



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

June 22, 2025

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Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

As we come to the close of an incredible school year, we wanted to take a moment to share a special event that took place this week. The Cliffwood staff hosted a Thank You Breakfast for our amazing Cliffwood PTO as a small token of appreciation for all they do to support our school. The PTO was celebrated with heartfelt thank you posters and cards created by our students, as well as a special PowerPoint presentation highlighting the many events, activities, and ways the PTO has supported our school community throughout the year. From funding programs to organizing memorable experiences, their impact has truly been invaluable. We are beyond grateful for their partnership, generosity, and dedication.

It's hard to believe that tomorrow is the last day of the 2024-2025 school year, this year has flown by! So much learning, growing, and memory-making has taken place. We are so proud of our students and all they have accomplished.

We wish all of our families a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer break! Students were sent home with summer learning packets to keep their minds active over the break. If they return the completed packets on the first day of school, they'll earn a special prize!

Don't forget to visit the Matawan Library and enjoy time reading together as a family over the summer. Reading is a wonderful way to stay connected and keep skills sharp.

Finally, we want to send our best wishes to our 3rd graders as they transition to Lloyd Road School. We are so Cliffwood Proud of them, and remember, Cliffwood School will always be their home away from home. Let's celebrate them together with a final 3rd Grade Clap-Out tomorrow! Thank you for a fantastic school year. We are so lucky to be part of such a supportive and caring school community.



3rd Grade Clap-Out Information

Below is the clap-out map for outside the 3rd grade clap-out. The parade will begin indoors at **1:05 PM**, and students will most likely be outside by **1:10 PM**.

Families are welcome to gather outside along the red route beginning at 1:00 PM.

Students will follow the red route and re-enter the school through the front entrance. They will then return to their homerooms to gather their personal belongings and will be dismissed following their regular dismissal procedures.

If your child is **normally a bus rider or attends Y-time** and will **not** be following their usual dismissal plan, **please send an email or note to your child's teacher in advance.**

Please **do not request dismissal changes at the end of the day**, as this can cause confusion. Thank you for your understanding and support!



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!**

June Breakfast & Lunch Menu


Link to the [Menu](#)

June 2025


Cliffwood ES
Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 • Mini Cornbread Loaf	3 • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	4 • French Toast Bites	5 • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	6 • Whole Grain Donut Bites
9 • Mini Maple Pancakes	10 • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	11 • Fluffy French Toast Sticks	12 • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	13 • Mini Maple Chip Waffles
16 • Mini Cinnamon Crumb Loaf	17 • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on a Bun	18 • Apple Frudel	19 • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Bagel	20
23  • Apple Frudel	24	25	26	27
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*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

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5	6
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluffy Buttermilk Pancakes • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crunchy Hash Browns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasoned Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla • Black Bean and Corn Salad • Apple Filled Churro 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheese Manicotti Marinara • Freshly Prepared Rainbow Chopped Salad • Garlic Bread 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meatball Parm Hero • Panko Crusted Green Beans  • Strawberry Salsa with Cinnamon Tortilla Chips 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bella's Cheese Pizza • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad
9	10	11	12	13
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juicy Bacon Cheeseburger on a Bun or • Juicy Hamburger on a Bun • BBQ Baked Beans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italian Sampler with Breaded Ravioli, Mozzarella Sticks and Marinara Sauce • Roasted Garlic Green Beans 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon, Egg and Cheese on an English Muffin • Crunchy Tater Tots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crispy Chicken Sandwich • Steamed Corn 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NY Style Bella's Pizza • Freshly Prepared Cucumber and Tomato Salad
16	17	18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef Nacho Platter • Fiesta Corn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacon Chipotle Grilled Cheese Sandwich • Spiral Fries 	HALF DAY NO SWAP OUTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Crisp Waffles • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crunchy Hash Browns OR • Chicken Nuggets OR • Muffin Bag Meal 	HALF DAY NO SWAP OUTS <div>   </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NY Style Bella's Pizza • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad OR • Chicken Nuggets OR • Muffin Bag Meal 	
23	24	25	26	27
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creamy Mac and Cheese • Steamed Broccoli • Soft Pretzel Stick 				
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Cliffwood Elementary School PTO

2024-2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

HOW WE RAISED FUNDS THIS YEAR:

FUNDRAISERS:

- PTO MEMBERSHIP DUES
- COOKIE DOUGH & CHOCOLATE BAR SALES
- SPIRIT WEAR SALE
- BAKE SALE
- MUMS FUNDRAISER
- PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER
- WIZFIT FUNDRAISER
- MONTHLY SCHOOL STORE
- TRICKY TRAY
- DINE-OUT NIGHTS
- HOLIDAY SHOPPE
- COIN WARS

DONATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY



CLASSROOM & TEACHING RESOURCES

- CLASS CASH FOR EACH HOMEROOM FOR NEEDED SUPPLIES
- EDUCATIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS- SCHOLASTIC NEWS LEAFLETS
- NEW LIBRARY BOOKS, STEM MATERIALS, LIBRARY SHELVING & COMFORT ITEMS FOR THE MEDIA CENTER
- BOOKS FOR EACH CLASSROOM THROUGH SCHOLASTIC REWARDS
- SUPPLIED SCHOOL NURSE WITH NEEDED CLOTHING ITEMS



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- STUDENT INCENTIVES- PAWS WINNERS, PERFECT ATTENDANCE REWARDS, OSOB/WINTER BREAK/SPRING BREAK PRIZES
- ALL FIELD TRIPS FOR EACH GRADE
- PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION SNACKS & GIVEAWAYS
- PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN PUMPKINS & ACTIVITIES
- ASSEMBLIES: PLANETARIUM & DINOSAUR ROCKS
- FUN DAY: INFLATABLES & ICE POPS, TEES FOR ALL STUDENTS & STAFF
- WIZFIT & COIN WARS PRIZES (PIZZA & ICE CREAM PARTIES FOR WINNING CLASSES)
- FUNDRAISER KICK-OFF ASSEMBLIES
- 3RD GRADE PICNIC- TEE SHIRTS, SHAVED ICES, TATTOOS, & BEACH BALLS
- CATERPILLARS FOR PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN CLASSES
- PURCHASED CLIFFWOOD FLAGS DESIGNED BY MRHS STUDENT
- WIZARDS GAME GIVEAWAYS & FREEBIES



HOW WE USED THOSE FUNDS:



STAFF SUPPORT

- LUNCH/DRINKS/SNACKS PROVIDED FOR TEACHER, PARAPROFESSIONAL, SECRETARY, CUSTODIAN, & BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAYS
- GIFT CARDS PROVIDED FOR TEACHER INCENTIVES/CONTEST PRIZES
- VOLUNTEER WORK IN LIBRARY
- PURCHASED ACCESSORIES FOR SPRING CONCERT, FIELD TRIPS
- ITEMS PURCHASED TO SUPPORT WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD
- SNACKS & PRIZES PURCHASED FOR TITLE 1 EVENTS



FAMILY & COMMUNITY EVENTS

- BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY
- TRUNK-OR-TREAT- A FREE EVENT!
- VETERANS PINNING- A FREE EVENT!
- WINTER FESTIVAL
- TRICKY TRAY AUCTION- OPEN TO COMMUNITY
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL- A FREE EVENT!
- WIZARDS GAME
- CHALK THE WALK- A FREE EVENT!



SCHOOL UPGRADE

- \$20,000 RAISED TOWARD GOAL OF REFINISHING OUR PLAYGROUND WITH SPONGE FLOOR
- UMBRELLAS PURCHASED FOR TABLE SHADING
- VOLUNTEERS PLANTED IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AND HELPED IN THE GARDEN
- ITEMS PURCHASED FOR INDOOR/OUTDOOR DECOR



ADMINISTRATIVE

- PTO INSURANCE PURCHASED
- ANNUAL NON-PROFIT RENEWAL FEES

2024-2025 Yearbooks



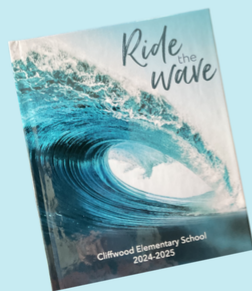
Cliffwood Elementary's 2024-2025 yearbooks are in! Yearbooks were distributed the end of last week. If you ordered and paid for a yearbook and did not receive one, please email us @ cliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com

Some yearbooks (softcover) are still available for purchase. They are \$25 each. You can pay by cash, check (made out to Cliffwood PTO), or Venmo @cliffwoodelementarypto

To order a yearbook, email cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com with your student's name and teacher.

Thank you for an awesome year!

❤️ Cliffwood PTO





LET'S CHALK THE WALK!



BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, FAMILIES CAN WRITE
ENCOURAGING MESSAGES OR DRAW PICTURES TO
CONGRATULATE AND CELEBRATE AN AMAZING YEAR IT HAS
BEEN FOR OUR CLIFFWOOD STUDENTS!
LET'S SAIL INTO SUMMER!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT BUT PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHALK!

GUIDELINES:

COME ANY TIME ON SUNDAY 6/22 TO PARTICIPATE. FIND AN OPEN
SIDEWALK SQUARE OR AREA ON THE BLACKTOP TO WRITE YOUR
MESSAGE.

ALL CHALK MUST BE WATER BASED

ALL DRAWINGS MUST STAY WITHIN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF
SPACE SO ALL CAN PARTICIPATE



SUNDAY, JUNE 22 UNTIL 7 PM

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BOX TOPS

Easy ways to make a difference for your school.

BONUS OFFER BONANZA

<p>Buy 3, Earn 6 on Gushers, Fruit by the Foot and Fruit Roll-Ups*†</p>	<p>Buy 2, Earn 6 on Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls*†</p>	<p>Buy 2, Earn 6 on Annie's snacks*†</p>	<p>Buy 2, Earn 5 on Cheerios*†</p>	<p>Buy 2, Earn 5 on Fiber One + Protein One*†</p>
<p>Buy 2, Earn 5 on Cascadian Farms*†</p>	<p>Buy 2, Earn 5 on Muir Glen*†</p>	<p>Buy 2, Earn 5 on Nature Valley*†</p>	<p>Buy 1, Earn 5 on ratio*† (excludes dairy products)</p>	<p>Buy 4, Earn 20 on ALL participating Box Tops products**†</p>

EARNINGS GOAL

Goal: \$500.00 to help fund classroom art supplies

\$80.25

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DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:

Dates to Keep in Mind

6/23- Last day of School-Early Dismissal- 1:20 PM
 6/23- 3rd Grade Clap Out 1:00 PM
 6/25- Report Cards Posted on Parent Portal



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional

