



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

### CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

February 23, 2025

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#### Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

Dear Cliffwood Families,

We hope this message finds you well! We've had an exciting week here at Cliffwood School and we're thrilled to share the latest happenings with you!

Our students and staff had an absolute blast celebrating the **100th day of school**! It was a day filled with fun activities and creativity. From making necklaces with 10 patterns to creating colorful 100-day posters, there was so much excitement. We even had some classes that got into the spirit by making **100-day trail mixes**, a delicious and fun way to celebrate! And of course, we have the *cutest 100-year-old* here at Cliffwood School! Our students enjoyed every moment of this special day.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for **Read Across America Week** next week! We are thrilled to have **guests from our community** come in to read to our students, sharing the joy of reading and storytelling. We'll also have a **Spirit Week** to celebrate and we encourage all students to join in on the fun! Our theme will encourage everyone to dress up to match the reading-related activities each day. You'll find the **Spirit Week flyer** attached below with more details.

Additionally, we are excited to **celebrate SEL Day on Monday, March 3rd**. This will be a day dedicated to Social and Emotional Learning, where we will focus on mindfulness, empathy, and building strong connections.

**A quick reminder:** On **Wednesday, March 5th**, school will be **closed for an In-Service Day**, so please plan accordingly.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school tomorrow, ready to embrace another fun-filled week!

# Happy 100th Day at Cliffwood!









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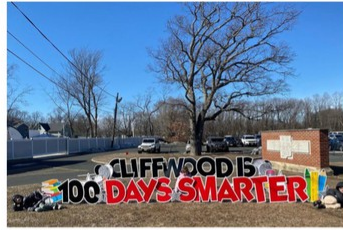




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Love seeing the Cliffwood hallways filled with 100th day and Black History month learning!







Congrats to our Star Students for the month of January



Cliffwood PAWS Winners!

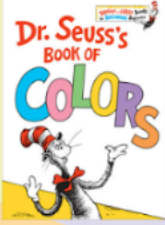








# Read Across America Spirit Week

MARCH 3RD - MARCH 7TH



Monday, March 3rd	Tuesday, March 4th	Wednesday, March 5th	Thursday, March 6th	Friday, March 7th
<b>DR. SEUSS'S BOOK OF COLORS</b>	<b>IF I RAN THE ZOO</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>	<b>THE HAIR BOOK</b>	<b>CAT IN THE HAT</b>
<b>SEL Day!</b> Wear tie dye or colorful clothing	Wear animal print or camouflage	In-service day for teachers	Wear mismatched clothes or wacky hair	Wear red, white, black or stripes
				

Husky Touchdown Club Tricky Tray





# HUSKY TOUCHDOWN CLUB

PRESENTS

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RAFFLE

Tricky Tray

TICKET

## SAT. JUNE 21ST

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INCLUDES A SHEET OF TIER 1 TICKETS COFFEE TEA AND DESSERTS PROVIDED

**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD - CASH BAR NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL**

TABLES OF 10 REGISTRATION CAN EMAIL TO [HUSKYTOUCHDOWN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HUSKYTOUCHDOWN@GMAIL.COM)

OR MAILED TO MATAWAN REGIONAL HS 450 ATLANTIC AVE ABERDEEN NJ 07747

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Please list all members of your party. 1st person listed will be contacted to confirm reservation of the group. (1 form per group) 10 people max at a table.

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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.



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

☎ 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.

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](#)

## February 2025

Cliffwood ES  
Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> • Mini Banana Loaf	<b>4</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>5</b> • Assorted BeneFIT Bar	<b>6</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>7</b> • Mini Cinnis
<b>10</b> • Mini Cornbread Loaf	<b>11</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>12</b> • French Toast Bites	<b>13</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>14</b> • Whole Grain Donut Bites
<b>17</b>  Presidents Day	<b>18</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>19</b> • French Toast Sticks	<b>20</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>21</b> • Mini Maple Chip Waffles
<b>24</b> • Mini Cinnamon Crumb Loaf	<b>25</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>26</b> • Apple Frudel	<b>27</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>28</b> • Confetti Pancakes

\*Menu is Subject to Change



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*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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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HALF DAY NO SWAP OUTS AVAILABLE Cheese Lasagna Roll-Up with Marinara Sauce</li><li>• Italian Green Beans OR</li><li>• Muffin Bag Meal OR</li><li>• Chicken Nuggets</li></ul>	<b>4</b> <div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grilled Cheese Sandwich</li><li>• Tomato Soup</li></ul>	<b>5</b> <div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fluffy French Toast Slices</li><li>• Breakfast Sausage</li><li>• Crunchy Hash Browns</li></ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mini Turkey Corn Dog Nuggets</li><li>• Mixed Vegetables</li></ul>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NY Style Bella's Pizza</li><li>• Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad</li></ul> <div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roasted Mushrooms</li></ul>
<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Popcorn Chicken, Whipped Mashed Potatoes, Rich Brown Gravy, Seasoned Corn</li><li>• Mini Cornbread Loaf</li></ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chicken Parm Hero</li><li>• Italian Green Beans</li></ul>	<b>12</b> <div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emoji Waffles</li><li>• Cheesy Omelet</li><li>• Seasoned Potato Wedges</li></ul>	<b>13</b> <div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seasoned Beef Scoop-A-Bowl with Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Tortilla Chips</li><li>• Black Beans</li></ul>	<b>14</b> <p>HALF DAY-NO SWAP OUTS AVAILABLE</p> <div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Twisted Cheesy Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce</li><li>• Freshly Prepared Spring Mix Salad</li><li>• Watermelon Whole Fruit Juice Cup OR</li><li>• Muffin Bag Meal OR</li><li>• Chicken Nuggets</li></ul>
<b>17</b> <div></div> <p>Presidents Day</p>	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grilled Chicken Club</li><li>• Maple Cinnamon Carrots</li></ul>	<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Juicy Hamburger on a Bun OR</li><li>• Juicy Cheeseburger on a Bun</li><li>• Steamed Corn</li></ul>	<b>20</b> <div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sausage, Egg, and Cheese on English Muffin</li><li>• Crunchy Tater Tots</li></ul>	<b>21</b> <div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stuffed Crust Pizza</li><li>• Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad</li></ul>
<b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creamy Mac and Cheese</li><li>• Pretzel Nuggets</li><li>• Broccoli Dippers</li></ul>	<b>25</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bacon, Chicken &amp; Cheese Quesadilla</li><li>• Cilantro-Lime Black Beans and Corn</li></ul>	<b>26</b> <div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes</li><li>• Breakfast Sausages</li><li>• Emoji Fries</li></ul>	<b>27</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potato and Cheese Pierogies</li><li>• Sautéed Carrots</li></ul>	<b>28</b> <div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pizza Crunchers with Marinara Sauce</li><li>• Freshly Prepared Garden Salad</li></ul>

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Healthy meals grow healthy kids!

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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**Save the Date!**  
**Thursday, May 15, 2025**



**The Harlem Wizards vs. Cliffwood Elementary Staff  
Game proceeds will be used to benefit our school!**

The World-Famous Harlem Wizards want to invite you and the whole family to join them for a night of tricks, hoops, and alley-oops!

**DATE: 5-15-25**

Please join us at Matawan High School, located at 450 Atlantic Avenue.

The game begins at **6:00 PM** and the doors will open at **5:00 PM**. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance.



Student -\$20  
General Admission - \$25  
Reserved Student - \$35  
Reserved Adult - \$35  
Courtside Plus Student - \$50  
Courtside Plus Adult - \$50



Scan QR code  
to purchase  
tickets



Food, drinks, snacks,  
and souvenirs  
available for sale on  
Game Day

Chocolate Fundraiser



We accept Cash, Check (made out to Cliffwood PTO), or Venmo (@cliffwoodelementary)



*TO THIRD GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS:*

## **Baby Pictures Needed!**



Our third graders only have a few months left at Cliffwood School before they move on up to the 4th grade at Lloyd Road.

The PTO would like to showcase in this year's yearbook just how much they have grown.

Please send in your child's baby picture (2 years old or younger) to:



[cliffwoodyearbook25@gmail.com](mailto:cliffwoodyearbook25@gmail.com)



Please send in by April 1st

Include child's full name and teacher in the email.



Thank you!

The Cliffwood Elementary School PTO



Join Us this Month  
for Our March PTO Meeting



**Who?:**

Parents/grandparents, teachers,  
administrators, support staff



**When?:**

Wednesday, March 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](mailto:cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com)*







# 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



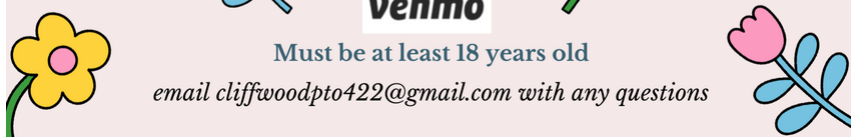
Admission includes 1 sheet of lower level raffle tickets,  
coffee/tea, and dessert

\*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.





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## Dates to Keep in Mind

- 3/3-3/7- Read Across America Week
- 3/5- School Closed- Inservice Day
- 3/19- Early Dismissal for PreK Students Only
- 3/19- Cliffwood PTO Meeting 5:30 PM in the Cafeteria
- 3/19- Star Student Ceremony 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria
- 4/3- 3rd Grade Concert
- 5/15- Harlem Wizards Game
- 4/3- School Picture Day
- 5/23- Fun Day
- 6/13- PreK Promotion
- 6/18- Kindergarten Celebration



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