

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

April 27, 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, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/21

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





































Take Your Child to Work Day





Harlem Wizard Game- Get Your Tickets!!!!



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!**

April Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Link to the Menu

April 2025 Cliffwood ES

WEDNESDAY

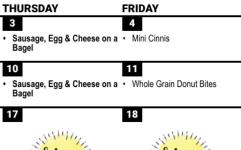
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Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a • Assorted BeneFIT Bar

Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a • French Toast Bites







TUESDAY

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Breakfast

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MONDAY

Mini Combread Loaf

7



Spring Break

Spring Break

Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a · Apple Frudel

Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a · Confetti Pancakes Bagel



28 · Mini Banana Loaf 29 30

Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a · Assorted BeneFIT Bar Bun

*Menu is Subject to Change



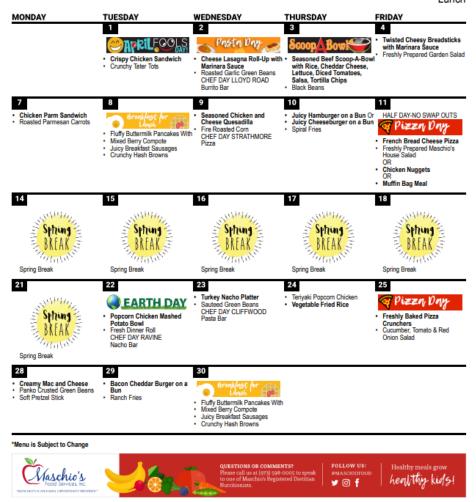




Healthy meals grow healthy kids!

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

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Cliffwood PTO NEWS

Join Us for Our April PTO Meeting





Who?:

Parents/grandparents, teachers, administrators, support staff



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).





Cliffwood PTO), or Venmo @cliffwoodelementarypto Venm

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.
MPN -
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













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

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

