



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

April 21, 2025

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Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break, filled with time to recharge, connect with family and friends, and enjoy the season.

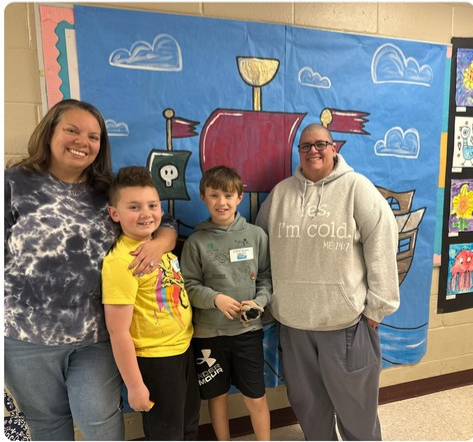
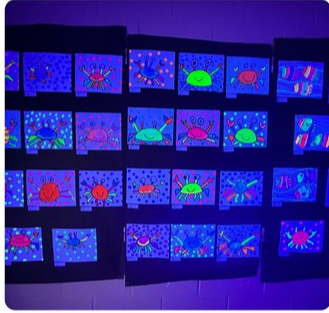
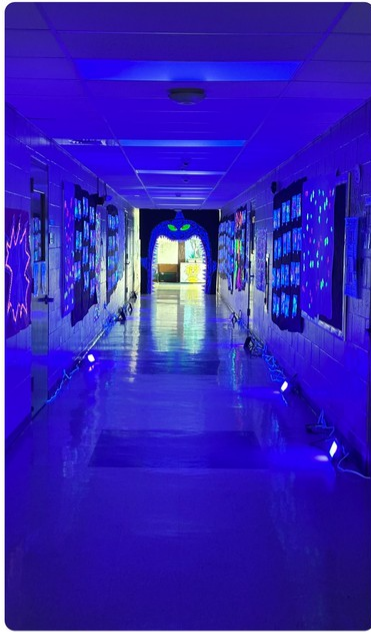
We're excited to welcome our students back to school tomorrow and look forward to a strong finish to the school year! We're kicking things off with a special celebration for Earth Day. Students will head down to the courtyard with their classes to work in the school garden, learning about sustainability and contributing to making our environment a more beautiful place.

Also, don't forget to grab your tickets for the Harlem Wizards vs. Cliffwood Staff basketball game happening on May 15th! It's going to be an amazing night full of fun and energy, and all proceeds will go toward a new sponge floor bottom for our playground. Let's come together to support this great cause for our students!

This Thursday is Take Your Child to Work Day, a valuable opportunity for students to explore future career interests, gain real-world insight, and connect what they're learning in school to the workplace. If your child is participating, please be sure to send in a note from your workplace so we can mark the absence as excused.

As always, thank you for your support and partnership. Wishing everyone a great night, and we can't wait to see all of our students back in school tomorrow!

Art Show & OSOB Title 1 Family Night











Harlem Wizard Game- Get Your Tickets!!!!



HARLEM WIZARDS

TICKETS ON SALE *Now!*

May 15

Game Time: 6pm

Matawan High School

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Cliffwood Storage Trailer Contest & Project

Cliffwood School

3rd Grade Trailer Design Contest

We will be painting the trailer outside by the playground and we need your help to create the design!

Each third grader will create a design to paint on the trailer and each class will vote for the top design from their class!

Once we have the top design from each third grade class, the school will vote on the top three designs to pick the winner!

The school will work together to paint the winning design!

Design guidelines:

School colors

Cliff logo

Include the words "Cliffwood Proud"



Please have all designs in by 4/22 to begin the voting process!

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!**

April Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Link to the [Menu](#)

April 2025















Cliffwood ES
Breakfast

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



Wednesday, April 23rd &
Thursday, April 24th



Join Us for Our April PTO Meeting

HELLO
SPRING

**Who?:**

Parents/grandparents, teachers,
administrators, support staff

When?:

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 @ 5:30pm
(before star student)

Where?:

Cliffwood Elementary School Cafeteria

*This month we will discussing the
upcoming Harlem Wizards Game,
Teacher Appreciation Week, Plant Sale,
and other Spring Events and volunteer
opportunities!*



Email questions to cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com

Yearbook Boosters

Let your child at Cliffwood Elementary School know how proud you are by purchasing a booster! Boosters are short, positive messages written by parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, etc. that will be published in our 2024-2025 yearbook.

Boosters cost \$5 each for up to 105 characters (including spaces and punctuation).



Photo boosters are \$20 each (message included in price).
Please complete your message in box below.

Please send completed form and payment (cash, check (made out to Cliffwood PTO), or Venmo @cliffwoodelementarypto



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All boosters must be submitted by May 2nd or they will be returned.

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Parent contact #: _____

Message: Please print clearly. Message will be printed exactly as they are written.

Please send photo boosters to
Cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com



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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Game Day



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Dates to Keep in Mind

- 4/23 & 4/24- School Store
- 4/29 & 4/30- NJSLA ELA
- 4/30- PTO Meeting 5:30 PM
- 5/6-5/8- NJSLA Math
- 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
- 6/16- Kindergarten Celebration- 10-11AM (revised date)**
- 6/23- Last day of School
- 6/23- 3rd Grade Clap Out 1:10 PM



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
School District

