



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

### CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

May 10, 2025

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#### Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

We are so proud of our amazing third graders for their hard work and focus during the NJSLA testing the past two weeks! They truly did a fantastic job. This week, we'll be wrapping things up with make-up testing for those who were absent.

This past Friday, we had a special treat, a visit from a member of the Harlem Wizards! The assembly was full of energy and excitement, and it helped build anticipation for the big game happening **this Thursday**. Don't forget to get your tickets! It's sure to be a fun-filled evening for the whole family, and all proceeds will support our playground fundraising efforts.

Looking ahead, **Friday, May 23rd**, is our **annual Fun Day**! Families are warmly invited to come cheer on their children during the day's activities. Please note that it will be an **early dismissal day** and school will be **closed on Monday, May 26th**, in observance of **Memorial Day**.

Lastly, thank you to all the families supporting our attendance initiative. We've seen a noticeable drop in absences, and it's thanks to your continued efforts. Let's keep the momentum going as we head into another great week at Cliffwood!



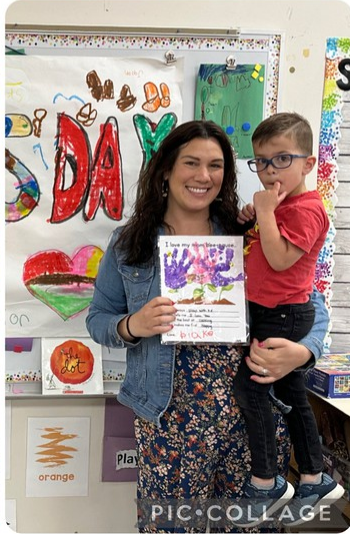
#### Happy Mother's Day!

As Mother's Day approaches, I want to take a moment to wish all the incredible mothers, grandmothers, and special women in our students' lives a very happy and heartfelt Mother's Day.

Our teachers have had the children hard at work this week on thoughtful projects to celebrate you! The amazing women who nurture, support, and inspire them every day. We hope these special creations bring a smile to your face and joy to your heart.

Thank you for all that you do, both at home and in our school community. Wishing you a weekend filled with love, relaxation, and appreciation, you deserve it!









## Teacher Appreciation Week!

**Thank you to all the Cliffwood families who took the time to honor our teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week!**

We are so grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Our staff truly appreciated the delicious lunch, the special treats throughout the week, and your kind words.

Cliffwood feels like a second home to our students because of the dedication and care of our amazing staff. We can't thank them enough for all that they do and we're so thankful to you for recognizing their hard work and heart last week!









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

Don't forget, the big game is coming up this 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. Can't wait to see you there!

**HARLEM WIZARDS**

# TICKETS ON SALE *Now!*

May 15

Game Time: 6pm

Matawan High School

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## Cliffwood PAWS Winners!



## 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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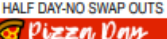






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**Swap Outs-Elementary Breakfast:** Assorted Cereal Bar with Graham Crackers , Assorted Cereal with Graham Crackers , Assorted Pop Tarts with Graham Crackers , Bagel with Cream Cheese

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

## 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  
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Reserved Adult - \$35  
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## Dates to Keep in Mind

- 5/15- Harlem Wizards Game
- 5/21- PTO Meeting 5:30 PM Cliffwood Cafeteria
- 5/23-Early Dismissal
- 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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