

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

March 16, 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, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9

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

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



Every student. Every day.

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

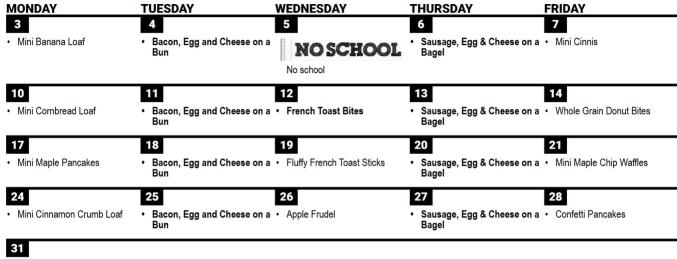
- 1. Religious holidays (Each year, the State Board of Education votes on a list of approved religious holidays for observance upon the written request signed by the parent.).
- 2. Participation in observance of Veterans Day.
- 3. Participation in district board of election membership activities.
- 4. 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

Breakfast



· Mini Banana Loaf

*Menu is Subject to Change



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

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

Cliffwood PTO NEWS

TO THIRD GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Baby Pictures Needed!







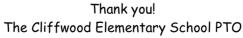
Our third graders only have a few months left at Cliffwood School before they move on up to the 4th grade at Lloyd Road.

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.









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









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
Courtside Plus Adult - \$50



Scan QR code to purchase tickets



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













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.





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



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES





Matawan-Aberdeen Regional

School District

