



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

November 9, 2025

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Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

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

Hello Cliffwood Families,

Even though it was a short school week, we packed in plenty of learning and excitement!

Our first graders explored the election process and even voted for their favorite cookies. A fun way to connect classroom lessons with real-world experiences. Meanwhile, our future engineers in Pre-K were busy in STEM class, designing and building bridges. Over in third grade, students created x-rays of their hands and discovered what would happen if our bodies didn't have bones, fascinating learning in action!

This is a great reminder of how important it is for students to be on time and in school every day. There's so much learning happening, we don't want anyone to miss out!

Honoring Our Veterans

We want to take a moment to thank all of our veterans for their courage, service, and sacrifice. To show our gratitude, please join us in wearing red, white, blue, or camouflage on Tuesday for Veterans' Day. Let's show our appreciation as a proud Cliffwood community.

Scholastic Book Fair This Week!

The Cliffwood Scholastic Book Fair is here! Please check your child's assigned day and time to shop. The PTO is looking for volunteers to help our young readers find their next favorite book. If



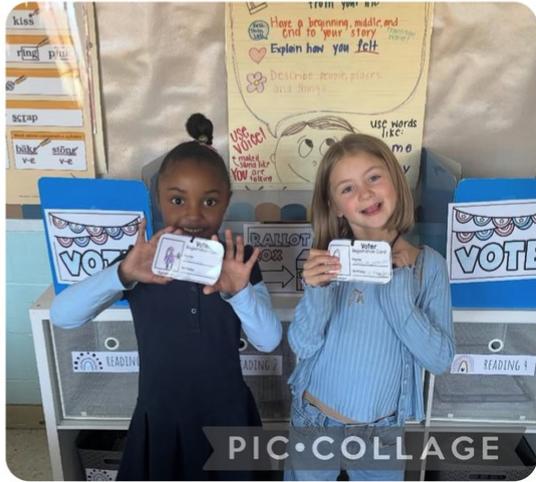
you can help, please sign up using the link below.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and students. We can't wait to see our Cliffwood Lions back at school tomorrow, ready for another week of adventure and learning!



Cliffwood First Graders Voted on Election Day!





Future Engineers in PreK Building Bridges

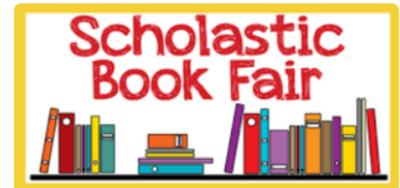


3rd Graders Exploring and Studying Bones



Book Fair Volunteers

Hello everyone! The PTO is in need of volunteers for the book fair that is this week! The book fair will be happening during school November 11-13. Please sign up with the link below if you are able to volunteer. Check the schedule for when your child will be shopping. Any questions please reach out Cliffwood PTO422@gmail.com. Thank you! [Book Fair Volunteer Sign-Up](#)



Our PTO Scholastic book fair will be November 11th, 12th, and 13th in the library/media center. PreK-3 teachers, please sign up for a 15-minute time slot which works best for your class to shop.

Tuesday, Nov 11, 2025		Wednesday, Nov 12, 2025		Thursday, Nov 13, 2025	
9:45	Royland	9:45	L.Pappas	9:45	Gomez
10:00		10:00	Oczkowski	10:00	Colaneri
10:15		10:15	Somohano	10:15	Ulaj/Thorpe
10:30		10:30	Maiello	10:30	Saginer
10:45	Wyman	10:45	Whelan	10:45	Santos
11:00	Preiser	11:00	Jacobson	11:00	Schultz
11:15	Gilbert	11:15		11:15	B Walker
11:30	Acosta	11:30	Royland	11:30	
11:45	DaSilva	11:45	Royston	11:45	
12:00		12:00	A.Pappas	12:00	
12:15		12:15		12:15	
12:30	Saviano	12:30		12:30	
12:45		12:45	Walker	12:45	
1:00		1:00		1:00	
1:15		1:15		1:15	Terry
1:30		1:30		1:30	

2nd Annual Holiday Giveaway

The [Synergies Family Foundation](#) will be holding their Annual Toy, Food and Clothing Giveaway on **Saturday, December 13, 2025** from 9-2 at the Matawan Regional High School Cafeteria. To help us better prepare for the event, please register by scanning the QR code in the attached flyer by November 22nd.



INVITES YOU TO

2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIVEAWAY

DECEMBER 13TH

MATAWAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
450 ATLANTIC AVENUE
ABERDEEN, NJ 07747

9 AM-2 PM

TOYS -FOOD-CLOTHING
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!!!

* KIDS MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE GIFTS!!!

TO HELP US BETTER PREPARE FOR THE EVENT, PLEASE REGISTER BY SCANNING THE QR CODE AND FILLING OUT THE FORM. QR CODE MUST BE SCANNED AND FILLED OUT BY 11/22/2025.



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:

- 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](#)

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, 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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 • French Toast Bites	4 • Mini Cinnamon Stuffed Bagel Stick	5 • Egg and Cheese on a Bagel	6 NO SCHOOL No School	7 NO SCHOOL No School
10 • Mini Banana Loaf	11 • Mini Cinnamon Waffles	12 • Bagel with Cream Cheese	13 • Assorted Small Muffin • Mozzarella String Cheese	14 • Apple Frudel
17 • Mini Apple Bites	18 • Mini Banana Loaf	19 • Assorted Cereal Bar • Mozzarella String Cheese	20 • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant	21 • Mini Strawberry Stuffed Bagel Stick
24 • Assorted Pop Tarts • Mozzarella String Cheese	25 • Mini Cinnamon Crumb Loaf	26 • Assorted Cereal • Graham Crackers	27  Thanksgiving	28  Thanksgiving

*Menu is Subject to Change





QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
Please call us at (973) 598-0005 to speak to one of Maschio's Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.

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Healthy meals grow
healthy kids!

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

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 • Juicy Hamburger on a Bun or Juicy Cheeseburger on a Bun • BBQ Baked Beans	4 • Mozzarella Sticks • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad	5  Early Dismissal • Mini Cinnamon Waffles • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crunchy Hash Brown	6 NO SCHOOL No School	7 NO SCHOOL No School
10 • Grilled Cheese Sandwich • Tomato Soup	11  • Seasoned Beef Scoop-A-Bowl with Rice, Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Salsa, Tortilla Chips • Black Bean and Corn Salad	12  • Pasta with Meatballs and Marinara • Seasoned Garlic Breadstick	13  • Sausage, Egg, and Cheese on English Muffin • Crunchy Tater Tots	14  Early Dismissal  Pizza Day • Bella's Cheese Pizza • Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad
17 • Cheese Calzone & Chicken Tender Sampler • Pretzel Nuggets • Seasoned Crinkle Fries	18 • Crispy Chicken Parm Sliders • Roasted Parmesan Carrots	19  • Fluffy French Toast Slice • Juicy Breakfast Sausage • Crunchy Hash Brown	20  • Sliced Turkey with Mashed Potatoes • Turkey Gravy Iced Pumpkin Swirl Roll • Steamed Corn	21  Pizza Day • Stuffed Crust Pizza • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad
24  MEATLESS Monday • Creamy Mac and Cheese • Roasted Garlic Broccoli • Soft Pretzel Stick	25 • Pizza Burger on a Bun • Garlic Parmesan French Fries	26  Early Dismissal • Egg and Cheese on a Flaky Biscuit • Crunchy Tater Tots	27  Thanksgiving	28  Thanksgiving



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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

Volunteers Needed

The Cliffwood PTO is already planning some exciting events for the rest of the school year, and we'd love YOUR help! Whether you have just a little time to give or want to take on a bigger role, there's a place for you!

By joining a committee, you can:

- Help plan and organize fun events for our students and families
- Lend a hand during events (set up, run activities, or clean up!)
- Share ideas and talents to make our school community even stronger



You can choose your level of involvement-every bit of help makes a big difference!

We're looking to create committees for:

- Winter Festival
- 3rd Grade End of Year Events
- Fun Day

If you're interested in joining a committee or just want to learn more, please fill out our volunteer form or reach out to CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com

Let's make this year amazing, together!

[Volunteer Interest Form](#)

Scholastic Book Fair 11/10-11/14

The book fair is coming to Cliffwood School next week. Add to your child's eWallet today.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cliffwoodelementaryschool> Also, here is the link to Share the Fair if anyone would like to contribute. <https://shop.scholastic.com/stf/fund?orgUCN=600074105>

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Cookie Dough Fundraiser coming soon! More details to follow!



Yearbook Photos

The Cliffwood PTO created an email address for all yearbook photos that they want to share with all families and staff so that they can send all pictures from events this year or any photos they take in their classrooms. The email is

CliffwoodYearbook2526@gmail.com.



Box Tops



CLIFFWOOD AVENUE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CLIFFWOOD, NJ



Referral Code: 16D42ILN

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

Dates to Keep in Mind

11/10-11/14-Scholastic Book Fair

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

11/11- Veteran's Day- Wear Red, White & Blue or Camouflage

11/13- Lanterns & Literature 6-7 PM

11/19- PTO Meeting 5:30 PM in the Cafeteria

11/24- Redistrict meeting at Ravine Dr School 5:30 PM

12/2- Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal for all Students)

12/3- Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal for all Students)



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