



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

August 6, 2025

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Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

Hello Cliffwood Families,

We hope you're enjoying a wonderful summer, soaking up the sun and making special memories with family and friends!

As we reach the midpoint of summer, we're reaching out with some updates to help you prepare for an exciting new school year ahead.

We're thrilled to announce our 2025–2026 school theme:

Adventure Awaits!

We are Curious. We are Kind. We are Cliffwood Proud!

This year, we'll be embracing a spirit of **curiosity, kindness, and pride** as we explore new learning adventures together.

Class Supply Lists

Supply lists are now posted on the [Cliffwood School Website](#) and are organized by grade level.

[Click here to view the supply lists](#)

Important Dates

- **August 25** – *Genesis Parent Portal Opens*
Homeroom teacher assignments will be available on this day.
- **September 3** –
PreK Orientation – 9:30 AM
Kindergarten Orientation – 10:30 AM
New Student Orientation– 11:30 AM



- **September 4** –
 *First Day of School*
 *Early Dismissal* – School dismisses at 1:20 PM
- **September 5** –
 *Early Dismissal* – School dismisses at 1:20 PM
- **September 15** –
 *Back to School Night* – 6:30–7:30 PM

 [Click here to view the 2025–2026 School Calendar](#)

Keep Reading + Summer Packets

Don't forget to keep reading over the summer! Also, we hope the summer learning packets sent home at the end of the school year have been helpful. Students who return their completed packets during the first two weeks of school will receive a special prize!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we can't wait to begin our new adventure with all of you very soon!

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!**

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Dates to Keep in Mind

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CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



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