



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

### CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

May 4, 2025

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#### Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

This week, we're excited to celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Week**! We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of our incredible teachers and staff for everything they do each day to support, educate, and care for our students. Visitors consistently comment on how warm and welcoming our school feels—and that's a direct reflection of the amazing people who work here. It's what makes Cliffwood such a special place to be! **We look forward to honoring and celebrating our staff throughout the week.**

Also, a reminder that this is the second week of **NJSLA testing** for our 3rd graders. They will be taking the Math section on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Our students did an outstanding job last week, and we're so proud of their hard work and focus. We wish them continued success this week!

We also have an exciting event on Friday morning, a special **Harlem Wizards assembly** for our students! And don't forget, the big game is coming up on Thursday, May 15th at 6 PM at Matawan Regional High School. It's sure to be a fun-filled evening you won't want to miss! Tickets are on sale now, be sure to grab yours soon. Plus, Mrs. Anderson's class raised the most funds, so I'll be getting taped to the wall that night! All proceeds from the game will support the fundraising efforts for our new sponge bottom playground.

Lastly, we are in need of **library volunteers** to help shelve books. If you're able to donate your time, we would truly appreciate it. Please reach out to the PTO at [CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com](mailto:CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com) if you're interested.

Thank you all for your continued support. We're looking forward to another wonderful week at Cliffwood!

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

**MAY 5TH-9TH**

Let's show our Cliffwood teachers & staff that they are appreciated!



**Monday, May 5th: Supply them with thanks!**

Bring in a needed school supply for your classroom



**Tuesday, May 6th: Teacher Appreciation Lunch**

Send in \$5 to Cliffwood PTO if you would like to help us supply lunch for our teachers and staff!



**Wednesday, May 7th: Our teachers are a treat!**



Bring in your teacher's favorite snack, candy, or sweet treat. Hugs are also a sweet surprise!



**Thursday, May 8th: Teachers help us Bloom!**



Visit our Plant Sale and buy a flower for your teacher for as low as \$1

Or you can draw or create a flower at home!



**Friday, May 9th: Great teachers cannot be erased!**



Draw a picture of you and your teacher, or write a thank you note or card!



Message from Ms. Pietrangelo, School Counselor



# Cliffwood Counseling Newsletter



## MONTHLY LESSON

### MAY

HI EVERYONE! FOR THE MONTH OF MAY MY  
LESSON WILL BE ON CITIZENSHIP.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SHOW GOOD  
CITIZENSHIP?

A GOOD CITIZEN FOLLOWS THE RULES, SHOWS  
RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY! A GOOD CITIZEN  
ALSO HELPS OTHERS AT SCHOOL, HOME AND OUT  
IN THE COMMUNITY!

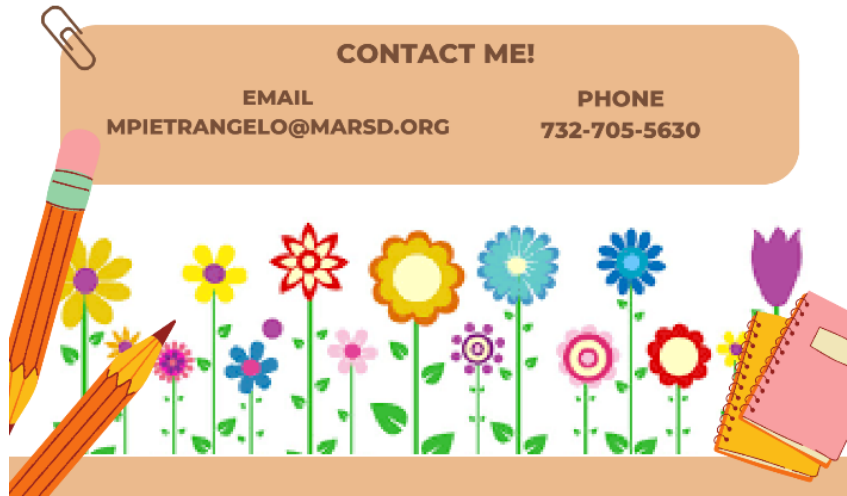
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## Art Work Contest for Trailer



Each 3rd grader had the opportunity to create an art design to help beautify the trailer outside Cliffwood School. Thank you to all who participated—our students showed incredible creativity and



talent! Each 3rd grade class voted on the artwork from their own class, and the top design from each was then voted on by students across the school. We're excited to announce that the overall winner is...**Anthony Rivera**!! We can't wait to see the trailer come to life, our Cliffwood students will be painting it soon!

## Harlem Wizard Game- Get Your Tickets!!!!

A vibrant purple poster for the Harlem Wizards basketball team. At the top left is the team's logo, which features a basketball with the words "HARLEM WIZARDS" in a stylized font. To the right of the logo, the words "TICKETS ON SALE" are written in large, bold, white capital letters, with "Now!" in a yellow cursive script. Below the text is a group photo of the Harlem Wizards team, consisting of 18 players in blue and red uniforms, arranged in three rows. At the bottom of the poster, there are three white boxes with icons and text: a calendar icon for "May 15", a clock icon for "Game Time: 6pm", and a location pin icon for "Matawan High School". To the right of these boxes is a QR code with the text "SCAN HERE" above it.

**HARLEM WIZARDS**

**TICKETS ON SALE** *Now!*

 May 15

 Game Time: 6pm

 Matawan High School

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## Cliffwood PAWS Winners!



## Field Trips

A Huge thank you to the Cliffwood PTO for funding our 2nd & 3rd grade field trips this week!













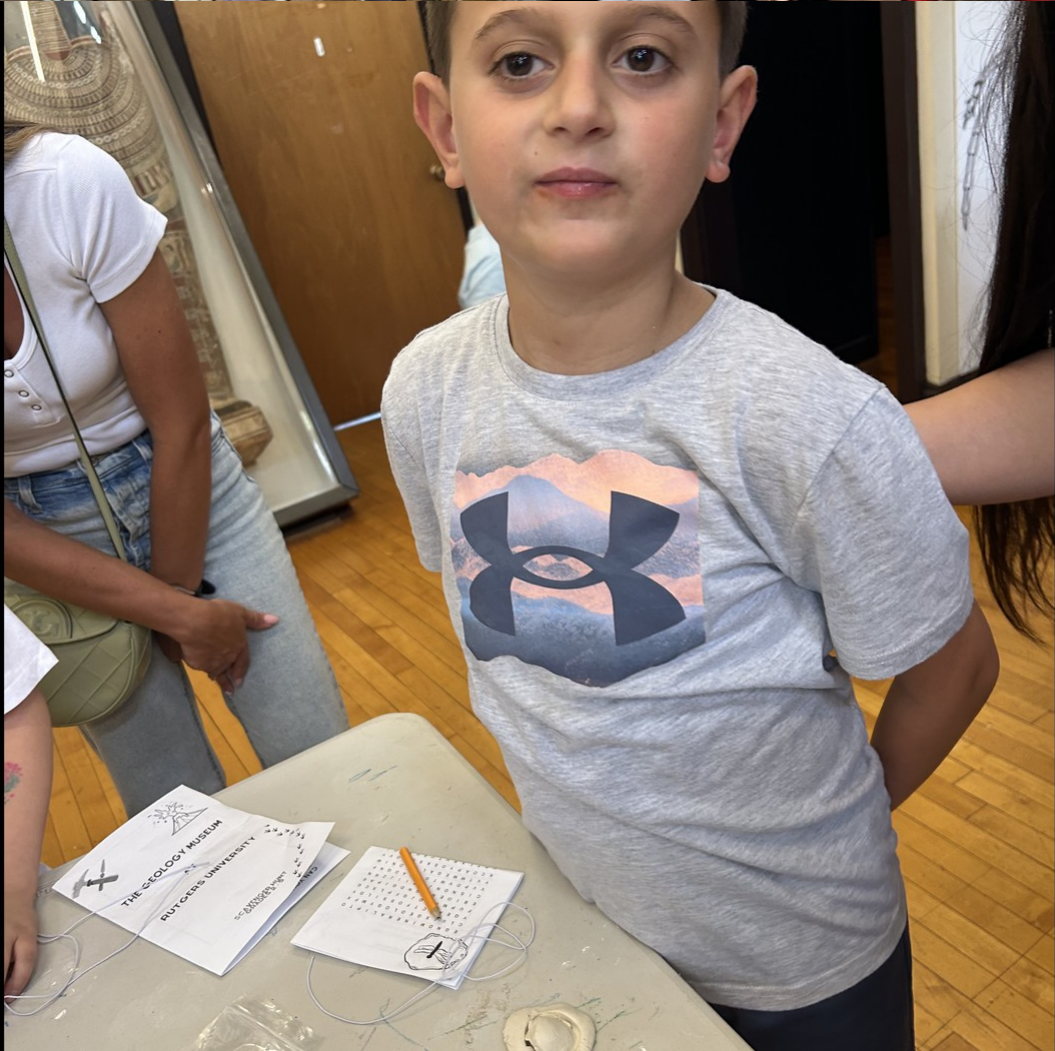














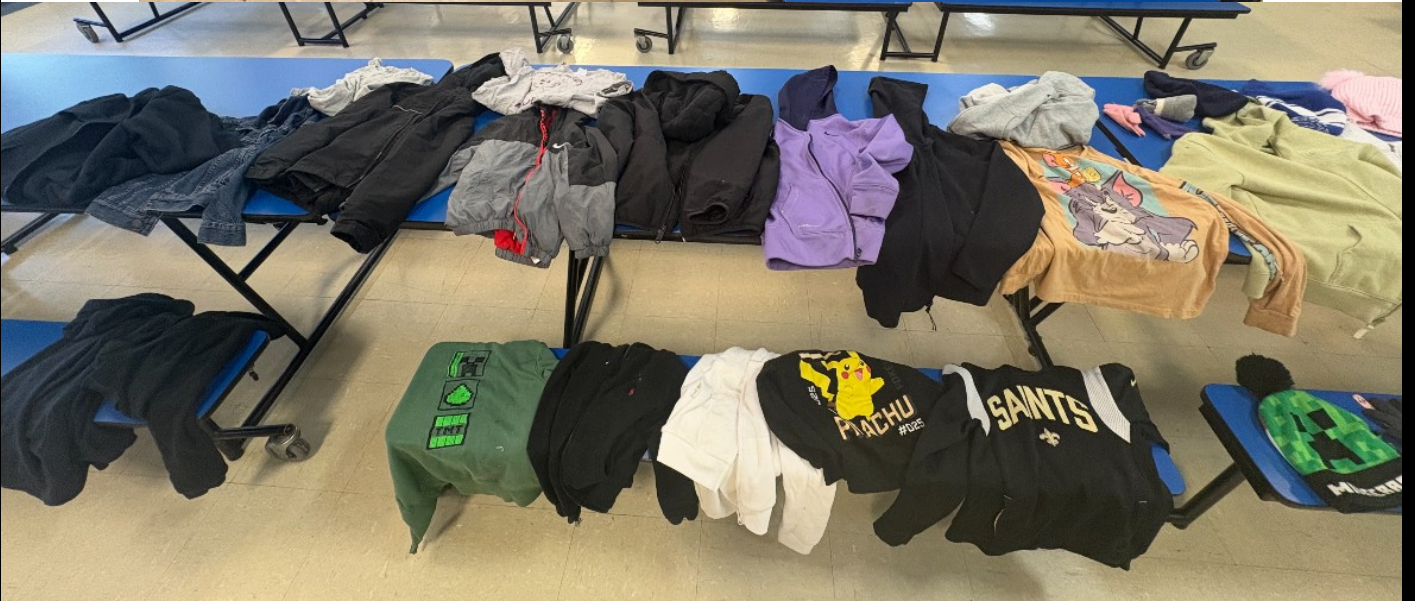


## Lost & Found at Cliffwood

Our Lost and Found is quickly filling up! Please take a moment to look through the posted pictures and see if any of the items belong to your family.



















## 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!**

## May Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Link to the [Menu](#)

May 2025

Cliffwood ES  
Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			<b>1</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>2</b> • Mini Cinnis
<b>5</b> • Mini Cornbread Loaf	<b>6</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>7</b> • French Toast Bites	<b>8</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>9</b> • Whole Grain Donut Bites
<b>12</b> • Mini Maple Pancakes	<b>13</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>14</b> • Fluffy French Toast Sticks	<b>15</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>16</b> • Mini Maple Chip Waffles
<b>19</b> • Mini Cinnamon Crumb Loaf	<b>20</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>21</b> • Apple Frudel	<b>22</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>23</b> • Confetti Pancakes
<b>26</b>  Memorial Day	<b>27</b> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	<b>28</b> • Assorted BeneFIT Bar	<b>29</b> • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	<b>30</b> • Mini Cinnis

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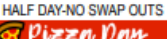




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*healthy kids!*

**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




MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicken Tenders with Waffles</li> <li>Crunchy Hash Browns</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NY Style Bella's Pizza</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad</li> <li>French Bread Cheese Pizza</li> <li>Stuffed Crust Pizza</li> <li>NY Style Bella's Pizza</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seasoned Beef Scoop-A-Bowl with Rice, Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Tortilla Chips</li> <li>Cilantro-Lime Corn</li> <li>Roasted Sweet Plantains</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sausage, Egg, and Cheese on English Muffin</li> <li>Crunchy Tater Tots</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juicy Cheeseburger on a Bun or</li> <li>Juicy Hamburger on a Bun</li> <li>All Natural Beef Hot Dog on a Bun</li> <li>BBQ Baked Beans</li> <li>Watermelon Slice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mini Mozzarella Cheese Calzones</li> <li>Panko Crusted Green Beans</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bella's Cheese Pizza</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Cucumber and Tomato Salad</li> </ul>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mozzarella Sticks with</li> <li>Marinara Sauce</li> <li>Italian Green Beans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grilled Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>Sliced Cucumber Coins</li> </ul>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asparagus Tomato Salad</li> <li>Blueberry Smoothie</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheesy Baked Ziti</li> <li>Garlic Bread</li> <li>Roasted Parmesan Carrots</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seasoned Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla</li> <li>Fiesta Corn</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NY Style Bella's Pizza</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Spring Mix Salad</li> </ul>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Golden Crisp Waffles</li> <li>Juicy Breakfast Sausages</li> <li>Crunchy Hash Browns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orange Glaze Popcorn Chicken</li> <li>Vegetable Fried Rice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grilled Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich</li> <li>Seasoned Crinkle Cut French Fries</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three Cheese Cavatappi</li> <li>Herbed Breadstick</li> <li>Roasted Parmesan Broccoli</li> </ul>	HALF DAY-NO SWAP OUTS  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bella's Cheese Pizza</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Garden Salad</li> <li>OR</li> <li>Chicken Nuggets</li> <li>OR</li> <li>Muffin Bag Meal</li> </ul>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
 <p>Memorial Day</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BBQ Chicken Breast</li> <li>Fresh Dinner Roll</li> <li>BBQ Baked Beans</li> <li>Orange Pineapple Sorbet</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fluffy French Toast Slices with</li> <li>Mixed Berry Compote</li> <li>Juicy Breakfast Sausage</li> <li>Crunchy Hash Browns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beef Nacho Platter</li> <li>Confetti Rice</li> <li>Black Bean and Corn Salad</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NY Style Bella's Pizza</li> <li>Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad</li> </ul>

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## Cliffwood PTO NEWS





*Cliffwood PTO's*  
**Annual Plant Sale**  
Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>



Students will be given an opportunity to shop during school.

Please send payment in with your child in an envelope or ziplock bag, labeled with name, teacher, and amount to spend.

Parents may shop after-school from 4-5:30 pm  
(Enter from Door 14)

Please note that if your child takes the bus, large purchases may need to be picked-up after-school.



**PRICES:**

4 1/2 inch Combo- \$4 each

8" Combo- \$15 each

6" Basket- \$10 each

8" Basket- \$13 each

Flats- \$16

Individual plants from flat- \$1 per square  
or 4 for \$3





## 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



***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  
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Game Day





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CHECK (MADE OUT TO HUSKY TOUCHDOWNCLUB) OR VENMO [@husky-touchdown-club](https://www.venmo.com/husky-touchdown-club)

## Dates to Keep in Mind

- 5/5- Dinosaur Assembly 3rd Grade
- 5/6-5/8- NJSLA 3rd Grade Math
- 5/7 & 5/8- Plant Sale
- 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





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School District

