



## MATAWAN—ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

September 7, 2025

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### Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

#### Adventure Awaits! We are Curious. We are Kind. We are Cliffwood Proud!

The first two days of school were a great success! Students were able to find their classrooms with ease. They are already making new friends, meeting their classmates and teachers, and learning about one another!

On Monday, our PreK and Kindergarten teachers will be outside to greet their students. Starting Tuesday, Kindergarten students will walk independently into school to their classrooms, while PreK students will be welcomed at Door 16 by their instructional assistants.

A big thank you to our PTO for all they do for our students, staff, and Cliffwood family. Don't forget to join and get involved! Thank you also to everyone who voted for the Welcome Back sign. Cliffwood School won the contest, and it looked amazing outside our building! We are also grateful to Frankie and her mother, Ms. McKenna, for donating the beautiful pencil balloons that were displayed outside our school.

We truly appreciate everyone's patience in the parking lot during the first two days. As a reminder, please make only a right turn when exiting, always use the crosswalk, and we strongly encourage using the Kiss & Go drop-off line.

Mark your calendars—Back to School Night will be held on **Monday, September 15th!**

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead!



We Are Cliffwood Proud! ❤️ 🇺🇸



## Stay Cliffwood Connected

- [Cliffwood School Website](#)
- Instagram: [@cliffwood\\_elementary](#)
- Facebook: *Cliffwood School PTO Parent Page*

### Happy New "School" Year!

Mrs. Royston's 3rd grade class kicked off the new school year NYE style with a countdown, party horns, hats, and more! Check them out on Instagram!





## Free Backpacks are available for our Cliffwood Students

Please reach out to the Cliffwood PTO at [CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com](mailto:CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com) if you would like a backpack for your child.



## YMCA Before & After Care

The YMCA will again provide before and after school care at Cliffwood.

Program Information [here](#)

Contact: 732-566-9266

Register early—spots fill quickly, and processing can take time.

## Immunization Reminders

**Preschool Students:** Up-to-date immunization records for ages 3 & 4 + influenza vaccine.

**Kindergarten & New Students :** Up-to-date vaccinations + updated physical.

Questions? Contact **Nurse Caldwell** at 📞 732-705-5632 or ✉️ [scaldwell@marsd.org](mailto:scaldwell@marsd.org).

## 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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## Cliffwood PTO NEWS

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### Dates to Keep in Mind

- 9/15- Back to School Night 6:30-7:30 PM (doors open 6:15)
- 9/17- PTO Meeting 4:00 PM Cliffwood Cafeteria
- 9/23-Rosh Hashanah School Closed
- 9/24- Rosh Hashanah School Closed





**Matawan-Aberdeen Regional**  
School District

