



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

December 8, 2024

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Message from Mrs. Cherence

Dear Cliffwood School Community,

I wanted to take a moment to share some wonderful updates and events happening at Cliffwood School!

First, a big thank you to all the students and families who joined us at the Aberdeen Tree Lighting this past Thursday. It was truly a magical event and it was heartwarming to see the joy on the children's faces as they sang holiday songs. Their festive spirit truly brought happiness to all!

We also had a great turnout at our Parent-Teacher Conferences last week. It was fantastic seeing so many of you and we greatly appreciate your involvement in strengthening the home-school connection for our young learners. Your partnership is key to their success.

Looking ahead, we are excited about several upcoming events! This Wednesday and Thursday, we will have the **School Store** open during student lunches. It's a fun opportunity for students to pick up some holiday treats and gifts.

The **PTO Winter Party** is this Friday from 6-8 PM in the Cliffwood Cafeteria. Don't miss out on this festive night, featuring music, dancing, games, a basket raffle, prizes, and photos with Santa! This year, we are also excited to offer a **sensory room** and a more relaxed environment for photos with Santa, ensuring all students can enjoy the experience.

Next week, we will be celebrating **Holiday Spirit Week**, be sure to check out the fun themes and join in on the holiday cheer by wearing your festive attire!

Lastly, the **Cliffwood PTO** has organized a **Family Dinner Night** at the new restaurant *Viva Margarita* on **Monday, 12/16**. The restaurant is generously offering 25% of proceeds to benefit the Cliffwood Elementary PTO. We hope to see you there for a great evening and delicious food!

Thank you again for your continued support. Wishing all our families a wonderful week ahead!

Warmly,
Mrs. Charence, Principal

Aberdeen Tree Lighting



Story time in Mrs. Oczkowski's PreK Classroom





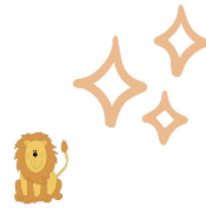
Congrats to our PAWS Winners!!



Message from Ms. Pietrangelo, School Counselor



Cliffwood Counseling Newsletter



MONTHLY LESSON DECEMBER

HI EVERYONE! I AM THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR AT CLIFFWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER MY LESSON WILL BE ON GENEROSITY . STUDENTS WILL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE GENEROUS. PLEASE REACH OUT WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



happy
December



THREE WAYS TO SHOW GENEROSITY!

- ✓ LEAD BY EXAMPLE
- ✓ CHOOSE TO HELP OTHERS
- ✓ GIVING YOUR TIME, ATTENTION, HARD WORK, PATIENCE, KIND WORDS, AND TALENT TO HELP AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS

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Holiday Spirit Week- 12/16-12/20

CLIFFWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Holiday Spirit Week (December 16th-December 20th)










Monday	 Winter Wonderland Monday! Students and staff should wear white, blue and maybe a scarf too! 
Tuesday	 Grinch Day! Students and staff should wear green or anything Grinch! 
Wednesday	 Pajama Day! Students and staff should wear their favorite pajamas to school! 
Thursday	 Ugly Sweater Day! Students and staff should wear a sweater! 
Friday	 School Spirit & Holiday Accessories Students and staff should wear holiday accessories and Cliffwood apparel! 

Cliffwood PTO- Stay In The Know

December- Menu

Link to the [Menu](#)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<div>2</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Cinnamon Crumb Loaf</div>	<div>3</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun</div>	<div>4</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Apple Frudel</div>	<div>5</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel</div>	<div>6</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Confetti Pancakes</div>
<div>9</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Banana Loaf</div>	<div>10</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun</div>	<div>11</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Assorted BeneFIT Bar</div>	<div>12</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel</div>	<div>13</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Cinnis</div>
<div>16</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Cornbread Loaf</div>	<div>17</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun</div>	<div>18</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">French Toast Bites</div>	<div>19</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel</div>	<div>20</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Whole Grain Donut Bites</div>
<div>23</div> <div><div>Holiday Break</div></div>	<div>24</div> <div><div>Holiday Break</div></div>	<div>25</div> <div><div>Holiday Break</div></div>	<div>26</div> <div><div>Holiday Break</div></div>	<div>27</div> <div><div>Holiday Break</div></div>
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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
Please call us at (973) 598-0005 to speak to one of Maschio's Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.

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Healthy meals grow
healthy kids!

Swap Outs-Elementary Breakfast: Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Crackers , Assorted Pop Tarts with Graham Crackers , Bagel with Cream Cheese

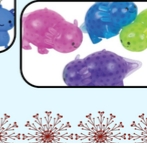
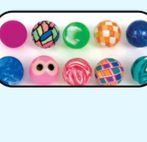
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<div>2</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Chicken TendersGarlic KnotsSweet Potato Waffle Fries</div>	<div>3</div> <div><div>Brunch for Lunch</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Fluffy French Toast SlicesBreakfast SausageBreakfast Potatoes</div>	<div>4</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Chicken Teriyaki Noodle BowlStir Fry Vegetables</div>	<div>5</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Juicy Cheeseburger on a BunBBQ Baked Beans</div>	<div>6</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Breaded Mini Cheese RavioliFreshly Prepared Caesar Salad<div><div>JERSEY FRESH</div><div>PRODUCE</div></div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Roasted Curry Cabbage</div>
<div>9</div> <div><div>HEATLESS Monday</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Creamy Mac and CheeseMini Cornbread LoafPanko Crusted Green Beans</div>	<div>10</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Meatball Parm HeroRoasted Parmesan Broccoli</div>	<div>11</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Beef Nacho PlatterBlack Bean and Corn Salad</div>	<div>12</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Turkey Corn Dog NuggetsEmoji Fries</div>	<div>13</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Twisted Cheesy Breadsticks with Marinara SauceFreshly Prepared Spring Mix Salad</div>
<div>16</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Seasoned Chicken and Cheese QuesadillaCilantro-Lime Black Beans and Corn</div>	<div>17</div> <div><div>Brunch for Lunch</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Golden Crisp WafflesBreakfast SausagesSweet Potato Waffle Fries</div>	<div>18</div> <div><div>Holiday Meal</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Popcorn Chicken, Whipped Mashed Potatoes, Rich Brown Gravy, Seasoned CornSoft Pretzel StickHoliday Cookie</div>	<div>19</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Grilled Cheese SandwichTomato Soup</div>	<div>20</div> <div><div>Swap Outs Not Available on Half Days</div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Pizza CrunchersFreshly Prepared Cucumber and Tomato SaladORMuffin Bag Meal</div>
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Swap Outs-Elementary: Muffin Bag Meal , Cereal Bag , Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll , Bella's Cheese Pizza

December School Store Holiday Edition

Wednesday, December 11th &
Thursday, December 12th





Cliffwood Elementary PTO presents our annual

Winter Party

Cliffwood Elementary School Cafeteria

Friday, December 13th from 6-8 pm

Free Arts & Crafts (for children 3rd grade
and under)

Music/Dancing/Games

Photos with a Special Guest!

Basket Raffle & Prizes

(Desserts, snacks, and beverages available for
sale the night of event)



Please complete form below (only one form per family) & return to your
child's teacher by December 7th with payment (cash, check, or Venmo)

Email cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com with any questions or concerns

Student Name(s): _____

Teacher(s): _____

Contact # or email:

____ I can donate

____ I can volunteer

*Payment type:
Cash ____
Check ____
(payable to Cliffwood
School PTO)
Venmo ____

Hello Families,

December 13th will be our annual Winter Party hosted by the PTO.

We understand that large parties like these may be overwhelming (and not enjoyable) for families of children with different needs.

This year we are introducing a quieter space/sensory room for students to use during the event. You are invited to stay there the whole time or use it just to take breaks.

Instead of waiting on long lines to check-in, you will be able to skip the line and go straight to the sensory room (located across from the cafeteria). Santa will also be stopping by this room first for photos in a less-stressful environment.

For this to be successful, we would love to hear any concerns or feedback you have. We wanted to add this element so that all our Cliffwood families feel included and do not miss out on the holiday fun. Please RSVP by completing this form if you are interested.

Thank you so much,

The Cliffwood Elementary School PTO 🐾



Student Name: _____

Parent Contact #: _____

Teacher: _____

Any accommodations you may need:

Contact us at [Cliffwoodpto422@gmail](mailto:Cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com) with any questions

CLIFFWOOD FAMILY-
COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT WITH DELICIOUS
AUTHENTIC MEXICAN CUISINE



Viva Margarita
2870 NJ-35, Hazlet, NJ 07730
Monday, December 16, 2024
5-9 pm

*VIVA MARGERITA HAS GENEROUSLY OFFERED
TO GIVE 25% OF PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
CLIFFWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO*

SHOW FLYER TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

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



Dates to Keep in Mind

12/10- Early Dismissal Day for PreK Students- PreK will be dismissed at 1:20 PM

12/11 & 12/12- School Store During Student Lunches

12/13- Cliffwood PTO Winter Festival

12/16- Viva Margarita Cliffwood Family Dinner Night

12/17- Picture Make-up Day

12/18- Cliffwood PTO Meeting 5:30 PM

12/20- Early Dismissal for all students

12/21-1/1- School Closed for Winter Break



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES





Matawan-Aberdeen Regional

School District

