



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

March 16, 2025

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Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

It's been another exciting week here at Cliffwood School and I'm thrilled to share some wonderful updates with you!

First, a huge congratulations to Mr. Miles Mooney, our amazing Kindergartner, who had the honor of being Principal for the Day! Miles did an outstanding job leading the school and was our top fundraiser for the WizFit Challenge. Well done, Miles!

I'd also like to remind everyone to purchase tickets to watch our very own Cliffwood staff take on the Harlem Wizards on Thursday, May 15th. It's sure to be a fun-filled evening, so don't miss out! We're excited to announce that, thanks to our wonderful PTO for organizing, we'll be offering a MadScience after-school program beginning in April. Be sure to check out the flyer below for more information!

We are also incredibly grateful to the PTO for funding an Author Visit with Daniel Jude Miller, who will be joining us this Thursday. All Cliffwood students will have the opportunity to meet Daniel, hear about his books, and learn about the process behind writing them. It promises to be an inspiring experience for our students!

In even more exciting news, this Monday marks the official kickoff for our One School, One Book program! Students will receive clues each morning this week, and on Friday, we'll be treated to a fun skit starring our very own Cliffwood staff! The book reveal will take place at the end of the assembly! We can't wait for everyone to find out which book we'll be reading together!

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Thursday, April 10th, our next Title 1 Family Night, which will celebrate OSOB and our annual Cliffwood Art Show! It's going to be a fantastic evening full of creativity and community.

If you haven't bought your tickets yet for the Cliffwood Tricky Tray, make sure to do so soon! It's going to be a fantastic night with amazing prizes and all money raised goes directly to support Cliffwood School. The Cliffwood PTO has been hard at work putting together an incredible collection of generous baskets filled with high-quality items, you won't want to miss your chance to win!

Don't forget, tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day, so be sure to wear your green and celebrate the fun with us!

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to all the families who have supported the Hoffman family. Your generosity and kindness have been incredibly moving and it's a true testament to the strength and unity of our Cliffwood community.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful community of families at Cliffwood School!

Mr. Miles Mooney, Principal for the Day!



Cliffwood PAWS Winners!



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!**

March Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Link to the [Menu](#)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Banana Loaf	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	5 <div>NO SCHOOL</div> No school	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Cinnis
10 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Cornbread Loaf	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none">French Toast Bites	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Whole Grain Donut Bites
17 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Maple Pancakes	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fluffy French Toast Sticks	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Maple Chip Waffles
24 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Cinnamon Crumb Loaf	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Apple Frudel	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Confetti Pancakes
31 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mini Banana Loaf				

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

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3  NUTRITION  Read Across America Week "Hop On" • Popcorn Chicken, Whipped Mashed Potatoes, Rich Brown Gravy, Seasoned Corn • Fresh Dinner Roll	4  NATIONAL SCHOOLS BREAKFAST WEEK  National Pancake Day • Fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crunchy Tater Tots	5 NO SCHOOL No school	6  Breakfast for Lunch • Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant • Breakfast Potatoes	7  Pizza Bagel Day • Mini Pizza Bagels • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad
10 • Seasoned Cheese Quesadilla • Rice and Beans  New Recipe • Apple Filled Churro	11 • HALF DAY-NO SWAP OUTS AVAILABLE NOT LLOYD ROAD  JOHNNY APPLESEED DAY  Pasta Day • Cheese Manicotti Marinara • Garlic Bread • Broccoli Italiano OR • Chicken Nuggets OR • Muffin Bag Meal	12 • HALF DAY-NO SWAP OUTS AVAILABLE NOT LLOYD ROAD  Registered Dietitian Day • Grilled Chicken Snack Wrap • Fresh Pepper Dippers OR • Chicken Nuggets OR • Muffin Bag Meal	13  International School Meals Day  New Recipe • Teriyaki Chicken Lo Mein • Pretzel Nuggets • Stir Fry Vegetables	14  Pizza Day • Personal Cheese Pizza • Freshly Prepared Spring Mix Salad
17  St. Patrick's Day • Creamy Mac and Cheese • Shamrock Pretzel • Roasted Parmesan Broccoli	18  Taco Tuesday • Twin Beef Tacos with Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes and Onions • Brown Rice • Local Street Corn Elote	19  Poultry Day 19 March • Mini Turkey Corn Dog Nuggets • Maple Cinnamon Carrots	20  Spring Equinox • Juicy Hamburger on a Bun or • Juicy Cheeseburger on a Bun • BBQ Baked Beans	21  Pizza Day • Freshly Baked Pizza Crunchers • Freshly Prepared Garden Salad
24 • Philly Chicken Cheesesteak • Seasoned Sweet Potato Fries	25 • Grilled Cheese Wedges • Fresh Veggie Dippers	26  Breakfast for Lunch • Golden Crisp Waffles • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crunchy Hash Browns	27  Scoop-A-Bowl • Seasoned Beef Scoop-A-Bowl with Rice, Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Tortilla Chips • Black Beans	28  Pizza Day • Stuffed Crust Pizza • Freshly Prepared Cucumber and Tomato Salad
31 • Cheese Calzone & Mini Ravioli Sampler • Sautéed Carrots				




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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



Please send in by April 1st

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



Thank you!

The Cliffwood Elementary School PTO



March School Store

Wednesday, March 19th &
Thursday, March 20th



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



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Mad Science After School Programs

Cliffwood Elementary School

LEGO BRIXology Grades - K-4

Our BRIXOLOGY After School Program was developed in partnership with LEGO® Master Builders! Team up to build exclusive creations that will test their engineering abilities! Build carnival rides, drawing machines, mechanical animals, truss bridges and space stations. Try your hand at aerospace, nautical, biomechanical, and even structural engineering! Let the tinkering begin!

Bubbles and Bugs - PreK

Our after-school program offers hands-on learning experiences for our younger Mad Scientists. Because kids learn better by doing, all classes are hands-on and interactive! Class topics include: **Bug Buddies, Playing with Polymers**
Sea Life, Smoke & Bubbles, Stellar Space, Weather Wonders.

Grade	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Skip Date
K-4 BRIXology	Wednesdays	3:35PM - 4:35PM	4/2/25	5/14/25	4/16
PreK Bubbles and Bugs	Wednesdays	3:35PM - 4:35PM	4/2/25	5/14/25	4/16

Cost per child \$113.00. Includes all materials and a fun take home project after every class.

Register Now!

<https://wnj.madscience.org/parents-register-a.aspx?action=search&org=10133#ctn-activitylist>

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ASSEMBLIES SPECIAL EVENTS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS VACATION & SUMMER PROGRAMS PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS BIRTHDAY PARTIES Workshops



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.



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
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Dates to Keep in Mind

- 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
- 3/19 & 3/20- School Store
- 4/3- 3rd Grade Concert
- 5/15- Harlem Wizards Game
- 4/3- School Picture Day
- 4/10- Title 1 OSOB Family Night & Art Show
- 5/23- Fun Day
- 6/13- PreK Promotion
- 6/17- Kindergarten Celebration



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