicals. Yearly physicals are required for all students participating in middle school and high school sports activities, including cheerleading. These physicals will be free of charge. Please call Nurse Anne Stever at 736-7000, ext. 1442 for an appointment and the required paperwork. You must have an appointment and a parent or guardian must be present.

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Strafford Elementary and Cogdill Early Childhood Center

MICHELLE GARDNER, PRINCIPAL

ASHLEY BOUGH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

LESA COLLINS, EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR

Spring is here and it is a great time to be a Strafford Indian! I am so proud of the continual generosity shown by our students, parents, and school community. On Friday, February 17, our K-5 students eagerly participated in our "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser, which benefits the American Heart Association. We are beyond excited to announce our students raised over \$10,443 for this great cause!

On February 27, we recognized the outstanding achievement of our fourth and fifth grade students on their spring 2016 MAP testing. Trophies were presented to 21 students for scoring advanced in math and English language arts. Receiving blue ribbon medals were 72 students; 41 who scored advanced in math and 31 who scored advanced in English language arts. Receiving red ribbon medals for scoring proficient were an additional 84 students; 52 students who scored proficient in math and 31 students who scored proficient in English language arts. Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students are diligently preparing for upcoming spring assessments that will be given in April. Keep your eyes open for more details to come soon. We look forward to recognizing even more students next spring!

Mark your calendars for our annual Spring Carnival on Thursday, April 6 from 5:00-7:30 pm. We have numerous fun activities planned which include a snack walk, face painting, inflatables, cookie decorating, pizza, Culver's custard, and more! Admission armbands are \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 the night of the carnival. We look forward to seeing students and their families interact with faculty and staff during a night filled with exciting activities, delicious food, and great prizes.

Our school counselor, Mrs. Willis, has been studying careers with our second grade students. They will be presenting their "Career Plays" on Friday, April 7. Watch for details of times from your child's classroom teacher.

Our Early Childhood Booster Club is excited to announce their Annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, April 8 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the early childhood center. Please refer to information sent home for details.

Teachers and students have enjoyed and are looking forward to their spring field trips! Our upcoming field trips include:

- Preschool/PACE April 21 Dickerson Park Zoo
- KG March 24 JQH Arena-Circus
- 1st April 28 Dickerson Park Zoo

- 2nd April 13 Branson IMAX
- 3rd May 3 Discovery Center
- 4th March 31 Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum
- 5th April 7 Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

Please make note that school will not be in session on Friday, April 14.

Under the direction of Mrs. Stone, the elementary music department is busy preparing for upcoming spring musicals. The kindergarten concert is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 pm. Students need to arrive by 6:45 pm. Honor Choir students will perform at the Tri-M Festival on Thursday, April 6 and have their final concert on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm. Our Honor Choir has also been asked to sing the National Anthem at the Springfield Cardinals game on Monday, May 15. Contact Mrs. Stone or any honor choir member for tickets.

We are looking forward to several events and student incentives in May. Track and Field day is scheduled for Friday, May 5, with a rain date of Monday, May 8. Preschool and PACE students will have their graduation ceremonies on Monday, May 8. PACE graduation will take place at 8:30 am, morning preschool will be at 10:00 am, and afternoon preschool will be at 1:00 pm. Ceremonies will take place in the Strafford auditorium. Our school-wide PBIS celebration "bounce day" will be on Wednesday, May 10. A special thank you to Amberg Entertainment for their generosity! Students with "Excellent Attendance" will have a field trip to Foster Recreation Center on the campus of MSU on Thursday, May 11. Our annual Talent Show will take place on Monday, May 15. Our last day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, with an 11:00 am dismissal, no lunch will be served.

Summer school will be held Tuesday, May 30-Thursday, June 22 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Parents will be notified if your child is recommended to attend. POW-WOW will be available until Friday, June 23, contact Mallory Ford at 736-7000 ext. 1107 for more information.

We are excited to announce that Parents as Teachers will host their first "Block Fest" group connection. It will take place in the early childhood center on Monday, April 17 from 5:30-6:30 pm. If you love building with blocks and legos, then you will not want to miss this event!

Thank you parents for your continual support as we are "Learning Today...Leading Tomorrow".

“IT’S GREAT IN THE MIDDLE”

MARCIA CHADWELL, PRINCIPAL

SHANE PIERCE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our fourth quarter began Monday, March 20. Grade reports for third quarter were emailed to parents on Wednesday, March 22. The Middle School Career Fair took place on Friday, March 10. Some of the careers represented this year included assistant attorney general, firefighter, scuba diving instructor, speech pathologist, baker, and victim advocate. Selected middle school students had the opportunity to act as hosts to the presenters. Student hosts ate lunch with their presenter and introduced the presenter to each class. We would like to extend a thank you to Lindsay Wells, our middle school counselor, and to all of the presenters for their part in making the career fair a success.

The spring sports season is a busy time for many of our middle school students. Cindy Rear and Rachel Baker are teaming up to coach middle school boys and girls track. Kayla Davidson is coaching the middle school softball team and Matt Mueller is the middle school baseball coach.

This is the season for MAP testing! Testing will take place from April 11 through April 27. Grades 6 and 7 will be tested over math and communication arts April 11-13. The 8th grade will be tested

April 18-April 27 over math, communication arts, and science. We encourage all middle school students to get plenty of sleep, limit television, and to eat a well-balanced breakfast each day.

The middle school awards ceremonies will take place on Monday, May 15. The 6th and 7th grade awards ceremony will begin at 8:30 am in the auditorium. The 8th grade awards ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm. Eighth grade students will go to the Max Evans gym for a group picture, which will be available for purchase. Each 8th grade student will receive a t-shirt that they will need to wear to the celebration. Along with their t-shirt, students are asked to wear dress pants or nice jeans. Girls may wear nice jeans or skirts. All jeans, pants, and skirts need to meet school dress code requirements.

Lastly, our summer school program will once again focus on remediation rather than on enrichment classes. We want to wish everyone a safe and happy summer, and are excited about the year to come!

SPRING BAND AND CHOIR EVENTS

<p>April 4 HS Choir District/State Large Ensembles, Willard</p> <p>April 6-7 Tri-M Choir Festival, Auditorium/Band Room</p> <p>April 8 MS Choir, Fair Grove Festival</p> <p>April 11 HS Band District/State Large Ensembles, Willard</p> <p>April 20-22 Tri-M Band Festival, Auditorium/Band Room</p> <p>April 25 MS Choir & Band Concert, Auditorium</p>	<p>April 28-29 HS Band & Choir State, Columbia</p> <p>May 4 HS Choir Spring Concert & Awards, Auditorium</p> <p>May 5 HS Band Spring Concert & Awards, Auditorium</p> <p>May 9 EL Honor Choir Spring Concert. Auditorium</p> <p>May 15 EL Honor Choir Performance, Springfield Cardinals Game</p>
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Reminder to Parents: All medication must be picked up in the school nurse offices before the end of the school year. Medication cannot be sent home on the bus or kept over the summer break. All medication not picked up will be disposed of.

“HIGH SCHOOL NEWS”

BRETT SODEN, PRINCIPAL

MIKE WILSON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

2017 has proven to be very exciting and rewarding for the students and staff at Strafford High School!

Many of our students have been competing over the last few months in academics, music, band, and athletics. We are very proud of our students and their representation of Strafford High School.

The girls' basketball team won the state championship for the second year in a row. This was a very exciting experience for our school and community. Thank you to the Strafford parents, students, and community for your support during the games and giving the team a great welcome home.

The students have been very busy preparing for end of course exams that start in May. Please check the school website for a detailed list of testing dates. Attendance is extremely important at any time, but especially during exams. End of course testing counts as 10% of the second semester grade. There will be several “Cookies and Cramming” events coming up to help students be prepared for their end of course exams.

On Tuesday, April 19, all SHS juniors will take the ACT. This exam is required by the Missouri Department of Education and will be administered at SHS during the school day at no cost. It is important that students are present! Please avoid making appointments for April 19.

We encourage everyone to download the new school app on your phone. It is a great way to stay informed on school news, events, lunch/breakfast menus, and athletic events. The parent portal is also accessible through the app.

Thanks again to our parents and community for the encouragement and support you have shown to our students this year. You are a vital part to keeping Strafford “Strong”.

Upcoming Events:

- April 15 - Prom
- April 19 - Juniors Take the ACT
- May 10 - Awards Ceremony
- May 11 - Graduation
- May 16 - Last Day of School (Half Day)

**Download the
Strafford Schools
App!**

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2. Search "Strafford School District"
3. Download!

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GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

Thank you to our community organizations for donating their time and resources to help the 2017 graduates further their college endeavors. The organizations that have contributed scholarship funds are: Strafford Community Teachers Association (CTA), Strafford Alumni Association, Athletic Booster Club in honor of Steven Lea Memorial, Community Blood Center, Thresa (Terry) Dishman Memorial, Strafford Chamber of Commerce (funding Future Business Leaders of America Club), MFA Foundation, Strafford Music Boosters, O'Bannon Bank, Strafford Ministerial Alliance, Mr. Jay Anderson with Shelter Insurance Foundation, Dr. Marion and Pat Wolfe, William K. Berry, and Ronald Reagan Memorial Webster County Republican Committee.



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