



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

April 5, 2026

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Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

Dear Cliffwood Families,

We hope everyone had a relaxing, fun, and well-deserved spring break! It's hard to believe how quickly the time has gone by, and we are excited to welcome all of our students back to school tomorrow. We hope you were able to enjoy time with family and friends, and for those who celebrate, we wish you a very Happy Easter and Passover filled with joy, tradition, and special moments.

As we shared before the break, our students truly enjoyed the beautiful spring weather and especially loved spending time outdoors. Our courtyard looked wonderful thanks to Mrs. Dhume's care and dedication, providing the perfect space for memorable activities like our egg hunts.

As we return, here are a few important reminders:

- Cliffwood's PTO Tricky Tray will be held this Saturday, April 11th. If you haven't already, be sure to get your tickets for what promises to be a fantastic event!
- Please save the date: Monday, April 27th is the rescheduled Board Meeting at Cliffwood School. During this meeting, we will recognize students who achieved 100% attendance for one or more marking periods. Letters will be sent by April 17th, as the marking period ends on April 14th.
- Third grade families: this is a friendly reminder to mark your calendars for NJSLA testing dates. Please ensure students arrive on time and are present unless they are not feeling well. Dates are included below.
- Hello 3rd Grade Families,



To better help our school plan for next school year, please complete the form if you are interested in having your child(ren) join an after school club. Please know that this form is for INTEREST PURPOSES ONLY. We will not be running every club listed below, but rather, we will prioritize clubs based on student interest. [After School Club Interest Form](#)
Please complete this Google Form to share your interest as we plan clubs for next year's 4th & 5th Graders

- Save the Date: Our Title I Family Bingo Night will be held on Thursday, April 30th. Please see the link below to register—it's a free, fun event for the whole family!
- An updated school calendar for the 2025–2026 school year is now available due to snow day adjustments. We have also shared the first draft of the 2026–2027 school year calendar for your review.
- April 2nd was Autism Awareness Day. At Cliffwood School, we are proud to recognize Autism Acceptance Week. We have a fun spirit week planned, along with a school-wide activity and meaningful learning experiences focused on autism and acceptance. Don't forget to wear blue tomorrow to show your support and acceptance for individuals with autism!

We hope these last moments of break are filled with rest and enjoyment. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school tomorrow and jumping into a great stretch of learning together!

Caught this GEM!!!

This is what Cliffwood School is all about. A friend comforting his friend on the way to the nurse.



Autism Acceptance Week 4/6-4/10

At Cliffwood School, we are always committed to fostering a culture of acceptance, inclusion, and celebrating the unique differences that make each of us special. In recognition of World Autism

Acceptance Day on April 2nd, we will be celebrating and raising awareness through a schoolwide Spirit Week.

Students will watch an age-appropriate video to help build understanding of autism, and we will come together as a school community to form a circle and blow bubbles, symbolizing acceptance, unity, and the beauty of seeing the world in different ways. This shared experience helps reinforce the importance of kindness, empathy, and embracing one another for who we are.

A special thank you to our PTO for generously funding the bubbles for this meaningful activity. We look forward to sharing photos in the next *Cliffwood Family Connection!*



Autism Acceptance Week
Cliffwood Elementary School

April 6-10, 2026

Turn On The Blue Monday: Love and acceptance go a long way. Wear blue to show your support and acceptance of people with autism!

Neurodiversity Tuesday: To celebrate the beauty in the diverse spectrum of the human mind, wear rainbow and/or tie-dyed clothes to school!

Wear Your Passion Wednesday: One characteristic of autism is to show incredibly focused passion for topics of interest. What are you passionate about? Dress to show something you love!

Magnificent Mind Thursday: Autism is a neurological variation, which means the brains of people with autism work differently than the brains of allistic (non-autistic) people – and that's amazing! Celebrate how amazing it is that our minds work in different, wonderful ways by wearing your favorite hat!

Sensory Friendly Friday: People with autism often have a variety of sensory sensitivities. Dress in your most comfy clothes, including Cliffwood colors and attire!



Cliffwood Spring Tricky Tray- Get your tickets!!!!

Spring Tricky Tray
Hosted by the Cliffwood PTO

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Cliffwood Elementary School
422 Cliffwood Ave
Cliffwood, NJ 07721

Doors Open 4 PM
Calling starts promptly at 5:30 PM

Admission: Cash, Check (made out to Cliffwood PTO)
or Zelle (CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com)
Send Checks to Address Above
\$25 pre-sale
\$30 at door

Ticket Bundles sold on night of event

Tables can be reserved in sets of 6 or 12 tickets, paid in full
All other seating is first come, first serve

Admission includes 1 sheet of lower level raffle tickets,
coffee/tea, and dessert

Please provide name and contact # with payment
Must be at least 18 years old

email cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com
with any questions



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Title 1 BINGO Night-Save the Date 4/30

Register Here- [Book Bingo Night Google Form](#)

CLIFFWOOD SCHOOL

TITLE 1 NIGHT



BOOK BINGO NIGHT

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Thursday, April 30th
Cliffwood School
Door 16

FREE EVENT
for
Cliffwood Students

Doors open at 5:50 pm
Game starts at 6:00 pm

Join us for some bingo fun to win
amazing books and prizes!

Fill out google form to register or
email Mrs. Maiello
rmaiello@marsd.org
*Google Form can be found in
Mrs. Cherence Family Connection email

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PAWS Winners



Spring Fun!











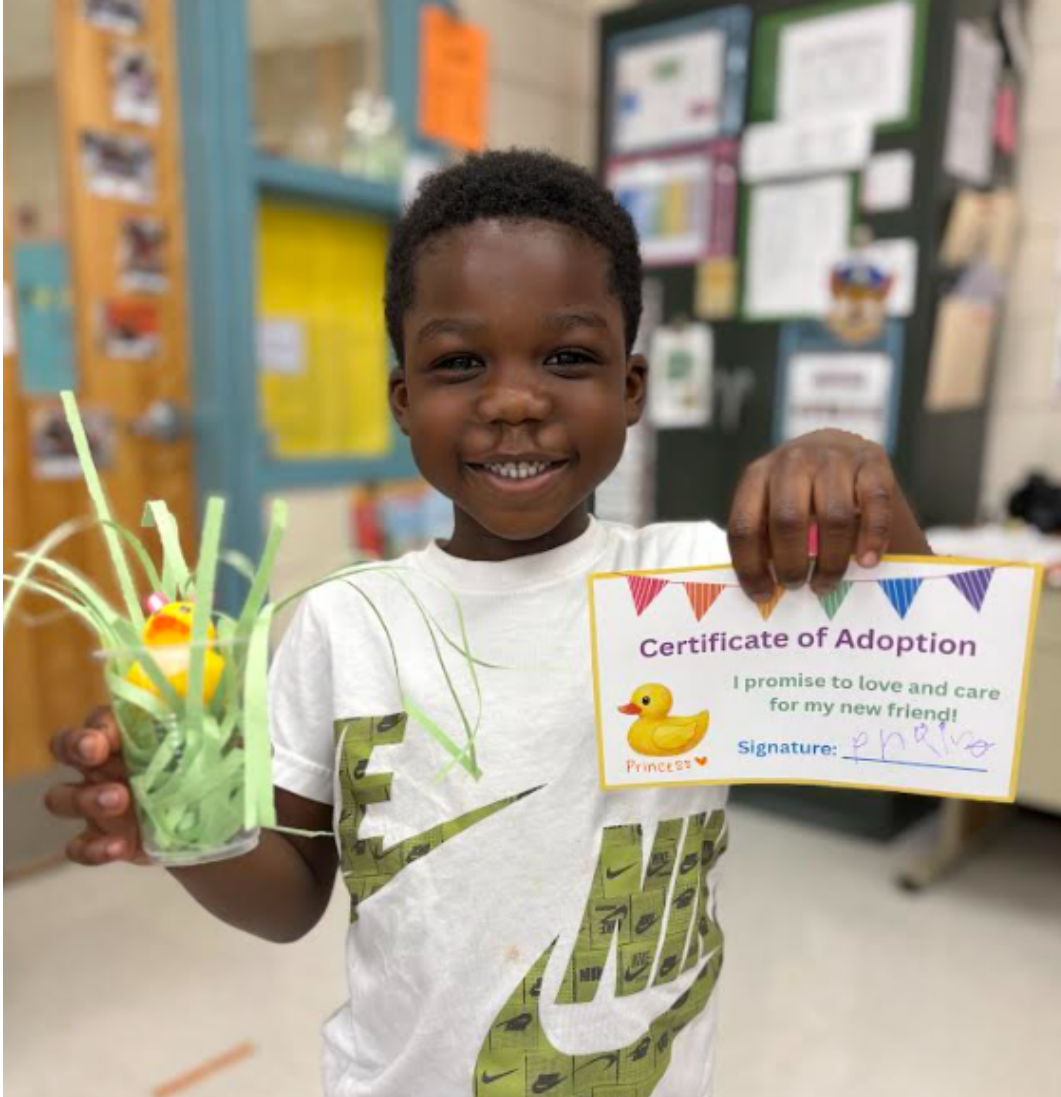












NJSLA-A Testing Dates

Our 3rd grade students will be participating in the NJSLA-A state testing on the following dates:

- Tuesday, April 28 & Wednesday, April 29 – Reading
- Thursday, April 30 – Writing
- Tuesday, May 5 & Wednesday, May 6 – Math



Please mark these important dates on your calendar. It is essential that 3rd grade students are present and on time each day of testing. We kindly ask that you try to avoid scheduling doctor or dental appointments on these dates whenever possible. Being on time each day is always important, but especially during testing days, as it helps students feel prepared and ready to do their best. Thank you for your continued support at home, we truly appreciate it!

MARSD 2025-2026 Calendar

2025-2026 School Calendar

September 2025						
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MATAWAN- ABERDEEN
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sept. 1	Labor Day
Sept. 2-3	Staff In-service days
Sept. 4-5	First 2 days of school-1/2 day students only
Sept. 23-24	Rosh Hashanah-District closed
Oct. 2	Yom Kippur-District closed
Oct. 13	In-service day -No students
Oct. 31	Early dismissal students/staff
Nov. 5	Early dismissal students/staff
Nov. 6-7	NJEA-District Closed
Nov. 26	Early dismissal students/staff
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving-District closed
Dec. 23	Early dismissal students/staff
Dec. 24-Jan.2	Winter Break-school closed
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day-school closed
Feb. 16	President's Day-school closed
March 4	Staff In-service -no students
March 27	Early dismissal students/staff
March 30-April 3	Spring Break-school closed
May 22	Early dismissal students/staff
May 25	Memorial Day-school closed
May 29	1/2 day HS Prom
June 19	Juneteenth-school closed
June 22	Early dismissal -MAMS Graduation
June 23	Early dismissal -last day of school
June 23	HS Graduation at 9:30am

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Back To School Nights

HS- 9/10/25	6:30pm-8:30pm
MAMS - 9/9/25	6:00pm-8:00pm
Lloyd Rd- 9/17/25	4th grade at 6:45 pm
5th grade	at 5:30 pm
Strathmore- 9/16/2025	6:30pm-7:30pm
Cliffwood- 9/15/25	6:30pm
Ravine Dr- 9/11/2025	6:30pm
Cambridge- 9/18/25	6:30pm-7:30pm

Early Dismissal Days

FOR STUDENTS ONLY

Nov.14	Pre-K-8 students
Feb.2	Pre-K-8 students

NOTE

3 extra days have been built into the calendar for emergencies, weather closings etc. For each day not used the district will be closed: 6/23, 6/22 & 6/18 (in this order). If additional emergency days need to be made up, they will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Marking Periods

1st	Sept. 4, 2025-Nov. 13, 2025
2nd	Nov. 14, 2025-Jan. 30, 2026
3rd	Feb. 2, 2026-April 14, 2026
4th	April 15, 2026-June 23, 2026

Preschool Trimesters

1st	Sept. 4, 2025-Dec. 8, 2025
2nd	Dec. 9, 2025-March 17, 2026
3rd	March 18, 2026-June 17, 2026

Student total days= 183

Staff total days= 187

Board Approval 2/27/2025

School Closed
 Early dismissal students and staff
 Professional Development (no school for students)
 First 2 days of school(1/2 day students only)
 Pre-K-8 students ONLY early dismissal

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Aug 31	Professional Development Day
Sep 1-2	Professional Development Days
Sep 3-4	First 2 Days of School for 1/2 day Students only
Sep 7	Labor Day District closed
Sep 21	Yom Kippur District closed
Oct 12	Columbus Day District Closed
Oct 30	Early Dismissal for students, teachers & Instructional Assistants
Nov 5-6	NJEA-District Closed
Nov 12	Pre-K-8 Early Dismissal students
Nov 25	Early Dismissal students/ staff
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving -District closed
Dec 23	Early dismissal students/staff
Dec 24-Jan 1	Winter Break District closed
Jan 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan 28	Pre-K-8 Early Dismissal students
Feb 15	Presidents' Day District closed
Mar 25	Early Dismissal for students/ staff
Mar 26-Apr 2	Spring Break-District closed
May 28	Early Dismissal for students/ staff
May 31	Memorial Day District closed
April 30	PD day
June 4	Senior Prom
June 17	Early dismissal MAMS Graduation
June 18	Juneteenth District closed
June 21	Early dismissal MRHS Graduation

March 2027						
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Back To School Nights	
MRHS- 9/15/26	
MAMS- 9/8/26	
Lloyd Rd- 9/16/26	
Strathmore- 9/22/26	
Cliffwood- 9/17/26	
Ravine Dr. 9/10/26	
Cambridge -9/9/26	

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS FOR STUDENTS ONLY	
Nov. 11, 2026	Pre-K-8 students
Jan. 28, 2027	Pre-K-8 students
NOTE	
3 extra days have been built into the calendar for emergencies, weather closings etc. For each day not used the district will be closed: 6/21, 6/17, 6/16. If additional days need to be made up, they will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.	

MARKING PERIODS	
1st	9/3/26 - 11/11/26
2nd	11/12/26 - 1/27/27
3rd	1/29/27 - 4/9/27
4th	4/13/27 - 6/15/27

PRESCHOOL TRIMESTERS	
1st	9/3/26 - 12/4/26
2nd	12/7/26 - 3/11/27
3rd	3/12/27 - 6/15/27

School Closed
PD Professional Development (no school for students)
 △ Pre-K-8 students ONLY

/ Early Dismissal students & staff
 ☆ First 2 days of school (1/2 day for students only)
 △ Early dismissal

PreK & K Open Enrollment



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2026/2027



OUR PROGRAM

Locations



Preschool classrooms are offered at Cambridge Park, Lightbridge Academy, and district elementary schools.

Eligibility



Students must be 3 years old on or before October 1, 2026 to enter preschool and are accepted through a lottery.

Classes



Classes are mixed aged with 3 and 4 year olds. All classrooms use Tools of the Mind curriculum.



Preschool is free to all eligible residence of the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District.



Busing is available for eligible students.

Students must be enrolled by March 20th to be included in the lottery.

REGISTRATION BEGINS
JANUARY 15TH



scan here!

For questions or additional information, please call (732) 705-4079 or visit <https://www.marsd.org/parents-students/central-registration>



INSCRIPCIÓN PARA PREESCOLAR Y KINDER 2026/2027



NUESTRO PROGRAMA

Ubicaciones



Se ofrecen clases de preescolar en Cambridge Park, Lightbridge Academy y en las escuelas primarias del distrito.

Elegibilidad



Los estudiantes deben tener 3 años cumplidos el 1 de octubre de 2026 o antes para poder ingresar al preescolar, y la admisión se realiza mediante sorteo.

Clases



Las clases son mixtas con niños de 3 y 4 años. Todas las aulas utilizan el plan de estudios Herramientas de la Mente.



El preescolar es gratuito para todos los residentes elegibles del Distrito Escolar Regional de Matawan-Aberdeen.



El transporte en autobús está disponible para los estudiantes elegibles.

Los estudiantes deben estar matriculados antes del 20 de marzo para poder participar en el sorteo.

LA INSCRIPCIÓN COMIENZA
EL 15 DE ENERO.



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Para preguntas o información adicional, llame al (732) 705-4079 o visite <https://www.marsd.org/parents-students/central-registration>

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

Breakfast & Lunch Menus

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1  Spring Break	2  Spring Break	3  Spring Break
6 • Mini Cinnamon Waffles	7 • Mini Apple Bites	8 • Mini Banana Loaf	9 • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant	10 • Mini Strawberry Stuffed Bagel Stick
13 • Emoji Waffles	14 • Mini Cinnamon Crumb Loaf	15 • Assorted Cereal • Graham Crackers	16 • Egg and Cheddar Wake Up Wrap	17 • Bagel with Cream Cheese
20 • French Toast Bites	21 • Mini Cinnamon Stuffed Bagel Stick	22 • Egg and Cheese on a Bagel	23 • Confetti Pancakes	24 • Assorted Small Muffin • Graham Crackers
27 • Mini Banana Loaf	28 • Savory Egg and Cheese Stuffed Hashbrown Patty	29 • Bagel with Cream Cheese	30 • Assorted Small Muffin • Mozzarella String Cheese	

Breakfast Served with Choice of: Fresh Fruit , 100% Fruit Juice , 1% White Milk , Fat Free Chocolate Milk , Fat Free White Milk

*Menu is Subject to Change



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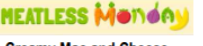





QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
Please call us at (973) 598-0005 to speak to one of Maschio's Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.

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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
		1  Spring Break	2  Spring Break	3  Spring Break
6 • Grilled Cheese Sandwich • Tomato Soup	7 Ravine Drive Elementary Only  • Confetti Pancakes • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crispy Hash Browns	8 • Italian Sampler with Breaded Ravioli, Mozzarella Sticks and Marinara Sauce • Italian Green Beans	9 Cliffwood Elementary Only  • Crispy Popcorn Chicken • Mashed Potato Bowl • Freshly Baked Dinner Roll	10 • French Bread Cheese Pizza • Freshly Prepared Cucumber and Tomato Salad
13 • Grilled Chicken BLT on Croissant • Maple Cinnamon Seasoned Sweet Potato Fries	14 • Seasoned Cheese Quesadilla • Black Bean and Corn Salad	15  • Mini Cinnamon Waffles • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crunchy Tater Tots	16  • Mandarin Orange Popcorn Chicken • Vegetable Fried Rice	17 • Mini Pizza Bagels • Freshly Prepared Garden Salad
20  • Creamy Mac and Cheese • Soft Pretzel Stick • Roasted Garlic Green Beans	21 • Ham, Egg & Cheese Croissant Melt • Crunchy Tater Tots	22  • Spaghetti with Meat Sauce • Roasted Parmesan Broccoli • Herbed Breadstick	23  • BBQ Chicken Breast • Mini Country Cornbread Loaf • Country Coleslaw	24  • Stuffed Crust Pizza • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad
27  • Juicy Cheeseburger on a Bun or Juicy Hamburger on a Bun • BBQ Baked Beans	28  • Fluffy French Toast Slices • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crispy Hash Browns	29 • Chicken Tenders • Fresh Veggie Dippers • Freshly Baked Dinner Roll	30 • Seasoned Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla • Spiral Fries	

Breakfast Served with Choice of: Fresh Fruit , 100% Fruit Juice , 1% White Milk , Variety of Vegetables from our Harvest Market Fat Free Chocolate Milk , Fat Free White Milk

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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!**

Cliffwood PTO NEWS

Dave & Buster's Power Cards Fundraiser

Purchase Dave & Buster's Power Cards Supporting Cliffwood PTO!

<https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/73297-cliffwood-pto-dave-busters-fundraising-campaigns>

CLIFFWOOD PTO FUNDRAISER!

DAVE & BUSTER'S POWER CARD SALE!



Buy a \$20 Power Card & Support
Cliffwood PTO!

GET 50%
BACK FOR OUR SCHOOL!

50% of each card sold goes back to our school!



1. SCAN TO ORDER



3. GET YOUR POWER CARDS!

DAVE & BUSTER'S
POWER CARD



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Scan here to order:

www.groupraise.com/73297

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CLIFFWOOD PTO!

Spring Tricky Tray

Hosted by the Cliffwood PTO

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Cliffwood Elementary School
422 Cliffwood Ave
Cliffwood, NJ 07721

Doors Open 4 PM

Calling starts promptly at 5:30 PM

Admission: Cash, Check (made out to Cliffwood PTO)
or Zelle (CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com)

Send Checks to Address Above

\$25 pre-sale

\$30 at door

Ticket Bundles sold on night of event

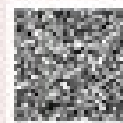
Tables can be reserved in sets of 6 or 12 tickets, paid in full

All other seating is first come, first serve

Admission includes 1 sheet of lower level raffle tickets,
coffee/tea, and dessert

Please provide name and contact # with payment

Must be at least 18 years old



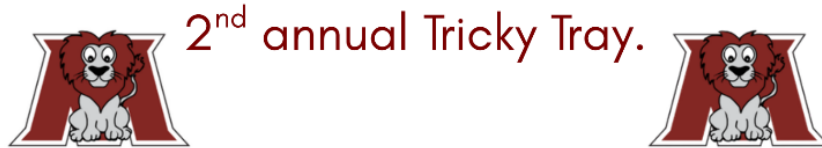
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email cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com

with any questions

Cliffwood Elementary PTO

is now accepting donations for our



2nd annual Tricky Tray.

If you have any **BRAND NEW** items such as:
household items, women or mens items,
tools/hardware, holiday decor, toys, bath,
pool/BBQ, pocketbooks/backpacks, jewelry,
appliances, bottles of alcohol, scratch off lottery
tickets, etc.

Donations can be sent into school.

Our Tricky Tray will be held on
April 11th at
Cliffwood Elementary School

Please email CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com
with any questions.

TO THIRD GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Baby Pictures Needed!



The PTO is requesting baby pictures of our 3rd
graders to be included in this year's yearbook.

Please be sure to send over high quality photos,
screenshots will appear blurry in the yearbook.

Please send in your child's baby picture (2 years old or
younger) to:

cliffwoodyearbook2526@gmail.com

****Please include child's name and teacher in the
email****



Please send in by March 1st

Include child's full name and teacher in the email.



Thank you!
The Cliffwood Elementary School PTO

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](#)

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

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



Referral Code: I6D42ILN



Cliffwood Elementary School
PTO Membership Form

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION
Multiple-Choice Regional School District
Authorized Signature

Come JOIN the PTO for the 2025-2026 School year!

Membership Cost: \$10 per family

Membership dues are considered a donation to the organization and are utilized as a fundraising tool. Annual dues and our fundraising dollars provide the following (and more!): Class trips and busing, classroom supplies, fun day t-shirts, staff appreciation days, assemblies, programs, and family events.

Why join? Joining the PTO can benefit you, your child, your school, and the community.

The PTO needs YOU! Your opinion matters and your presence and support are appreciated. The amount of involvement you have in the PTO is completely up to you!

As a member, you have the privilege to potentially hold office, introduce motions, debate, and vote in the decision-making process at monthly meetings. There is no obligation to attend meetings, but we hope you do!

We are Cliffwood Proud and are ready to get the school year started!



Zelle

To Join: Fill out form below with payment (\$10) and submit it to your child's teacher in an envelope labeled "PTO Membership"

We accept cash, check (made payable to Cliffwood PTO or Zelle



Parent/Member Name: _____

Email: _____

Contact #: _____

Child #1 Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____

Child #2 Name: _____

Child #2's Teacher: _____

Child #3 Name: _____

Child #3's Teacher: _____

Child #4 Name: _____

Child #4's Teacher: _____

Email us at CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com

Dates to Keep in Mind

4/6-4/10- Autism Acceptance Week

4/11- Cliffwood PTO Spring Tricky Tray

4/13-4/17- Week of the Young Child

4/18- 3rd Grade Dance

4/27- Board Meeting at Cliffwood School (Students Recognized for Perfect Attendance)

4/28- NJSLA-A Testing (Reading) for 3rd Grade Students

4/29- NJSLA Testing (Reading) for 3rd Grade Students

4/30- NJSLA Testing (Writing) for 3rd Grade Students

4/30- Title 1 Bingo Night

5/5 - NJSLA Testing (Math) for 3rd Grade Students

5/6 - NJSLA Testing (Math) for 3rd Grade Students

5/23-Fun Day & Early Dismissal Day

5/25- School Closed Memorial Day



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
School District

