



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

October 26, 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,

This past week was full of excitement and school spirit! Our students had a great time participating in School Spirit Week in honor of *School Violence Awareness Week*. We loved seeing everyone show their Cliffwood pride by wearing their school gear on Friday!

Our third graders have been busy exploring the world of dinosaurs and fossils. We may have some future archaeologists and biologists here at Cliffwood! They've also been investigating living and nonliving things using the seven main components of organisms during hands-on learning in the Cliffwood Garden. Our Pre-K students have been learning all about food and restaurants, as well as exploring the beauty of fall leaves through creative painting activities. Be sure to check out the photos below to see their amazing work and discoveries!

We're looking forward to another great week ahead!

- Cliffwood PTO's Trunk or Treat – Wednesday, October 29 from 4:30–6:30 PM
- Picture Day – Thursday, October 30
- Cliffwood Halloween Parade – Friday at 10:00 AM (Check out the photo below to see where families can find the perfect viewing spot!)



**CLIFFWOOD SCHOOL**

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm! Together, we make Cliffwood a wonderful place to learn and grow!

We are curious. We are kind. We are Cliffwood Proud

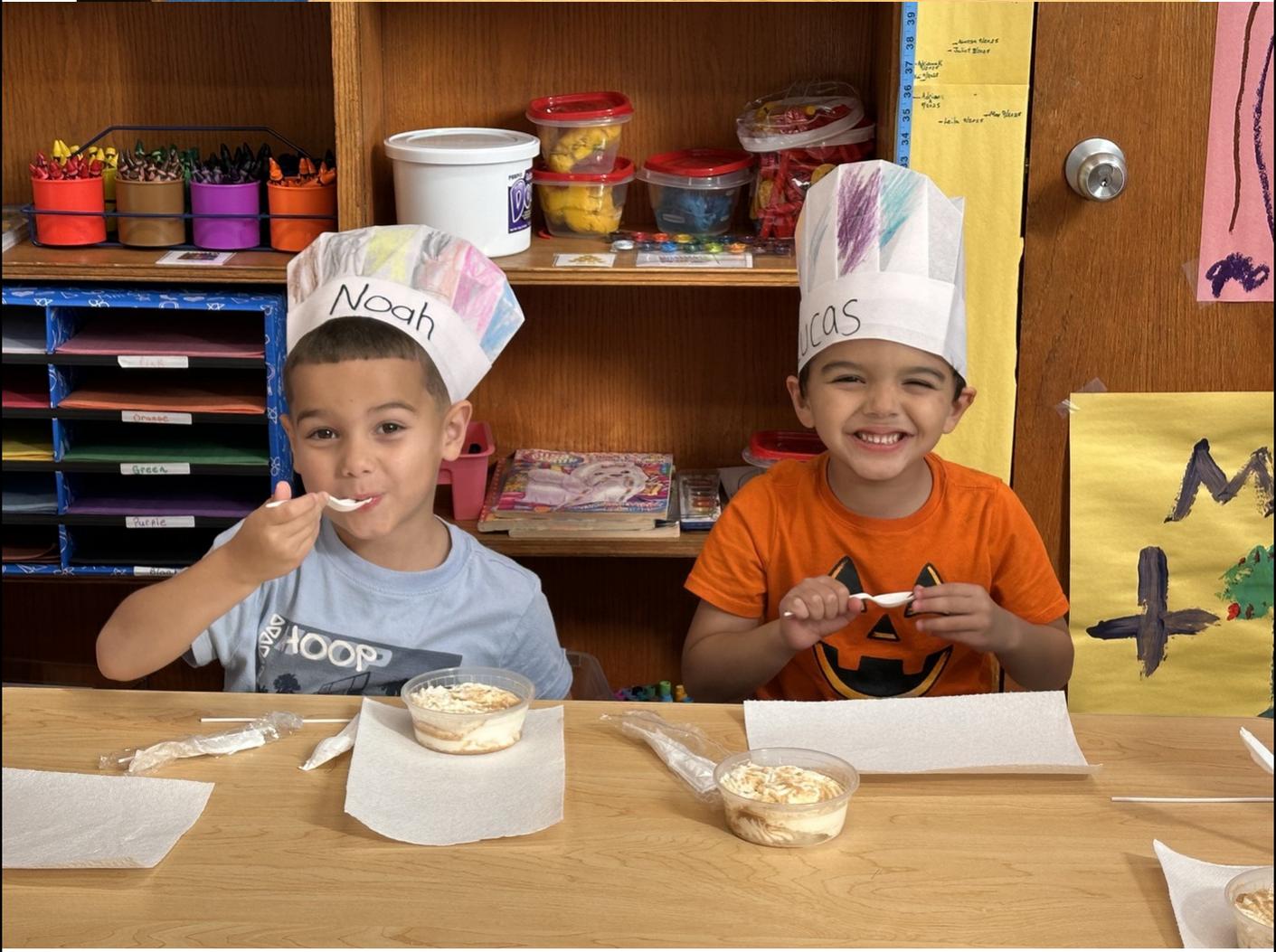
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## PAWS Winners!



## PreK Chefs!

Pre-K is learning all about food and restaurants! Ms. DaSilva's class had some very special visitors! Ms. DaSilva's parents, who own Ria Mar in South River. They taught the class how to make a delicious dessert called Serradura (Sawdust Pudding), which tied perfectly into their restaurant theme. It was absolutely delicious and I was lucky enough to get to try it!







PreK Artists at Work!



Future Cliffwood Biologists!



Future Cliffwood Archeologists!





Cliffwood Spirit Day!



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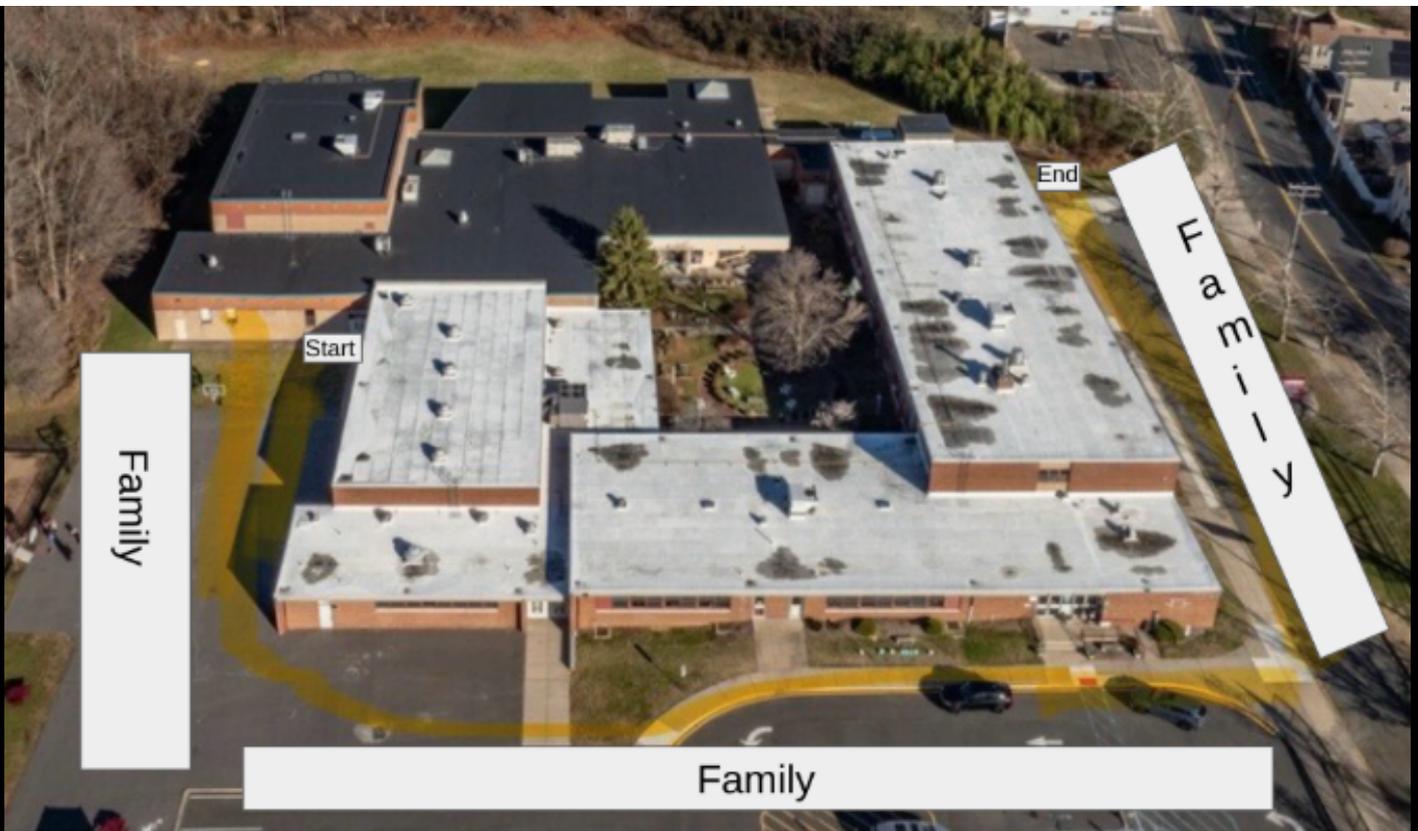


## Cliffwood Halloween Parade Friday 10/31 10AM

Our Cliffwood Halloween Parade will take place on Friday at 10:00 AM!

Families, please check out the parade route below. The parade will begin at Door 12 and end at Door 3. Students will walk the route twice before returning to their classrooms.

We invite families to line up along the designated areas shown on the map to cheer on our students and enjoy the fun! We can't wait to celebrate together and see all of our Cliffwood lions in their festive costumes!



PreK Flu Vaccine

# PRESCHOOL INFLUENZA VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR 2025 SCHOOL YEAR



According to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 Immunization of Pupils in School, preschoolers **must** have proof of vaccinations to attend school.

**Proof of the flu vaccination must be received by December 19th or your child will be excluded from our program and not permitted to return to class in January.**

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](mailto: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](#)

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!

## 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](mailto:ldyer@maschiofood.com), 732-705-5326

Sarah Engst, Area Supervisor, [sengst@maschiofood.com](mailto: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!**

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## Cliffwood PTO NEWS

### Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat: We still need trunks. All trunks entered will get \$5 school store money. We will have food available, a bounce house and Davey B's ice cream truck.

### Box Tops

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



CLIFFWOOD AVENUE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CLIFFWOOD, NJ



Referral Code: 16D42ILN

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## Dates to Keep in Mind

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

11/3- Coastal Wilds Permission Slip is due

11/3- Dine Out Night at Viva Margarita 5-9 PM (20% of proceeds to benefit Cliffwood PTO)

11/10-11/14-Scholastic Book Fair

11/11- Coastal Wilds wildlife assembly will be coming to Cliffwood



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School District

