



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

October 5, 2025

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Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

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

Dear Cliffwood Families,
We've had an exciting start to the school year, and we're thrilled to share some of the latest happenings at Cliffwood!

New 12 Video!

A huge thank you to the Conde/Caraballo family for nominating Cliffwood School to be featured on News 12! We're proud to share that their nomination was selected and Cliffwood was featured on the air. Check it out! [Cliffwood Channel 12 News](#)

Kindergarten Fun

Our Kindergarten classes have been busy learning all about colors, apples, pumpkins, and more! They enjoyed their very first class trip to Eastmont Orchards for apple and pumpkin picking. A big thank you to the Cliffwood PTO for funding this fun and educational experience!

Fall Learning & Decor

Our hallways are full of festive fall learning displays, be sure to check out our adorable Pre-K pumpkin bulletin boards!



Attendance Stars

Congratulations to our first *Top Class Winners* for highest attendance! We appreciate your continued efforts to ensure your children arrive at school on time. These are important habits that build the foundation for success in school and beyond!

🐾 PAWS Winners

Check out our **PAWS Winners** for this week! Students are learning the importance of showing **Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, and Safety** every day. Special shoutout to these students who are leading by example, keep up the great work!

Family Dinner Night

We had a blast at our first Family Dinner of the year at Texas Roadhouse! It was wonderful to see so many families come out to support Cliffwood School.

Respect Spirit Week

This week is **Respect Spirit Week**! Check out the calendar below for the daily themes. Tomorrow, students can wear their **favorite color** to celebrate!

🏈 Go Huskies!

We loved seeing our little Huskies showing off their football and cheer spirit gear, hope the season is going well. Go Huskies!

Dismissal Reminders

If there is a change in your child's dismissal:

- **In advance (a day or more before):** Please email your child's teacher.
- **Same-day/last-minute changes:** Teachers may not have access to their email during the school day. In these cases, please **email the teacher and also call the main office** to ensure the message is received.

Thank you for helping us keep dismissal safe and organized!

Save the Dates

- **Monday, 10/13** – *School Closed*
- **Wednesday, 10/15** – *Cliffwood's First Color Run*
- **Thursday, 10/16** – *Battle of the Faculties*
- **Wednesday, 10/29** – *Trunk or Treat (hosted by the Cliffwood PTO)*
- **Friday, 10/31 at 10:00 AM** – *Cliffwood's Halloween Parade*
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Community Event: Walk for Recovery

Join us on **Saturday, October 25th** at Matawan Regional High School for the 3rd Annual 1-Mile Walk for Recovery. My family will be there, and we encourage yours to join as well! This is a meaningful event supporting **MARSD's own K.E.Y.S. Academy**, which does amazing work educating and empowering youth in recovery across New Jersey.

Thank you for your continued support of Cliffwood School and all the ways you partner with us to help our students succeed!

We Are Cliffwood Proud! ❤️ 📱 📧

Kindergarten Apple & Pumpkin Class Trip





Cliffwood Family Night at Texas Roadhouse





Football/Cheer Huskies!



PreK Adorable Pumpkins





Thank you Custodial Crew, Mr. Gene, Mr. Scott, Ms. Vanessa, & Mr. Eddie

Thank You

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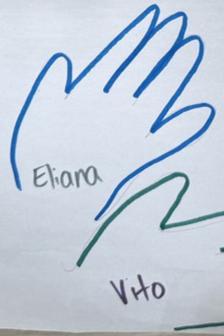
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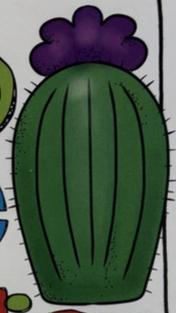
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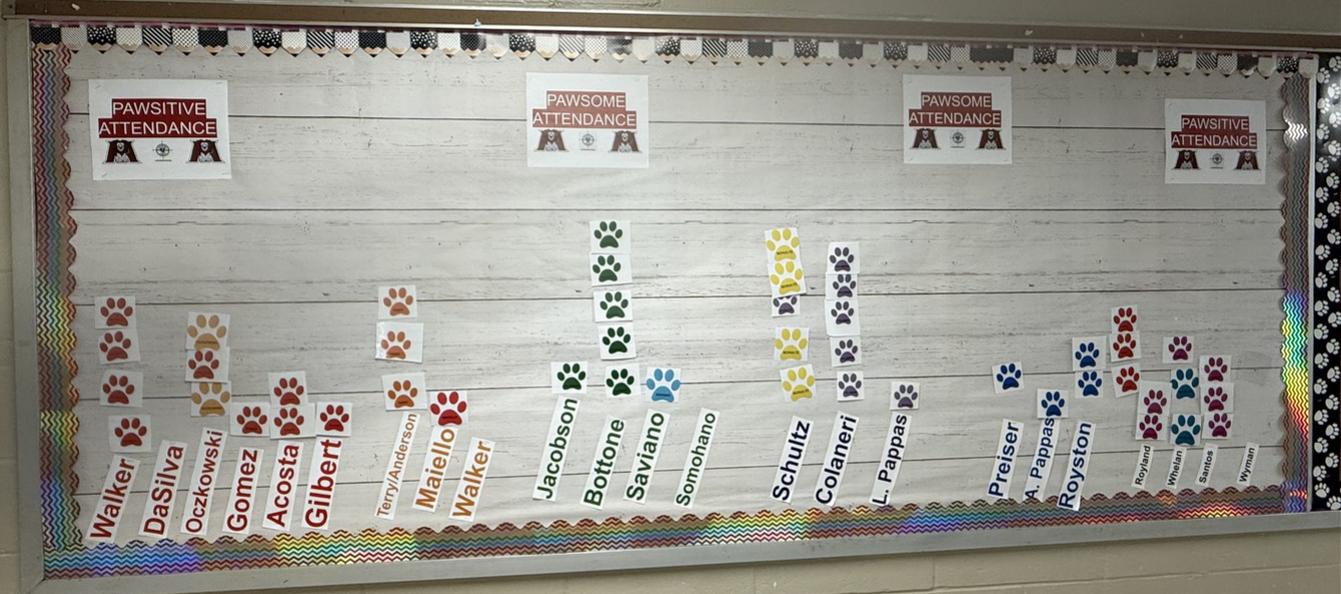
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Attendance Winners for September!



Cliffwood PAWS Winners!



Join Our Team!

We're excited to share that the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District currently has several openings, and we would love your help in spreading the word! These are wonderful opportunities to be part of our district and make a difference in the lives of our outstanding students.

We are looking for:

- Part-Time Instructional Assistants (Elementary level)
- Part-Time Reading Specialist (Elementary level)
- Substitute School Bus/Van Drivers
- Substitute Transportation Assistants
- Substitute Classroom Teachers
- Substitute Instructional Assistants
- Substitute Nurses (Please email smoore@marsd.org)

If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please visit this website to apply: [Applitrack](#).

To apply for Substitute Classroom Teacher and/or Substitute Instructional Assistant positions, please use this link: [ESS](#)

Come join our wonderful district and be part of the team that supports our students each and every day!

Stay Cliffwood Connected

- [Cliffwood School Website](#)
- Instagram: [@cliffwood_elementary](#)

- Facebook: [Cliffwood School PTO Parent Page](#)

Week of Respect- October 6-10

The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act requires that the week beginning with the first Monday in October of each year be recognized as the Week of Respect in the state of NJ. Students and staff are encouraged to participate in the Week of Respect!

Battle of the Faculties is Back!!!

Tickets are now on sale for Battle of the Faculties- Come cheer on favorite Cliffwood teachers & staff as they compete in fun games against other MARSD teachers!

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.maefgrants.org/bof25>

Free & Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Form

The 2025-2026 Meal Applications are to be completed electronically this year. This will be done through Genesis link: [Parent Portal](#).

Families who wish to complete paper applications can request a copy of the application packet. They will also be available at Back To School Night.

Maschio's is our Food Service Company this school year. Below are POC's for your use as needed.

Lauren Dyer, On-Site Director, ldyer@maschiofood.com, 732-705-5326

Sarah Engst, Area Supervisor, sengst@maschiofood.com

Governor's Educator of the Year Program

The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is excited to continue our participation in the New Jersey Department of Education's Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Program. This program celebrates outstanding Teachers of the Year and Educational Services Professionals who make a lasting impact on students, families, and our community.

At Cliffwood, we are fortunate to have so many amazing educators who go above and beyond every day. This is your opportunity to nominate and highlight a teacher or educational services professional who has made a difference in your child's life or supported your family.

Nominations are due by **November 28th**. [GEOY Nomination Form](#)

Thank you for helping us recognize the incredible work of our Cliffwood team!



Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Information about Excused/Unexcused Absences

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!**

Cliffwood PTO NEWS

Box Tops



CLIFFWOOD AVENUE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CLIFFWOOD, NJ



Referral Code: I6D42ILN

Be sure to sign up for Box Tops for Education and scan receipts to earn rewards for Cliffwood School!

Dates to Keep in Mind

10/6-10/10- Week of Respect Spirit Wear Week

10/13- School Closed

10/15- Color Run

10/16- Battle of the Faculties

10/22- PTO Meeting 5:30 PM in the Cafeteria

10/25- K.E.Y.S. Academy Recovery Walk- 8:30-9:30 AM Registration Walk Starts at 10 AM MRHS

10/29- Cliffwood Trunk or Treat

10/30- School Picture Day

10/31- Cliffwood Halloween Parade at 10 AM



10/31- Early Dismissal- Students are dismissed at 1:20 PM



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