



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

### CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

March 23, 2025

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#### Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

We had an exciting week at Cliffwood, filled with learning and fun! We were thrilled to welcome author Daniel Jude Miller for a special visit. He was very entertaining and put on a fantastic show for the students. They had the opportunity to learn what goes on behind the scenes in creating his books, such an inspiring experience for everyone!

We also kicked off our One School, One Book program with a lively and interactive assembly, organized by our amazing Title 1 Committee. They put together a fantastic skit to reveal the book we'll all be reading together as a school. Each student went home with their very own copy of *Adventure According to Humphrey*. Please make sure to check out the letter that went home with your child, as it includes more information about the program.

This is a wonderful opportunity to read together both at home and at school. Reading at home with your child is so beneficial, it helps improve literacy skills, strengthens the bond between you and your child, and fosters a love of reading that lasts a lifetime.

Save the Date!

We invite you to join us for our One School, One Book Family Night on Wednesday, April 9th, along with our Art Show. During the event, your family will have the chance to play the same fun and interactive games the students saw in the skit at the assembly. Don't miss out on the opportunity to play games inspired by *Adventure According to Humphrey*, the book we are all reading together as a school. It's going to be a great time, and we'd love to see you there!

Reminders:

- Please remember to arrive to school on time. Doors open at 9:10 AM, and school starts at 9:20 AM.

- We kindly ask that you refrain from picking up your child 5-10 minutes before dismissal. At that time, students are already getting ready to head to their buses or are exiting with their classes. Picking up your child early during this time can be confusing, especially for our younger students. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another exciting week at Cliffwood!



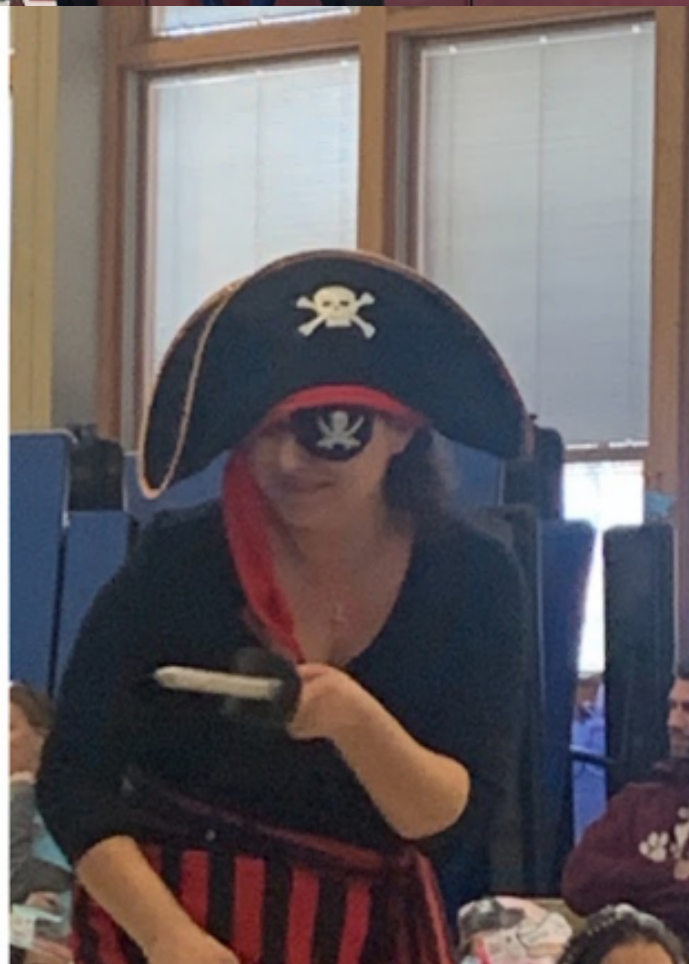
## Cliffwood PAWS Winners!



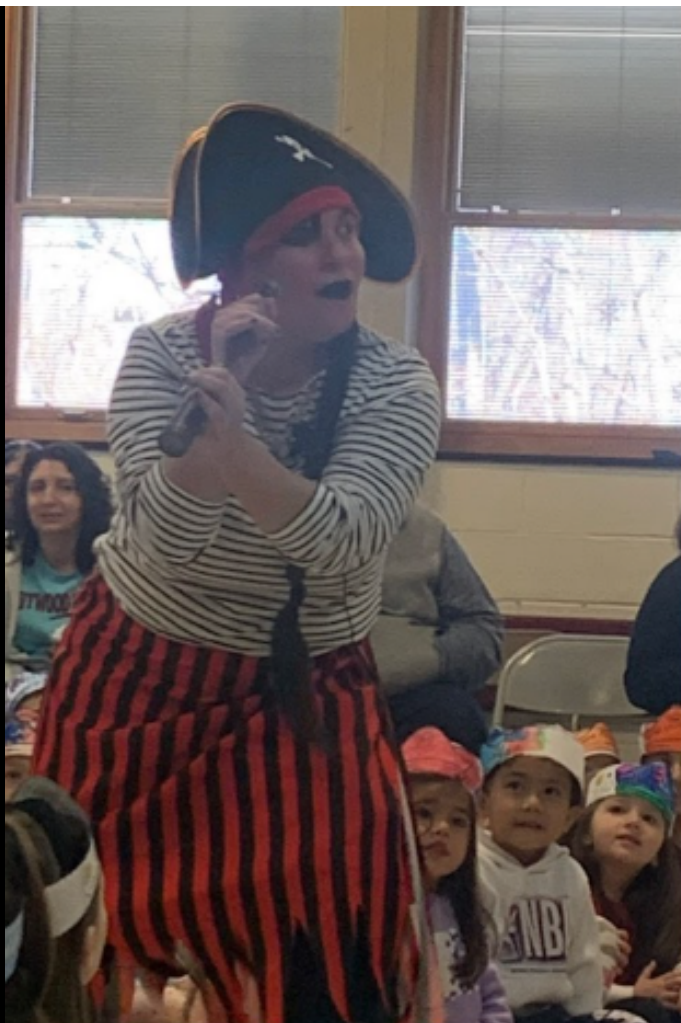
## OSOB Kick Off Assembly

A huge thank you to our **Cliffwood Title 1 Committee** for organizing an amazing assembly to kick off our **One School, One Book (OSOB) program**! They have worked tirelessly to create a fun-filled event that has sparked excitement about reading for both our students and school community.









OSOB Spirit Week



# Week of Reading Excitement

Monday 3/31	Tuesday 4/1	Wednesday 4/2	Thursday 4/3	Friday 4/4
<p>Read in the dark</p> <p><i>Bring a flashlight to school</i></p> 	<p>Read with your pajamas</p> 	<p>Read with your stuffed animal</p> 	<p>Read with another class</p> <p><i>Reading with friends is fun</i></p> 	<p>Dress like a pirate/ OR wear red/black and white</p> 

## Author Visit- Daniel Jude Miller

Cliffwood students got some great insight during our author's visit this with with Daniel Jude Miller! Thank you to the Cliffwood PTO for funding and Mrs. Thiel or Media Specialist for organizing the visit. Check the flyer below if interested in purchasing his books for your child to enjoy!



Dear Parent,  
It was my pleasure to have the opportunity to visit your child's school. Hopefully, they returned home excited about reading, writing, and creating art.  
If you would like to purchase any of my autographed books simply return this form to their teacher with either cash or check made out to Daniel Miller by:

April 1st



Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

### Picture books

#### Monsters in Manhattan

hardcover / recommended grades 2nd - 4th

Mike lives in New York City and can't wait for his winter break. When his cousin Mary Lou from Kalamazoo comes to ruin his week off from school, he has no choice but to show her the fantastic tourist attractions and the monsters that live there.

Number of copies you wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ School visit price \$12 Retail price ~~\$15.95~~



#### Monsters in Manhattan 2

When Mike meets a new bully, it means a trip to new tourist attractions to meet new monsters.

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#### Halloween Boy and the Christmas Kid

hardcover / recommended grades nursery - 2nd

Two boys born in the same hospital and on the same day, one is the world's biggest fan of Halloween, the other adores Christmas. Is their birthday bond enough to keep them best friends when they are so different?

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#### Everybody Wake Up!

hardcover / recommended grades nursery - 2nd

Sunny absolutely loves being awake. Unfortunately, she keeps coming across all sorts of snoozers, dozers, and sleepy-heads. Not good. The only thing she can do is step back, take a deep breath and shout...

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### Chapter books

#### Wishville Elementary

softcover easy-reader chapter book / recommended grades 1st+

Iggy Francis wants a dog. She really, really, really wants a dog, but her mother doesn't think she's ready for the responsibility. When a genie offers her one wish, she might finally get what she wants. And YOU get to pick what she wishes for! What will you choose?

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#### The Final 5

softcover middle-grade novel / recommended grades 4th+

Against multiple warnings, Dylan Dunski sneaks his cell phone into a Virtual Pod 9000 machine. The result: he accidentally finds himself blasted back in time to the year 1955. With his battery dying, how will he ever return?

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#### 13 Terrible Tales: The Sleepless Sleepover

softcover middle-grade novel / recommended grades 4th+

As the new girl in town, Aubrey Bledsoe needs to make friends. She gets the opportunity when she's invited to a thirteenth birthday party. Unfortunately, the party is taking place in a funeral parlor.

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#### 13 Terrible Tales: The Red Light

softcover middle-grade novel / recommended grades 4th+

On a road trip to visit their father, the Spencer brothers will each be forced to face their fears. Bugs, snakes, a haunted attraction, and even a creepy abandoned campground are nothing compared to what lurks in the woods.

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Here is where it all comes full circle. My middle name is Jude and I wouldn't do this job unless I felt I could give back, so \$1 of every book that you purchase will be donated to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

www.djmbbooks.com

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Bracelets for Ben Fundraiser



# BRACELET CLASS WEEKEND FOR BEN!

**Details: \$10 per person for 1 hour of bracelet making.**

**(All proceeds go right to the Hoffman family)**

There will  
be raffles  
in store.



**Our prayers go out to Ben & his family.**



"BEN HOFFMAN"

**March 29th & March 30th**

Melissa Hoffman, a teacher at Cambridge Park Elementary & her family has recently found out that their son Ben, a student at MAMS, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Please help us support his family while he goes through this tough time, anything helps.

If you can not attend the class but would like to donate, you can at his [go.fund.me](https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-ben-hoffmans-fight-against-brain-tumor?) or you can drop off donations at the store & we will make sure it gets to them.



Cash donations are appreciated.



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-ben-hoffmans-fight-against-brain-tumor?>

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## Cliffwood Stage Upgrade

Check out our new upgraded stage padding mats, customized with Cliffwood School and our Cliff Lion!





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

\*Menu is Subject to Change



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*healthy kids!*

**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
<b>3</b>   "Hop On" • Popcorn Chicken, Whipped Mashed Potatoes, Rich Brown Gravy, Seasoned Corn • Fresh Dinner Roll	<b>4</b>   • Fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crunchy Tater Tots	<b>5</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> No school	<b>6</b>  • Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant • Breakfast Potatoes	<b>7</b>  • Mini Pizza Bagels • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad
<b>10</b> • Seasoned Cheese Quesadilla • Rice and Beans  • Apple Filled Churro	<b>11</b> • HALF DAY-NO SWAP OUTS AVAILABLE NOT LLOYD ROAD   • Cheese Manicotti Marinara • Garlic Bread • Broccoli Italiano OR • Chicken Nuggets OR • Muffin Bag Meal	<b>12</b> • HALF DAY-NO SWAP OUTS AVAILABLE NOT LLOYD ROAD  • Grilled Chicken Snack Wrap • Fresh Pepper Dippers OR • Chicken Nuggets OR • Muffin Bag Meal	<b>13</b>   • Teriyaki Chicken Lo Mein • Pretzel Nuggets • Stir Fry Vegetables	<b>14</b>  • Personal Cheese Pizza • Freshly Prepared Spring Mix Salad
<b>17</b>  • Creamy Mac and Cheese • Shamrock Pretzel • Roasted Parmesan Broccoli	<b>18</b>  • Twin Beef Tacos with Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes and Onions • Brown Rice • Local Street Corn Elote	<b>19</b>  • Mini Turkey Corn Dog Nuggets • Maple Cinnamon Carrots	<b>20</b>  • Juicy Hamburger on a Bun or • Juicy Cheeseburger on a Bun • BBQ Baked Beans	<b>21</b>  • Freshly Baked Pizza Crunchers • Freshly Prepared Garden Salad
<b>24</b> • Philly Chicken Cheesesteak • Seasoned Sweet Potato Fries	<b>25</b> • Grilled Cheese Wedges • Fresh Veggie Dippers	<b>26</b>  • Golden Crisp Waffles • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crunchy Hash Browns	<b>27</b>  • Seasoned Beef Scoop-A-Bowl with Rice, Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Tortilla Chips • Black Beans	<b>28</b>  • Stuffed Crust Pizza • Freshly Prepared Cucumber and Tomato Salad
<b>31</b> • 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](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



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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>

Mad Science 1580 Reed Road, Pennington, NJ 609-737-0313 [wnj.madscience.org](http://wnj.madscience.org)

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# Spring Tricky Tray

Hosted by the Cliffwood PTO



**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

Cliffwood Elementary School  
422 Cliffwood Ave  
Cliffwood, NJ 07721

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

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

Send Checks to Address Above

\$20 pre-sale

\$25 at door

\*Ticket Bundles sold on night of event\*

Tables can be reserved in sets of 6 or 12 tickets, paid in full

All other seating is first come, first serve



**venmo**

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*





Some of Our Items  
Donated By:



**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



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on Cascadian  
Farms\*†



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## Dates to Keep in Mind

- 3/31-4/4- OSOB Spirit Week
- 4/2- Wear Blue or Tie Dye for Autism Acceptance Day
- 4/3- 3rd Grade Concert
- 4/3- School Picture Day
- 4/9- Title 1 OSOB Family Night & Art Show
- 4/11- Wear Tie Dye for Disability Awareness Day
- 4/11- Early Dismissal Day for all Students
- 4/14-4/21- School Closed for Spring Break
- 5/15- Harlem Wizards Game
- 5/23- Fun Day
- 6/9- Third Grade Spray Park Trip
- 6/12- Rain date for Third Grade Spray Park Trip
- 6/13- PreK Promotion
- 6/17- Kindergarten Celebration



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



**Matawan-Aberdeen Regional**  
School District

