

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

February 2, 2025

Important Links

<u>District School Calendar, School Hours, Cliffwood Morning Music Requests</u>
Cliffwood Family Connections 8/25, 9/2, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/30, 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26

Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

Dear Cliffwood School Families,

We hope you are all doing well! Here's a quick update on some exciting happenings around school this week:

Early Dismissal Tomorrow 2/3

Tomorrow K-3 Students will be dismissed at 1:20 PM. PreK Students are on a regular day schedule, they will be dismissed at 3:35 PM. Please plan accordingly.

Lunar New Year Celebrations

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the Lunar New Year, and we want to wish all our families who celebrate a year filled with happiness, prosperity, and good fortune! Our students had a blast learning about the traditions and customs of the Lunar New Year. Our PreK students got especially creative, making snakes out of pipe cleaners to represent the Year of the Snake, and had a fun time racing them in a friendly competition!

100th Day of School Celebration!

Mark your calendars, the 100th Day of School is on February 18th! We're also excited to share that we've entered a contest to win a 100th Day Sign for Cliffwood School, and we're in the top running! A huge THANK YOU to all the families who have voted and shared on social media. Let's keep the momentum going and help us win!

Groundhog Day Fun

Today is Groundhog Day, and our little ones are definitely excited about it! We know they'll be

talking about whether or not Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow tomorrow at school. If you haven't had a chance to watch the event yet, take a moment to check it out with your child. We're sure they'll be eager to share their thoughts when they get to school!

Fundraiser Updates

Mr. Wyman's "BALD" Fundraiser

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has already contributed to our fundraising efforts! We've raised over \$200 so far, but we're just getting started! This is one of several fundraisers we're hosting to help us reach our goal of \$100,000 for our new sponge floor bottom playground! In a fun twist, Mr. Wyman, our amazing first-grade teacher, is going BALD for a great cause! On Friday, February 7th, Mr. Wyman will be shaving his head to raise money for our new playground, and YOU can be a part of it! Want to take part in the fun? You can purchase raffle tickets for a chance to shave Mr. Wyman's head! Check out the flyer below for more details.

Wizfit Challenge Extended!

We've got more time to reach our \$10,000 goal and we need YOUR help! The Wizfit Challenge has been extended to Friday, February 14th! Right now, we have 168 students registered out of our 350 student goal, and we're determined to get there! If you haven't registered your child yet, don't wait, now is the time to join in!

Goal: \$10,000 (we're over halfway there!)

The student who raises the most money will get to be Principal for the day!

The class that raises the most money will get to tape Mrs. Cherence, our Principal, to the wall, and 2nd and 3rd place classes will win a pizza party and ice cream party!

Check out the flyer and QR code below to register your child today!

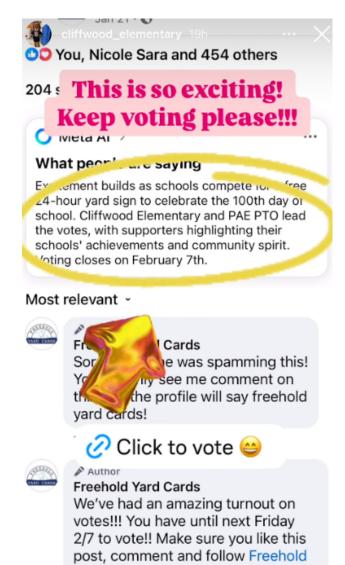
Title 1 Family Night

Don't forget to register for our Title 1 Family Night on Thursday, February 13th! It's guaranteed to be a fun night filled with cosmic fun, pizza, and free giveaways! We can't wait to see everyone there, check out the flyer below for all the details.

Thank you again for all your support, we're excited to continue working together to create a vibrant and engaging environment for our students!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Cherence, Principal



Mr. Wyman is doing something BALD for a Great Cause!



Cosmic Math Title 1 Family Night

Save the date, Thursday 2/13 at 6 PM! Click <u>here</u> 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



Cliffwood PAWS Winners!



Message from Ms. Pietrangelo, School Counselor



MONTHI V I ESSON

FEBRUARY

HI EVERYONE! FOR THE MONTH
OF FEBRUARY MY LESSON WILL
BE ON KINDNESS. KINDNESS IS
THE QUALITY OF BEING
FRIENDLY, HELPFUL, AND
CONSIDERATE TO OTHERS. IT'S
ABOUT TREATING PEOPLE WITH
RESPECT AND CARE.

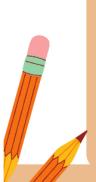


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CLIFFWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK (FEBRUARY 18TH-FEBRUARY 21ST)

Tuesday	We LOVE to be Kind to Others! Students and staff should wear red,pink,or purple colored clothes to school!
Wednesday	Crazy for Kindness! Students and staff should wear crazy socks to school!
Thursday	We Dream of Kindness! Students and staff should wear pajamas or comfy clothes to school!
Friday	Cliffwood Spreads Kindness! Students and staff should wear cliffwood apparel or school colors to school!

American Heart Challenge





Hello Families,

We're excited to announce our school's American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge will be kicking off the end of this month. Our students will be learning about staying strong in body and mind. **Register today under our school at heart.org/schools.** Check this off your list in less than one minute.

This year, we have an important goal: 100% of our families learning the lifesaving skill of Hands-Only CPR! It only takes a few minutes to learn, and it can make all the difference in an emergency.

- Register: heart.org/schools or scan the QR code above and download the free "AHA Schools" app.
- Complete Finn's Mission: Complete all 7 steps, learn Hands-Only CPR, and you'll earn Finn's Lifesaver Cape and you'll also be entered to win two tickets to Super Bowl LX in 2026!
- Share with Family & Friends: Send messages via social media, text messages and/or email.

Let's work together to create a community of lifesavers. Thank you for your support in helping us achieve this incredible goal!



Save Lives. Win Big.

Students and staff that complete Finn's Mission will earn an entry for two tickets to **Super Bowl LX** in 2026 and our school will be entered to receive a **\$10,000 fitness equipment makeover** for every 18 students and staff who complete Finn's Mission.

The National Football League (NFL) is a proud national supporter of the American Heart Association's Nation of Lifesavers.



Mental Health & Wellness Symposium

The Monmouth County Symposium on Mental Health & Wellness at Brookdale Community College aims to raise awareness about mental health and its effects on our youth. The event will take place on February 6, 2025, at 5:30 PM. Our keynote speaker, Jon Barressi, will address "The Anxious Generation," highlighting the influence of social media. This event is free to attend, and all participants will receive complimentary giveaways. For more details and to register, please refer to the attached flyer.

Monmouth County School School Benderden Regional School Distribution
Partnership for Wellness Presents

Symposium on

Mental Health & Wellness

What is Social Media Doing to Our Kids?

Featuring a keynote by Jon Barresi on "The Anxious Generation"

Brookdale Community College Student Life Center February 6th, 2025 5:30 PM

Resource Fair! Prizes!

Visit the link below or scan the QR code to register: https://tinyurl.com/2025MCSPW





Monmouth County Schools
Partnership for Wellness Presents a
Simposio sobre salud mental y
bienestar

¿Qué están haciendo las redes sociales con nuestros niños?

Con una conferencia magistral de Jon Barresi sobre "La generación ansiosa"

Brookdale Community College Student Life Center February 6th, 2025 5:30 PM





Preschool and Kindergarten Registration



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2025/2026



OUR PROGRAM

Classes





Eligibility Steems must be 5 years old on or bafore October 1, 2025 to enter preschool.







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.



Information about Excused/Unexcused Absences



Every student. Every day.

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

- 1. Religious holidays (Each year, the State Board of Education votes on a list of approved religious holidays for observance upon the written request signed by the parent.).
- 2. Participation in observance of Veterans Day.
- 3. Participation in district board of election membership activities.
- 4. Take Our Children to Work Day.
- 5. College visit(s), up to three days per school year for students in grades 11 and 12.
- 6. Closure of a busing school district that prevents a student from having transportation to the receiving school.

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!**

February Menu

Link to the Menu

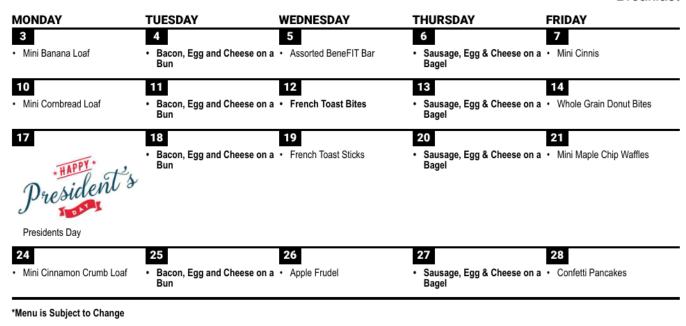
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healthy kids!

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Breakfast



Please call us at (973) 598-0005 to speak to one of Maschio's Registered Dietitian

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

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

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

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Cliffwood PTO NEWS Chocolate Fundraiser







Our World's Finest Chocolate Bar Fundraiser will run this year from Monday, February 2nd thru Wednesday February 19th

Forms will be sent home. Please complete if you would like to participate 🍫

Kick-off will begin tomorrow during K-3 lunches!

Join Us this Month for Our February PTO Meeting



Who?:

Parents/grandparents, teachers, administrators, support staff

When?:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 5:30-6:30pm

(before star student ceremony)

Where?:

Cliffwood Elementary School Cafeteria

Find ways to get involved with Cliffwood Elementary 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 Spring events and the yearbook!

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

Email questions to cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com

We've got more time to reach our goal, and we need YOUR help! The challenge has been extended to **Friday, February 14th!** A Right



If you haven't registered your child yet, now's the time! Let's show up and show out!

Goal: \$10,000 — and we're already more than halfway there! All the money raised will go directly toward creating an awesome sponge floor bottom playground that our kids will LOVE.

Below, you'll find the QR code and flyer to get your child registered today. Don't miss out, let's make this challenge a huge success!



Event Timeline



Kick Off

10 Jan



Platinum Ball Giveaway

17 Jan





Graduation Celebration

07 Feb



Event Ends

14 Feb





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.

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Be sure to <u>REGISTER</u> 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 <u>COMPLETE</u> video challenges and <u>SHARE</u> 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.















Buy 2, Earn 6 on Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls*†

Buy 2, Earn 5 on Muir Glen*†



Buy 2, Earn 6 on Annie's snacks*†



Buy 2, Earn 5 on Cheerios*†









Buy 2, Earn 5 on Fiber One + Protein One*†



















EARNINGS GOAL

Goal: \$500.00
to help fund classroom art supplies





Use code \$839300W to join and earn 25 Bonus Box Tops.

3 EASY WAYS TO EARN FOR OUR SCHOOL







SUBMIT Qualifying digital receipts in the app



*Offers are valid in a single transaction between 1/1/2025-1/31/2025.

**Offers are valid in a single transaction between 1/1/2025-2/14/2025,
†Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.





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

To purchase tickets, email posptreasurer@gmail.com

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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)



We accept cash, check (made out to Cliffwood PTO), or Venmo @cliffwoodelementarypto



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Maroon Hoodie "C" in:

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



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

2/3- Early Dismissal for K-8 Students (PreK Dismissal Regular Time)

2/6- Mental Health & Wellness Symposium

2/7- Mr. Wyman Shaving Head Fundraiser

2/13- Cosmic Math Title 1 Family Night

2/14- Early Dismissal Day, Valentine's Day

2/17- Presidents' Day- School Closed

2/18-100th Day of School

2/18-2/21- Random Acts of Kindness Week

2/19- PTO Meeting 5:30 PM in the Cliffwood Cafeteria



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES





