



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

January 19, 2025

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Message from Mrs. Cherence

Dear Cliffwood School Community,

We hope you are all doing well and staying warm as we move into the heart of winter! We have some exciting updates and events to share with you all:

Board Meeting at Cliffwood School

We are thrilled to announce that Cliffwood School will be hosting the next Board Meeting. All Cliffwood families are invited to attend and participate! During this meeting, we will be honoring several outstanding community members who have gone above and beyond to support our students and school. Additionally, our first graders will be singing a special song. If you plan to bring your first grader, please be sure to click [here](#) to let us know.

100% Attendance Recognition

We will also be recognizing 45 incredible Cliffwood students who have achieved 100% attendance so far this school year! If your child is among this group, you should have received a letter. We are so proud of their dedication and hard work!

Title 1 Family Night

Save the date! Our first-ever **Title 1 Family Night** will be held on **Thursday, February 13**. This event promises to be out of this world, with a space theme, math and STEM activities, pizza, prizes, and so much more. Be sure to check out the flyer below for all the details and don't forget to register to ensure your spot for this fun-filled evening!

WizFit Challenge

The **WizFit Challenge** is off to a great start, and we want to thank all the families who have already registered. There's still time to sign up and help raise funds for our school! Congratulations to our

first WizFit winner this past week, and stay tuned as we'll be picking a new winner every day this week.

Important Reminders:

- **No school tomorrow, Monday, January 20th**, in observance of **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend.
- **Snow in the forecast** – it looks like some snow is headed our way! We hope the kids can get outside to play and enjoy it. Just a quick reminder: as the temperatures drop, please make sure your child is dressed warmly for school with a winter coat and other cozy clothing. If your child is in need of a winter coat, please don't hesitate to reach out to the main office. We are more than happy to assist.

Thank you for your continued support of Cliffwood School. We look forward to seeing you at the board meeting and at all of our upcoming events. Have a wonderful weekend, stay safe, and enjoy the snow!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Cherence, Principal

Cosmic Math Title 1 Family Night

Save the date, Thursday 2/13 at 6 PM! Click [here](#) to register! Join us for pizza, cookies, raffles, fun math activities and math giveaways! Please be prompt for pizza. Write your child's first and last name and grade level. If you have more than one child attending, please fill that child's name on the next line. Respond no later than Feb 7th



Message from School Counselor, Mrs. Pietrangelo



Cliffwood Counseling Newsletter



MONTHLY LESSON

JANUARY

HI EVERYONE! HAPPY NEW YEAR! I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT BREAK. FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY MY LESSON WILL BE ON PERSEVERANCE. PERSEVERANCE IS THE ABILITY TO KEEP WORKING TOWARDS YOUR GOALS, EVEN WHEN FACED WITH OBSTACLES. IT IS AN IMPORTANT SKILL THAT CAN LEAD TO SUCCESS IN LIFE. IT'S ABOUT HAVING A PASSION FOR YOUR GOALS AND WILLING TO PUT IN THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THEM.



THREE WAYS TO SHOW PERSEVERANCE!

- ✓ KEEP GOING, EVEN WHEN IT'S DIFFICULT
- ✓ DON'T BE AFRAID TO FAIL, AND TRY AGAIN WHEN YOU DO
- ✓ SET REASONABLE GOALS AND COMMIT TO A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF TIME EACH DAY TO WORK TOWARDS THEM

CONTACT ME!

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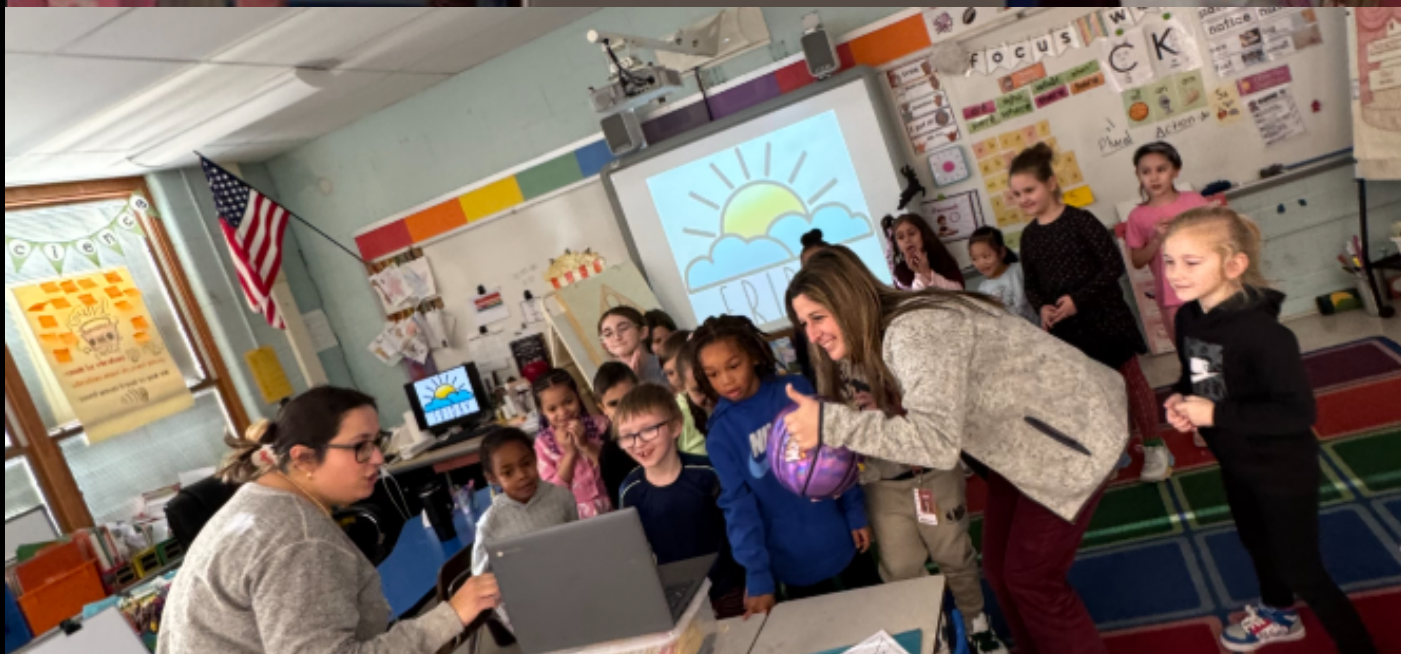


Cliffwood PAWS Winners!



WizFit Challenge Basketball Winner!

Congratulations to Youssef in Mrs. Petruccio's first grade class, who won the WizFit basketball! Next week each registered student will have a chance every day to win a WizFit prize! Make sure your child is registered to be in the drawing to win a cool prize! Here's the link to register: [WizFit Challenge Register](#). Don't forget to watch the WizFit [Video](#) for all the details and information you need.



Preschool and Kindergarten Registration



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2025/2026



OUR PROGRAM

Locations



Preschool classrooms are offered at Cambridge Park, Cliffwood Elementary, Lightbridge Academy, Ravine Park Elementary, and Strathmore Elementary.

Classes



Classes are mixed aged with 3 and 4 year olds. All classrooms use Tools of the Mind curriculum.



Eligibility

Students must be 2 years old on or before October 1, 2025 to enter preschool.



Preschool is free to all eligible residents of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District.



Busing is available for eligible students.



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here!

For additional information about registration, please visit
<https://www.marsd.org/parents-students/central-registration>

☎ For questions or additional information, please call (732) 705-4079.



INSCRIPCIÓN
 PARA PREESCOLAR
 Y KINDER
 2025/2026



NUESTRO PROGRAMA



Ubicaciones
Se ofrecen aulas de preescolar en Cambridge Park, Cliffwood Elementary, Lightbridge Academy, Ravine Ridge Elementary y Stratmore Elementary.



Clases
Las clases son mixtas con niños de 3 y 4 años. Todas las aulas están con el plan de estudios Herramientas de la Mente.

Elegibilidad
Los estudiantes deben tener 3 años el 1 de octubre de 2025 o antes para ingresar al preescolar.

El preescolar es gratuito para todos los residentes elegibles del Distrito Escolar Regional de Matawan-Aberdeen.

El transporte en autobús está disponible para los estudiantes elegibles.



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☎ Para preguntas o información adicional, llame al (732) 705-4079.

Information about Excused/Unexcused Absences



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

The New Jersey Department of Education recognizes only six allowable reasons for an "excused" absence; these reasons are listed below.













- Being present and on-time to school each day is extremely important for students' success and well-being. School attendance is a powerful predictor of student outcomes; data shows that, when students are present daily, they learn better and are generally healthier. **Attendance matters and every school day counts!**

Link to the [Menu](#)

Cliffwood ES
Breakfast

***Menu is Subject to Change**



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
		 Holiday Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluffy French Toast Slices • Breakfast Sausages • Breakfast Potatoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Mozzarella Cheese Calzones • Sautéed Green Beans
6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crispy Chicken Sandwich • Mashed Sweet Potatoes  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baked Sweet Potato 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grilled Cheese Sandwich • Basil Tomato Soup • Fresh Veggie Dippers 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Manicotti Marinara • Roasted Parmesan Broccoli 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes • Breakfast Sausage • Crunchy Hash Browns 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NY Style Bella's Pizza • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad
13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creamy Mac and Cheese • Cornbread Poppers • Panko Crusted Green Beans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Pita • Freshly Prepared Cucumber and Tomato Salad 	  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel • Crunchy Hash Browns 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaghetti and Meatballs • Garlic Bread • Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HALF DAY-NO SWAP OUTS AVAILABLE • Bella's Cheese Pizza • Chicken Nuggets • Muffin Bag Meal
20	21	22	23	24
 MLK Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loaded Tot-Chos • Soft Pretzel Stick • Freshly Baked Apple Crisp 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Crisp Waffles • Breakfast Sausages • Emoji Fries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juicy Hamburger on a Bun OR • Juicy Cheeseburger on a Bun • Steamed Corn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twisted Cheesy Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce • Freshly Prepared Garden Salad
27	28	29	30	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon, Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla • Fresh Pepper Dippers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italian Sampler with Breaded Ravioli, Mozzarella Sticks and Marinara Sauce • Roasted Parmesan Broccoli 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orange Popcorn Chicken • Vegetable Fried Rice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mozzarella Sticks • Dinner Roll • Italian Green Beans 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuffed Crust Pizza • Freshly Prepared Garden Salad

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Swap Outs-Elementary: Muffin Bag Meal , Cereal Bag , Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll , Bella's Cheese Pizza

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Cliffwood PTO NEWS

LET'S GET WIZFIT



REGISTER NOW



JAN. 10 - JAN. 31



Register your child(ren) NOW so they can win FREE Harlem Wizard prizes:
<https://cliffwood-elementary-1.harlemwizardsinabox.com/>

We are excited to announce that the students of **Cliffwood Elementary** are teaming up with the **World Famous Harlem Wizards** to help us raise funds for the **Cliffwood PTO** with their new **WizFit Challenge** fundraiser and kids experience. During a two-week period starting on **01-10-2025** our students will watch and participate in an exclusive series of six interactive video episodes led by **Harlem Wizard stars Swoop and Broadway**. They will get fit, learn tricks, have fun, earn prizes, and be coached on character by the **Wizards**.

We will then conclude this event on **01-24-2025** with a **Graduation Celebration** where every student will participate and win free prizes.

What are we raising money for?

We are raising money to upgrade the school playground.



Our school goal is to raise **\$10,000**. Students can request donations from friends and family to support them participating in the **WizFit Challenge**. We're excited to see our school come together for this fundraising program.




Be sure to **REGISTER** your child(ren) using the link above or the QR CODE so they can win cool Wizard prizes like these! In order to complete the **WizFit Challenge** every student must **COMPLETE** video challenges and **SHARE** student page with at least 3 people. All children who are registered will win a prize, regardless of funds raised! And everyone can participate in the **WizFit** program!



Spring Tricky Tray

Hosted by the Cliffwood PTO

Saturday, April 5, 2025
Cliffwood Elementary School




Doors Open 4 PM
Calling starts promptly at 5:30 PM

Admission: Cash, Check (made out to Cliffwood PTO)
or Venmo (@cliffwoodelementarypto)

\$20 pre-sale

\$25 at door



Admission includes 1 sheet of lower level raffle tickets,
coffee/tea, and dessert

Please provide name and contact # with payment



Must be at least 18 years old

email cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com with any questions






Spring Tricky Tray

Hosted by the Cliffwood PTO

We are accepting donations to support our Tricky Tray fundraising event. Whether you are cleaning out those unwanted holiday gifts or buying new items, we are grateful for any and all donations. Donations can be dropped off at the main office.



Items we are accepting include:

Unopened bottles of liquor/wine




New ladies items

Housewares



Toys

Gift Cards

Lottery Tickets



Call or text Barbara Elmendorf at (646) 312-9997 with any questions.





JANUARY 2025 EDITION

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snacks*†



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Cheerios*†



Buy 2, Earn 5
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+ Protein One*†



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Cascadian
Farms*†



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Muir Glen*†



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Nature Valley*†



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BOX TOPS APP YET?
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Parents of Special People, Inc.
Pocketbook Raffle!
Gucci GG Canvas and Leather Tote
(retail \$2500)

Drawing Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 5pm

Tickets \$25 each
only 250 tickets
available

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Spirit Wear Hoodie Sale

ALL Pullover Hoodies for \$20 each (reg. \$27)
in limited styles, colors, and sizes

Gray Hoodie "C" in:

- Youth XL (9 available)
- Youth Large (7 available)
- Youth Medium (2 available)
- Youth Small (3 available)



Maroon Hoodie "C" in:

- Adult Medium (4 available)
- Adult Large (1 available)
- Adult XL (5 available)



We accept cash, check
(made out to Cliffwood
PTO), or Venmo
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Maroon Hoodie "Cliffwood Lions" in:

- Youth Small (2 available)
- Youth Medium (2 available)
- Youth Large (6 available)
- Youth XL (9 available)



Gray Hoodie "Cliffwood Lions" in:

- Adult XL (2 available)

Gray Hoodie "Cliffwood Pride Lion" in:

- Adult S (1 available)



Gray Zip-up "Cliffwood Elementary Pride" in:

- Adult S (1 available)



Please email cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com or call/text Barbara at
(646) 312-9997 with requests. Items are first come, first serve.
Upon payment, items will be sent home with student.

Dates to Keep in Mind

1/20- School Closed-Martin Luther King Day

1/23- Board Meeting all are encouraged to attend arrival at 6:45 PM
Cliffwood Cafeteria

2/3- Early Dismissal for K-8 Students

2/13- Cosmic Math Title 1 Family Night



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
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