



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

November 24, 2024

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Message from Mrs. Cherence

Dear Cliffwood School Community,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I wanted to take a moment to send my warmest wishes to our Cliffwood School family. I am incredibly thankful to be a part of such a special community and to have the privilege of serving our wonderful students each and every day. I hope you all have a joyful and peaceful time with your families as we take time to reflect on all that we are grateful for.

As the weather gets colder, please remember to dress your children appropriately for the weather, as we continue to go outside for recess. If your child is in need of a coat, we are happy to offer brand-new coats in various sizes and colors. Please reach out to me, our school counselor Ms. Pietrangelo, or your child's teacher, and we will be sure to provide a new coat for your child.

Friendly reminder, this Wednesday, 11/27 is an Early Dismissal Day for all students, Dismissal is at 1:20 PM please plan accordingly. School is closed Thursday, 11/28 and Friday 11/29.

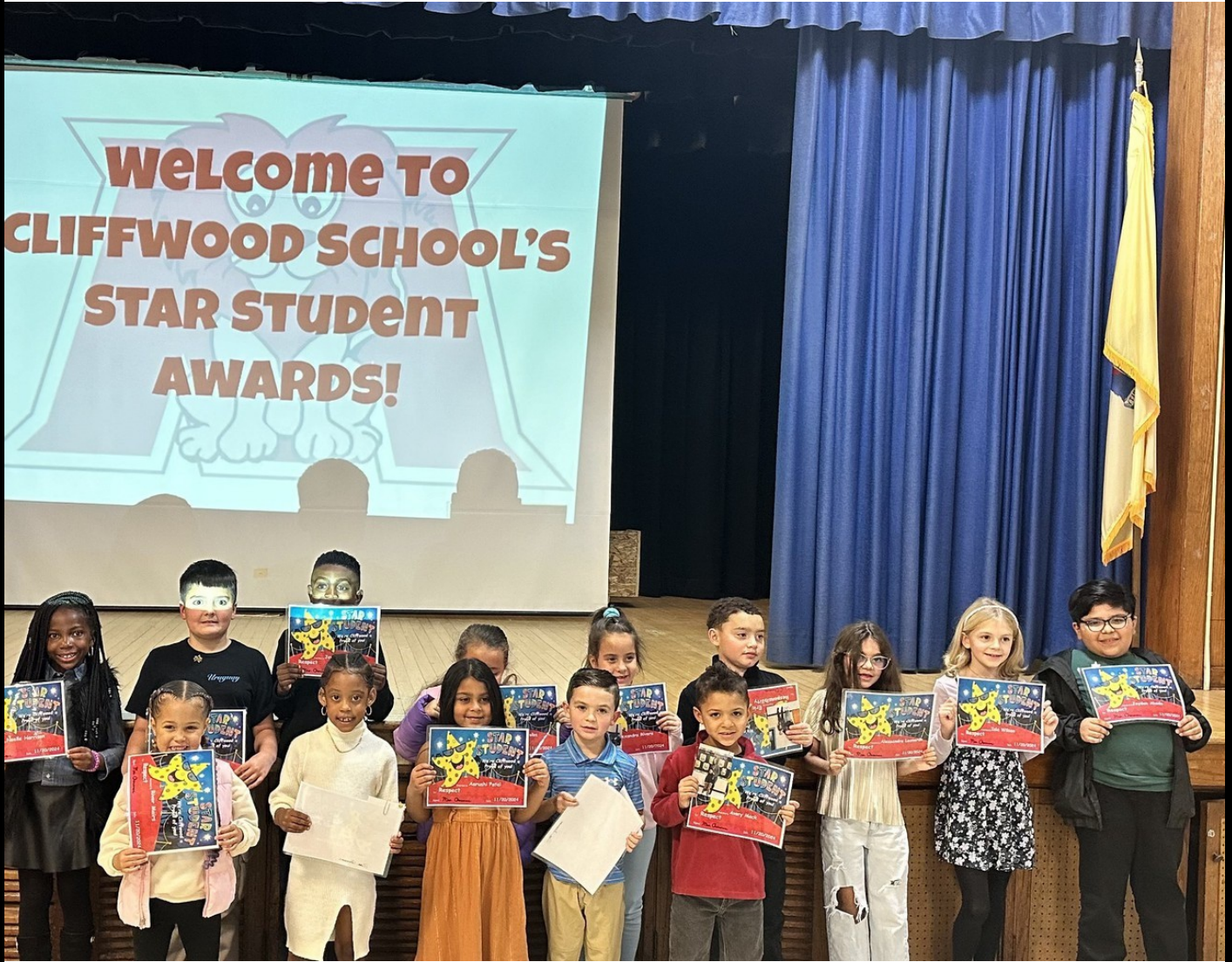
Thank you for being part of this caring and supportive community. Wishing you all a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!

Warmly,

Mrs. Cherence, Principal

We are Cliffwood Proud of our Star Students

This month, we are proud to celebrate our Cliffwood Star students, who have demonstrated outstanding Respectful character traits. It was a wonderful evening filled with joy and recognition as these students were honored, surrounded by their families and friends. Your dedication to kindness, consideration, and respect truly shines, and we couldn't be more proud of each one of you. Keep up the great work, We are Cliffwood Proud of you all!



PAWS Winners- Congrats to this week's PAWS Winners!



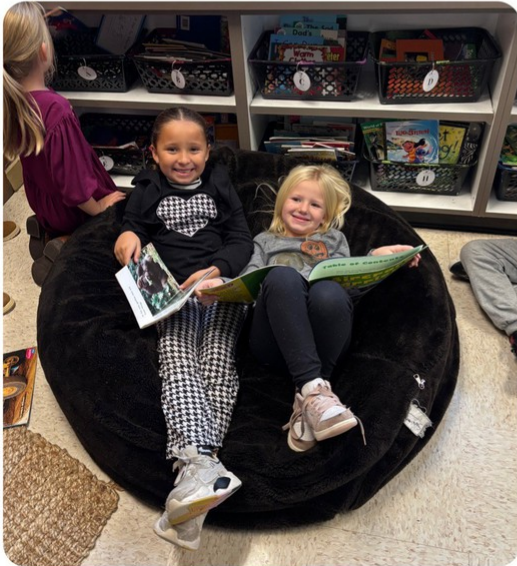
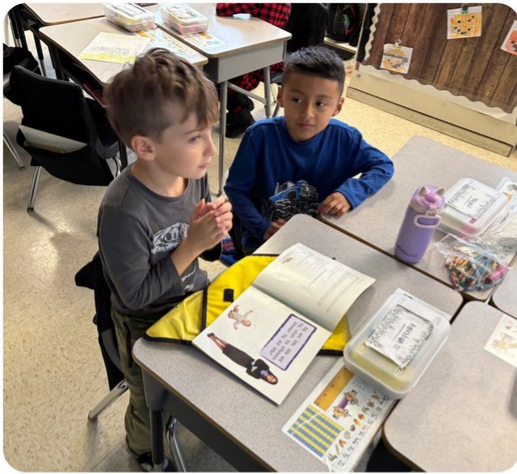
Aberdeen Christmas Tree Lighting

Don't miss out on a festive and fun-filled holiday event, the Aberdeen Christmas Tree Lighting! We are excited to announce that our talented Cliffwood students have been invited to sing holiday songs at this special occasion. Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 5th, and come join us in celebrating the season. A big thank you to Ms. Dittloff, our wonderful music teacher, who has been practicing the songs with our students. Ms. Dittloff will be sending out more information soon. All are welcome to join in on the fun and enjoy the beautiful music. We can't wait to see you there and don't forget to dress festive!



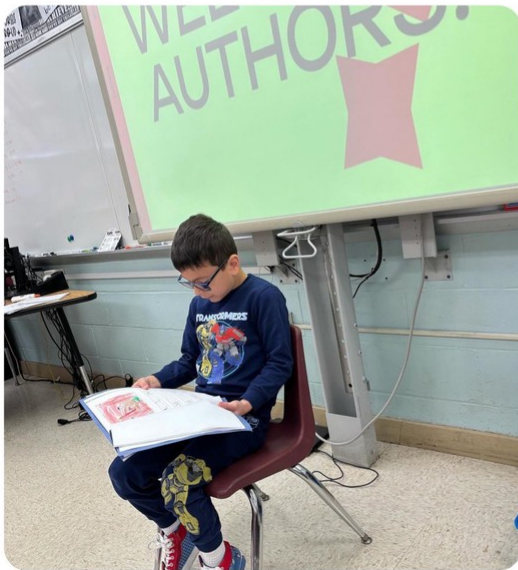
First Grade Buddy Reading

Ms. Somohano and Ms. Saviano's classes enjoyed finding cozy reading spots and reading to each other!



First Grade Authors at Cliffwood School

Ms. Somohano's 1st grade authors read their personal narratives to Ms. Preiser & Ms. Coakley's 3rd grade class, what a treat!



Native Americans Celebration

Cliffwood Kindergarten Students were busy learning and celebrating about the culture and traditions of Native Americans.



Thank you for your support!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our recent Jersey Mike's Fundraiser! Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible \$780! We couldn't have achieved this without your help and we are truly grateful for the continued support of our amazing community.

Your contributions will make a positive impact on our school and students. We appreciate you being a part of this effort and we look forward to future opportunities to come together and make a difference!

Thank you again for your support!



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Save the Date! Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 12/3 Afternoon, 12/4 Evening
Portal is open for Conferences. Please read the [Parent/Teacher Conference Letter](#) for important information.

Cliffwood PTO- Stay In The Know

A Note from the PTO...



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all who helped make the Fall 2024 Scholastic Book Fair at Cliffwood Elementary a success! 100% of proceeds went toward new books for our classrooms!

Caught Reading Raffle

Congrats to the winners of the “Got Caught Reading” Raffle! Students received “tickets” from their teachers that were caught reading in school. A ticket was pulled from each grade and the winners received a book of their choice from the fair.

Coin Wars

Thank you to all classes that participated in our Coin Wars Battle of the Classes! We raised \$800 to support our library with new furniture, books, and STEM materials.

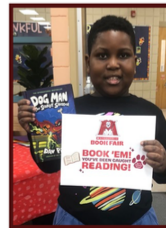
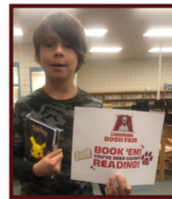
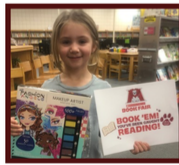
Congrats to 1st place Ms. Somohano’s Class (Ice Cream Party Winners)

2nd place Ms. Schultz/Ms. Whelan’s Class (Pizza Party Winners)

3rd place Ms. Royston/Ms. Werner’s Class (Winners of \$2 school store items)

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Our cookie dough fundraiser raised almost \$2,000. This money will go towards purchasing interactive & fun assemblies for all grade levels.



November- Menu


Link to the [Menu](#)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<div>1</div> <div><div>Assorted Small Muffin</div><div>Graham Crackers</div></div>
<div>4</div> <div><div>Assorted Pop Tarts</div></div>	<div>5</div> <div><div>Mini Cinnamon Crumb Loaf</div></div>	<div>6</div> <div><div>Animal Crackers</div><div>Cheddar Cheese Cubes</div></div>	<div>7</div> <div><div>NO SCHOOL</div><div>NJEA</div></div>	<div>8</div> <div><div>NO SCHOOL</div><div>NJEA</div></div>
<div>11</div> <div><div>Apple Frudel</div></div>	<div>12</div> <div><div>Mini Strawberry Stuffed Bagel Stick</div></div>	<div>13</div> <div><div>Assorted BeneFIT Bar</div></div>	<div>14</div> <div><div>Animal Crackers</div><div>Cheddar Cheese Cubes</div></div>	<div>15</div> <div><div>Yogurt & Fruit Parfait</div></div>
<div>18</div> <div><div>Mini Banana Loaf</div></div>	<div>19</div> <div><div>Assorted Pop Tarts</div><div>Graham Crackers</div></div>	<div>20</div> <div><div>French Toast Bites</div></div>	<div>21</div> <div><div>Assorted Small Muffin</div><div>Mozzarella String Cheese</div></div>	<div>22</div> <div><div>Mini Cinnis</div></div>
<div>25</div> <div><div>Yogurt and Fruit Bento Box</div></div>	<div>26</div> <div><div>Cinnamon Oat Muffin Flat</div></div>	<div>27</div> <div><div>Mini Banana Loaf</div></div>	<div>28</div> <div><div>Happy Thanksgiving</div><div>Thanksgiving</div></div>	<div>29</div> <div><div>Happy Thanksgiving</div><div>Thanksgiving</div></div>


*Menu is Subject to Change



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Healthy meals grow
healthy kids!

Swap Outs-Elementary Breakfast: Assorted Cereal with Graham Crackers , Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Crackers , Breakfast Yogurt & Strawberry Parfait

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1  • NY Style Bella's Pizza • Freshly Prepared Spring Mix Salad
4 • Crispy Chicken Sandwich • Maple Cinnamon Carrots	5  • Golden Crisp Waffles with Berry • Infused Maple Drizzle • Cheesy Omelet • Seasoned Potato Wedges	6 Swap Outs Not Available on Half Days • Pizza Crunchers with Marinara Sauce • Freshly Prepared Garden Salad OR • Turkey & Cheese Pinwheel OR Muffin Bag Meal	7 NO SCHOOL NJEA	8 NO SCHOOL NJEA
11  • Creamy Mac and Cheese • Cornbread Poppers • Roasted Vegetables	12  • Fluffy French Toast Slices • Breakfast Sausage • Breakfast Potatoes	13 CHEF DAY STRATHMORE  • Beef Nacho Platter with a Variety of Toppings • Black Bean and Corn Salad • Whole Grain Cinnamon Churro ALL OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS • Philly Cheesesteak Hoagie • Ranch Fries	14 • Juicy Cheeseburger on a Bun or Juicy Hamburger on a Bun • Seasoned Sweet Potato Fries	15 Swap Outs Not Available on Half Days • Mini Pizza Bagels • Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad OR • Turkey & Cheese Pinwheel OR Muffin Bag Meal
18 • Chicken Sticks & Waffles • Crunchy Tater Tots	19 • Seasoned Beef Scoop-A-Bowl with Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Tortilla Chips • Black Beans	20 CHEF DAY LLOYD ROAD  • Sweet and Sour Popcorn • Chicken or Sweet Chili Beef • Steamed Rice • Stir Fry Vegetables • Vegetable Egg Roll • Fortune Cookie ALL OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS • BBQ Chicken Tenders • Pretzel Nuggets • Seasoned Crinkle Cut Fries	21  • Roast Turkey with Gravy • Mashed Potatoes • Steamed Corn • Iced Pumpkin Swirl Roll	22 • Mini Mozzarella Cheese Calzones with Marinara Sauce • Freshly Prepared Spring Mix Salad  • Honey Roasted Golden Squash
25   New Recipe • Fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes with Cinnamon Maple Drizzle • Cheesy Omelet • Seasoned Potato Wedges	26 • Seasoned Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla • Confiti Rice • Black Bean and Corn Salad	27 Swap Outs Not Available on Half Days • Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad OR • Turkey & Cheese Pinwheel OR Muffin Bag Meal	28  Thanksgiving	29  Thanksgiving



Holiday Shop from Kids' Kastle

Dates: Thursday, December 5th & Friday, December 6th

Classes sign-up for a designated day and time to shop
with the help of parent volunteers

During Conferences on 12/3 & 12/4, we will open the
holiday shop to parents who would like to “preview” the
shop or to create a wish-list

During conferences, the PTO will also have a bake sale
table and spirit wear table to anyone interested



Cliffwood Holiday Shopping

Time	Thursday, December 5	Friday, December 6
	Teacher(s)	Teacher(s)
9:30 to 9:50		
9:50 to 10:10	Gomez	Oczkowski
10:15 to 10:35	Maiello	Falciglia
10:35 to 10:55	L. Pappas	Gilbert
11:00 to 11:20	Anderson	
11:20 to 11:40	Santos	
11:45 to 12:05	Schultz	
12:05 to 12:25		
12:30 to 12:50	Petrucchio	
12:50 to 1:10		Saviano
1:15 to 1:35	Walker	Giannone
1:35 to 1:55	Groark	Preiser/Coakley
2:00 to 2:20	Whelan	Royston/Werner

2:20 to 2:40		A. Pappas
2:45-3:05		
3:05-3:30	Somohano	

Join Us this Month for Our December PTO Meeting

**Who?:**

Parents/grandparents, teachers,
administrators, support staff

When?:

Wednesday, December 18, 2024
5:30-6:30pm

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 events in the New Year!

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

Email questions to cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com

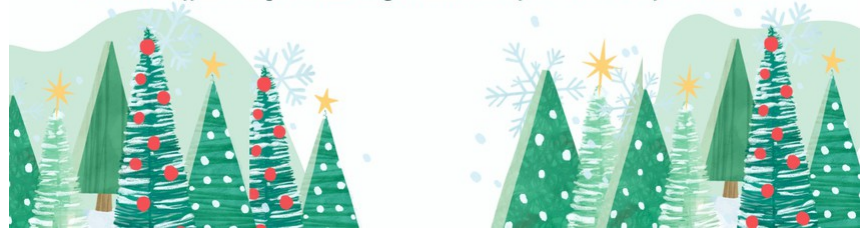




Save the Date for the
Cliffwood PTO's Annual
WINTER FESTIVAL
Friday, December 13, 2024

We will be collecting donation items for this event,
including new/unused toys & games, household items, gift
cards/cash etc. These items will be used as prizes for our
gift auction. If you are able, please drop off any donations
to the main office labeled "PTO Donation"
Please contact us if you have a local business that would
like to donate products or services!

Email cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com for more information!



Dates to Keep in Mind

- 11/27- Early Dismissal, Students Dismiss at 1:20 PM
- 11/28 & 11/29- School Closed, Happy Thanksgiving!
- 12/3-Parent/Teacher Afternoon Conferences
- 12/4- Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences
- 12/5- Aberdeen Christmas Tree Lighting
- 12/5 & 12/6- Holiday Shopping
- 12/13- Cliffwood PTO Winter Festival
- 12/17- Picture Make-up Day



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES





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