



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

### CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

March 30, 2025

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#### Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

As we wrap up the month of March, I want to take a moment to celebrate some of the wonderful activities that have taken place here at Cliffwood.

##### March Music Madness

A special thank you to Ms. Dittloff, our music teacher, for organizing March Music Madness! Every morning this month, students were treated to songs that were voted on. We are thrilled to announce that the winner of this year's March Music Madness is "Pink Pony Club," performed by Mrs. Anderson's class.

##### One School, One Book – Adventure According to Humphrey

This week, our students dove into our One School, One Book program with Adventure According to Humphrey. It has been amazing to witness students reading in the hallways, classrooms, and even talking excitedly about the book. The joy of reading together as a school community is truly a sight to behold. I encourage everyone to continue sharing their thoughts and excitement about Humphrey's adventures!

We're also excited to announce that students who submit their Chapter Questions each Tuesday and Thursday have the chance to win fun prizes! We had our first winners this past week and are looking forward to more lucky students earning rewards for their participation!

##### OSOB Spirit Week

This week is our OSOB Spirit Week! Don't forget to check out the Spirit Week chart. On Wednesday, students are invited to "Read with a Stuffed Animal" and wear blue in honor of Autism Acceptance Day. We look forward to seeing the creative ways our students participate.

### Exciting News: Beautifying the Storage Trailer!

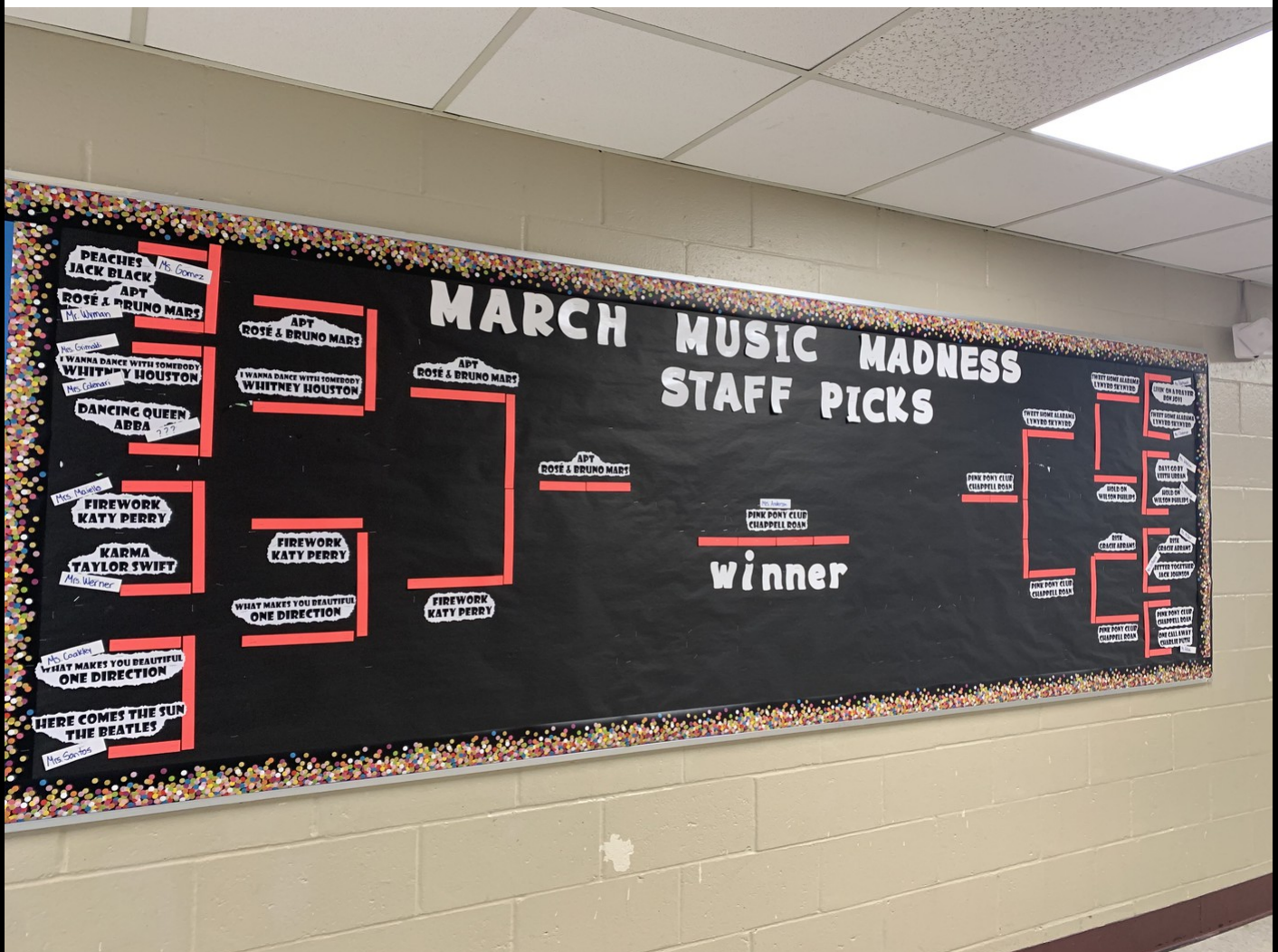
We are thrilled to announce an exciting new project to beautify the storage trailer near the playground and parking lot. To make this project extra special, we're holding a drawing contest for our 3rd-grade students to create a unique design.

- On April 23rd, each third-grade class will vote for their favorite design from the submissions in their class.
- The top design from each class will then move on to a school-wide vote on April 24th.
- On April 25th, we will announce the overall winner!

Once the design is chosen, Cliffwood students, alongside the MAMS Art Club, will bring the winning design to life by painting the storage trailer. We can't wait to see the creativity of our students shine through in this project!

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to more exciting events and activities as we move into April!

## March Music Madness



## Cliffwood Storage Trailer Contest & Project





## Cliffwood PAWS Winners!



## OSOB Winners

Students are encouraged to read *Adventure According to Humphrey* and answer the Chapter Questions. Students who turn in their Chapter Questions have a chance every Tuesday and Wednesday to win fun prizes! Check out first week winners!













OSOB Spirit Week

# Week of Reading Excitement

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



## PreK Exploring the campfire theme during make-believe play













This 3rd grade student surprised her brother as a mystery reader in his class.







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!**

## April Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Link to the [Menu](#)

April 2025

Cliffwood ES  
Breakfast















MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>1</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>2</b> • Assorted BeneFIT Bar	<b>3</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>4</b> • Mini Cinnis
<b>7</b> • Mini Cornbread Loaf	<b>8</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>9</b> • French Toast Bites	<b>10</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>11</b> • Whole Grain Donut Bites
<b>14</b>  Spring Break	<b>15</b>  Spring Break	<b>16</b>  Spring Break	<b>17</b>  Spring Break	<b>18</b>  Spring Break
<b>21</b>  Spring Break	<b>22</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>23</b> • Apple Frudel	<b>24</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>25</b> • Confetti Pancakes
<b>28</b> • Mini Banana Loaf	<b>29</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>30</b> • Assorted BeneFIT Bar		

\*Menu is Subject to Change



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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



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1  • Crispy Chicken Sandwich • Crunchy Tater Tots	2  • Cheese Lasagna Roll-Up with Marinara Sauce • Roasted Garlic Green Beans CHEF DAY LLOYD ROAD Burrito Bar	3  • Seasoned Beef Scoop-A-Bowl with Rice, Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Tortilla Chips • Black Beans	4 • Twisted Cheesy Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce • Freshly Prepared Garden Salad
7 • Chicken Parm Sandwich • Roasted Parmesan Carrots	8  • Fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes With Mixed Berry Compote • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crunchy Hash Browns	9 • Seasoned Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla • Fire Roasted Corn CHEF DAY STRATHMORE Pizza	10 • Juicy Hamburger on a Bun Or Juicy Cheeseburger on a Bun • Spiral Fries	11 HALF DAY-NO SWAP OUTS  • French Bread Cheese Pizza • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad OR • Chicken Nuggets OR • Muffin Bag Meal
14  Spring Break	15  Spring Break	16  Spring Break	17  Spring Break	18  Spring Break
21  Spring Break	22  • Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato Bowl • Fresh Dinner Roll CHEF DAY RAVINE Nacho Bar	23 • Turkey Nacho Platter • Sauteed Green Beans CHEF DAY CLIFFWOOD Pasta Bar	24 • Teriyaki Popcorn Chicken • Vegetable Fried Rice	25  • Freshly Baked Pizza Crunchers • Cucumber, Tomato & Red Onion Salad
28 • Creamy Mac and Cheese • Panko Crusted Green Beans • Soft Pretzel Stick	29 • Bacon Cheddar Burger on a Bun • Ranch Fries	30  • Fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes With Mixed Berry Compote • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crunchy Hash Browns		

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Healthy meals grow healthy kids!

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

*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*





Approximately 150 General Prizes, 40  
Grand Prizes, 50/50 Raffles, & More!



Our baskets will offer a wide variety of items, including:

- ✿ Coach Bag ✿ "50 Color TV ✿ Aquarium Tickets
- ✿ Acting Classes ✿ Dancing Lessons ✿ Kate Spade Bag
- ✿ Gift Cards to Local Stores & Restaurants ✿ Mets Tickets
- ✿ Swimming Lessons ✿ Michael Kors Bag



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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  
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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
- 4/5- Cliffwood PTO Spring Tricky Tray
- 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



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