



## MATAWAN—ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

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### CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

October 27, 2024

#### Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

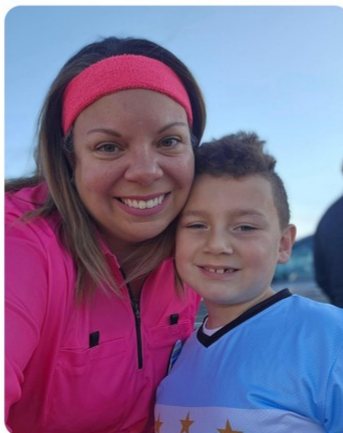
Dear Cliffwood Families,

I hope this message finds you well! I am excited to share details about our upcoming Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31st, starting at 9:45 AM. This year, we have a new parade route, allowing students to pass by twice so families can enjoy the festivities and catch a glimpse of their little ones in their costumes. Please refer to the enclosed map for the best viewing spots! As we prepare for the parade, I kindly remind everyone to keep costumes kid-friendly. Please avoid fake weapons or props to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all. For the safety of our students and to help manage traffic, please park across the street at Guisti Field if you are staying for the parade.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Mrs. Elmendorf, the Cliffwood PTO, as well as all the Cliffwood families who decorated trunks and donated candy for our recent Trunk or Treat event. It was a fantastic night to celebrate Halloween as a school and community!

Lastly, don't forget that tomorrow is Cliffwood Night at IHOP! It's a perfect chance to skip cooking dinner and support our school.

We look forward to celebrating with all of you at the Halloween Parade!



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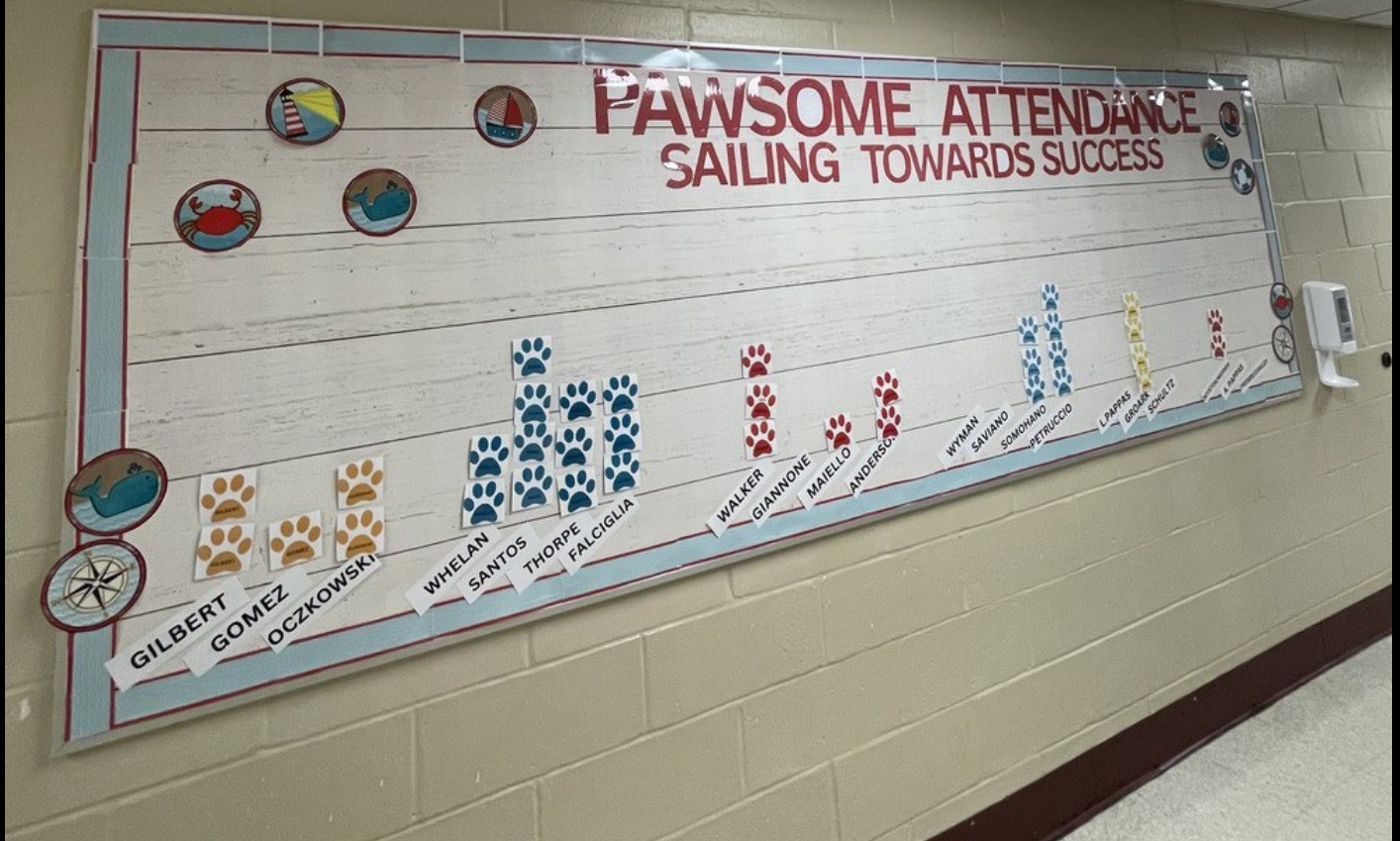
## Important Links

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

Cliffwood Family Connections [8/25](#), [9/2](#), [9/8](#), [9/15](#), [9/22](#), [9/29](#), [10/6](#), [10/13](#) , [10/20](#)

## Cliffwood Attendance Program

I'm thrilled to provide an update on our Attendance Program! As of now, Mrs. Groark, Mrs. Petruccio, and Mrs. Santos's classes are in the lead for the most days of perfect attendance this month. Let's keep this momentum going—remember, the winning class will earn extra recess! Thank you for encouraging your children to be present and engaged. Together, we can foster a strong sense of community and support our students' success!



School Picture Day- Wednesday, October 30

[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](mailto:mrhsinfo@marsd.org) or Daphne Ramcheran @ 732-567-0036

### 3rd Grade Class Trip

Our third graders recently had an incredible trip to InfoAge! They explored the fascinating history of STEM and innovation, from Marconi's wireless experiments to the Space Age. Students exploring and viewing authentic artifacts and interactive displays. One of the highlights was visiting the operating radio telescope, one of the few accessible to the public in the U.S. The knowledgeable volunteers enriched their experience, sharing valuable insights from their careers. It was truly a day of learning and fun!







Congratulations to this week's PAWS Winners!



## Cliffwood School Instagram

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



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### **Battle of the Faculties**

Battle of the Faculties night was a blast! Our MARSD staff showcased their competitive spirit in a variety of fun games to raise funds for our MARSD schools. A big thank you to all the Cliffwood staff who participated and to the families who came out to cheer them on! Your support made the evening truly special.







## Bullying Prevention Month

October is Bullying Prevention Month and we're proud to highlight the important work our students have been doing. Mrs. Pietrangelo (School Counselor) visited classrooms, where students participated in lessons about making good choices and being kind to others. They also created crafts featuring the message "Take a Stand, Lend a Hand, Stop Bullying." It's wonderful to see our students engaged in promoting a positive and inclusive school environment!



## Cliffwood Parking Lot Safety

As we prioritize the safety of our students, I want to emphasize the importance of vehicle safety in our Kiss & Go area. Please ensure that your child is buckled in until your vehicle comes to a complete stop. We kindly ask that you drive through the Cliffwood parking lot with caution, as we have very young children present, and be courteous to families walking through the lot.

For everyone's safety, please have your child exit only from the passenger side of the back seat. Additionally, remember that there is only one line for Kiss & Go; please do not create two lines. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe!

## 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 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](mailto:cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com)

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## Dates to Keep in Mind

- 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
- 11/6- Early Dismissal- School Dismisses at 1:20 PM
- 11/7 & 11/8- School Closed
- 11/20- Cliffwood PTO Meeting 6:00 PM in the Cliffwood Cafeteria



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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES





# Matawan-Aberdeen Regional

School District

