



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

### CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

April 27, 2025

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#### Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

We hope you all had a wonderful return from Spring Break! Last week was filled with meaningful events and celebrations here at Cliffwood School.

We kicked off the week by honoring our amazing MARSD bus drivers for School Bus Driver Appreciation Day on Tuesday. We're so grateful for the care and dedication they show our students each day. A special thank you to our PTO for generously providing coffee and donuts to help us celebrate these everyday heroes!

And Tuesday was all about celebrating our planet for Earth Day! Students rolled up their sleeves and helped weed and plant in our courtyard garden and in front of the school. A big thank you to Mrs. Oczkowski and Mrs. Dhume for organizing the day and preparing the courtyard. Thank you as well to the PTO for funding the beautiful flowers that now brighten the front of our school. It was a wonderful day of learning, teamwork, and giving back to nature.

On Thursday, we enjoyed Take Your Child to Work Day, where staff members' children joined us and had a great time working alongside our Cliffwood students. It was heartwarming to see them participate in our school day and build connections with our school community.

As a reminder, report cards for Marking Period 3 are now available on Genesis. Please take a moment to review your child's progress.

Looking ahead, Thursday, May 1st is Kindergarten Orientation at 6:00 PM in the Cliffwood Cafeteria.

Also this week, our third-grade students will be taking the NJSLA for ELA on Tuesday and Wednesday. Families, your support is key, please make sure your child arrives to school on time, well-rested, and has had a healthy breakfast. Students should come to school with their

Chromebooks fully charged and bring their headphones. We ask that doctor appointments be scheduled around testing times if possible. We know our students are ready to shine, and we are Cliffwood Proud of each and every one of them!

Let's make it a great week together!

## Bus Driver Appreciation Day



## Earth Day at Cliffwood School





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## Take Your Child to Work Day







Harlem Wizard Game- Get Your Tickets!!!!





**HARLEM WIZARDS**

# TICKETS ON SALE *Now!*

May 15

Game Time: 6pm

Matawan High School

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A promotional poster for the Harlem Wizards basketball team. The top features the team's logo, which includes a basketball with the word 'WIZARDS' and 'HARLEM' above it. To the right, the text 'TICKETS ON SALE' is written in large, bold, white letters, with 'Now!' in a yellow cursive font. Below the text is a group photo of the team members, consisting of 18 players and coaches, arranged in three rows. They are wearing blue and red uniforms with 'WIZARDS' on the front. The background of the poster is purple with a sparkling, starry effect. At the bottom, there are three white boxes containing event information: 'May 15', 'Game Time: 6pm', and 'Matawan High School'. To the right of these boxes is a QR code with the text 'SCAN HERE' above it.

## 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](#)



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>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
 Spring Break	 Spring Break	 Spring Break	 Spring Break	 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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Swap Outs-Elementary Breakfast: Assorted Cereal Bar Graham Crackers , with Assorted Cereal Graham Crackers ,



# 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](mailto: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



**venmo**

***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



Scan QR code  
to purchase  
tickets



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



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**Tricky Tray**  
**TICKET**  
**SAT. JUNE 21ST**  
**VFW 2179**  
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**RAFFLE DRAWING 7PM TICKET PRICE \$40 5PM-10PM**  
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TICKET ADM CAN BE PAID BY CASH,  
CHECK (MADE OUT TO HUSKY TOUCHDOWNCLUB) OR VENMO @husky-touchdown-club

## Dates to Keep in Mind

- 4/29 & 4/30- NJSLA 3rd Grade ELA
- 4/30- PTO Meeting 5:30 PM
- 4/30- Star Student Ceremony
- 5/1- Kindergarten Orientation 6PM Cliffwood Cafeteria
- 5/6-5/8- NJSLA 3rd Grade Math
- 5/15- Harlem Wizards Game
- 5/23- Fun Day
- 6/6- Third Grade Spray Park Trip
- 6/9- Rain date for Third Grade Spray Park Trip
- 6/13- PreK Promotion
- 6/16- Kindergarten Celebration
- 6/23- Last day of School
- 6/23- 3rd Grade Clap Out 1:10 PM



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



**Matawan-Aberdeen Regional**  
School District

