



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

October 20, 2024

Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

Dear Cliffwood Families,

We hope to see everyone at the Battle of the Faculties this Thursday night, where our dedicated teachers and staff will participate in fun games to support our schools! As we embrace the fall season, please remember that temperatures can be unpredictable. We encourage you to dress your child appropriately for the weather and in layers. If your family is in need of a winter coat, don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Caldwell, our school nurse, or the main office, we have brand new coats available. We're also excited about our Cliffwood Trunk or Treat this Friday! Thank you to everyone who has donated candy, and we still welcome families to decorate their trunks. Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

Important Links

[District School Calendar](#), [School Hours](#), [Cliffwood Morning Music Requests](#)

School Violence Awareness Week

We are proud to announce that Cliffwood School will be participating in School Violence Awareness Week from October 21st to 25th. This initiative, mandated by the New Jersey School Association (18A:36-5.1), encourages public schools, charter schools, and approved private schools to dedicate the third week of October to raising awareness about school safety. Throughout the week, our students will engage in age-appropriate discussions about ways to ensure a safe and secure school environment. We will also focus on recognizing the signs that someone may need support.

In addition, we have themed days planned to promote participation and awareness:



Daily themes for School Violence Awareness Week - October 21st to 25th

Cliffwood School Violence Awareness Week

Monday, October 21st, 2024: "Hats off to getting along"

- Wear your favorite hat

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024: "Everyone at Cliffwood should feel safe and comfortable!"

- Wear comfortable clothing to school

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024: "It is a BRIGHT idea to Be Violence Free"

- Wear bright and/or neon clothing

Thursday, October 24th, 2024: "Flannel your inner-Peace"

- Wear your favorite flannel shirt

Friday, October 25th, 2024: "We are United against School Violence"

-Wear your Cliffwood School Spirit attire to show unity against school violence



Cliffwood Attendance Program

Attendance at school is crucial for our students' success and well-being. Regular attendance not only fosters a sense of community but also ensures that children are engaged in their learning and social interactions. To encourage perfect attendance, we are excited to introduce a new program where each class can earn "PAWS" for maintaining perfect attendance. These PAWS will be displayed on a bulletin board outside the cafeteria, and at the end of each month, the class in each grade with the most PAWS will enjoy 20 minutes of extra recess!

To support this initiative, we need your help in promoting healthy habits at home. Encourage your child to get a good night's sleep—this means turning off electronics before bed and establishing a calming bedtime routine. Arriving at school on time and being present every day helps set a positive tone for learning and development. Let's work together to instill these important habits early on, setting our students up for a successful school year!

Thank you for your support!

Cliffwood Star Students- Responsibility

This month, we're proud to recognize our incredible students for making responsible choices! Your commitment to integrity and accountability truly shines. Congratulations to all our Star Students! Looking ahead, October will be a month to celebrate those who display respect. Keep up the great work, everyone!



School Picture Day- October 30, 2024

[Click Here to Pre-Order](#)



FALL PICTURE DAY
is coming!



Cliffwood Elementary School

Picture day is: 10/30/24

Your Prepay Code is: 9E6X2U5

M.O.S.T. Program

M.O.S.T.

Mentoring Our Students Together

Tutoring



**Homework
Help**

Greetings members of the MARSD Community,

We are excited to announce the return of [The MOST Program](#) for the 2024-2025 school year.

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**.

M.O.S.T. will be held on Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons from 3:00pm to 6:00pm in the Matawan Aberdeen Middle School Cafeteria

[Click Here to Register](#) online.

For additional information please call the **MRHS Information Desk** at 732-705-5200 or via email at mrhsinfo@marsd.org or Daphne Ramcheran @ 732-567-0036

Congratulations to this week's PAWS Winners!



Lunch Outside!

Thank you to the Cliffwood PTO for purchasing umbrellas for our students to enjoy while eating lunch outside.

*Thank You
Cliffwood
PTO* 🐾🐾



Cliffwood School Instagram

Cliffwood School now has an Instagram account. Please give [@cliffwood_elementary](#) a follow!



Instagram

Battle of the Faculties-Thursday, 10/24 6-7:30

🎉 Join us for an exciting evening at the **Battle of the Faculties!** 🎉

Come support our amazing Cliffwood teachers and staff as they take on friendly competition against other schools in the Matawan Aberdeen School District, all in the name of raising funds for our school!

Cheer on Mrs. Cherence, Mrs. Werner, Mrs. Royston, Mr. Wyman, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Lyons, Mrs. Oczkowski, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Whelan, Ms. Gomez, Mrs. Yemi-Forli, and many more!

Cliff will be there too, cheering on his favorite teachers! Let's show our Cliffwood pride and enjoy a night of fun with our Cliffwood families. We can't wait to see you there!

THE MATAWAN ABERDEEN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
PRESENTS THE 1ST ANNUAL

Battle of the FACULTIES

CAMBRIDGE LIGHTBRIDGE MRHS
STRATHMORE CLIFFWOOD RAVINE DRIVE LLOYD ROAD MAMS

WHO WILL WIN?

Watch your favorite teachers and staff battle it out during a night of family fun that supports a great cause!

Battle of the Faculties features teams of teachers and staff from all of the MARS D schools playing a variety of 'minute-to-win-it' type games. Monitored by our 'panel of judges', the top 3 placing teams are awarded points after each game. The team with the most points at the end wins the coveted winning title!

Check the [website](#) for updates on which teachers are participating!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Hilarious games
- Chances for student participation
- 50/50 and Raffles
- Light snacks for purchase

EVENT DETAILS

THURS | 10.24.24

6 PM - 7:30 PM
DOORS OPEN @ 5:30PM

LOCATION
MRHS, GYMNASIUM
450 ATLANTIC AVE, ABERDEEN

ENTRY FEE **\$7 PER PERSON**
*FAMILY BUNDLES ALSO AVAILABLE - SEE WEBSITE

FOR INFORMATION & TICKET PURCHASING
WWW.MAEFGRANTS.ORG/BOF24
FOR SAFETY REASONS, TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE AHEAD OF TIME AND WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR, UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED.

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SILVER
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BRONZE
AN EYE TO THE FUTURE

Educator of the Year

The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to announce that we will once again participate in the **New Jersey Department of Education Governor's Educator of the Year Program (GEOY)**. This celebratory program integrates the Teacher of the Year Program with the Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program to continue to recognize our state's best teachers and educational services professionals.

1. [Eligibility Criteria](#)
2. [GEOY Nomination Form](#)

Cliffwood PTO -Stay in the Know



Presented by the Cliffwood PTO



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Dancing!

Friday, October 25, 2024

Music!

4:30pm-7pm

Games!

(Trunks set-up at 4pm)

Fun!

Where: Cliffwood Elementary Parking Lot

DJ!

(Please park at Giusti Field- exceptions only for trunk decorators, the elderly, or those who need handicap parking. Police officers will be assisting)

Treats!

This is a Free Event but it relies on volunteers to decorate trunks and/or donate candy!



Please check a box below:

- ☐ I will decorate a trunk.
- ☐ I will donate candy. (Please send to Main Office labeled "Trunk or Treat" or bring on day of event).
- ☐ I am attending. Number of children _____.



Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent Contact #: _____

Cliffwood Elementary Dine-Out Night



RT. 35 in Keyport
Monday, October 28th 4-8pm

Have a fun night out while supporting our school's PTO!

Take a Photo of your Scary Pancake creation
and receive a spooky prize!



Stop by our bake sale table on
your way out!



Join Us this Month for Our November PTO Meeting



Who?:

Parents/grandparents, teachers, administrators, support staff



When?:

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Where?:

Cliffwood Elementary School Cafeteria

Find ways to get involved with your child's school! There are many opportunities to volunteer and we are always welcome to hear your concerns, questions, ideas, and feedback.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our holiday events!

You do not need to be a member to attend meetings!



Email questions to cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com

Dates to Keep in Mind

- 10/24- Battle of the Faculties 6-7:30 at MRHS Gymnasium
- 10/25- Trunk or Treat 4:00- Set-Up 4:30-7:00
- 10/28- Cliffwood School IHOP Dine-Out Night 4-8 PM
- 10/29- Wear Pink in Support of Breast Cancer Awareness
- 10/30-School Picture Day
- 10/31- Halloween Parade 9:45 AM
- 10/31- Early Dismissal School Dismisses at 1:20 PM
- 11/20- Cliffwood PTO Meeting 6:00 PM in the Cliffwood Cafeteria



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES





Matawan-Aberdeen Regional

School District

