



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

### CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

April 19, 2026

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#### Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

Dear Cliffwood Families,

Check out the exciting learning happening this week in Science and STEAM classes at Cliffwood School! Our students are actively exploring, creating, and problem-solving through hands-on experiences that integrate science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics—building creativity and critical thinking along the way. Our little botanists are also growing their knowledge one step at a time!



We loved welcoming families into our school during Week of the Young Child and celebrating each of the themed days filled with meaningful learning and fun. Be sure to check out the pictures below!

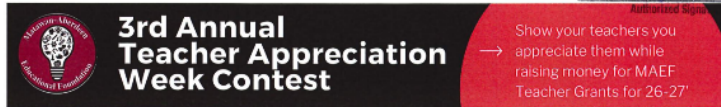
**Safety Reminder:** With the beautiful weather here, students are outside every day for recess. Even on non-gym days, please make sure your child wears sneakers and closed-toe shoes to help prevent injuries. Thank you for your support!

#### Teacher Appreciation Week Contest

The Matawan Aberdeen Ed Foundation is running their 3rd annual 'Thank a Teacher' fundraiser to support grant funding for the 2026-2027 school year. (This year MAEF awarded over \$11,000 in grants to the MARSD schools (<https://www.maefgrants.org/grants>) The fundraiser asks for community donations along with a note of appreciation to teachers. The teacher(s) with the

highest amounts donated in their name receive mini-grants for their classrooms. To participate, complete [this Google form](#) (or see the [flyer](#) for more information)

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Matawan-Aberdeens Regional School District



**3rd Annual Teacher Appreciation Week Contest**

Show your teachers you appreciate them while raising money for MAEF Teacher Grants for 26-27!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4-8 2026. In the two weeks leading up to this (April 20 - May 4) the **Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation (MAEF)** is hosting our 3rd annual competition to recognize MARS D teachers and raise money for their grant proposals for the 26-27 school year. For the 2025-26 school year, MAEF awarded over **\$10,000** in grants to the MARS D schools (see them here: <https://www.maefgrants.org/grants>).

### Competition Description

**WHEN:** April 20 - May 4, 2026

**GOAL:** SHOW THANKS TO TEACHERS AND RAISE MONEY FOR TEACHER GRANTS

**The Top 2 Elementary** (Cambridge, Ravine, Cliffwood, Strathmore, and Lloyd) **AND Top 2 Upper class** (MAMs and MRHS) teachers, **along with** the top **SPECIALS Elementary Teacher**, with the highest amount of donations win the following prizes.

**COMMUNITY DONATIONS UP TO \$1000 WILL BE MATCHED BY OUR GENEROUS SPONSOR - Teacher's Insurance Plan from Plymouth Rock.**

	1st Place Teacher (Any)	2nd Place Teacher (Any)	Top SPECIALS Elementary Teacher
\$ for the classroom from MAEF	\$100 for classroom from MAEF	\$75 for classroom from MAEF	\$75 for classroom from MAEF
Elementary Class Prize	Elementary Prize: Pizza party <i>Sponsored by DiBaris</i>	Elementary Prize: Pizza party <i>Sponsored by DiBaris</i>	

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

**Step 1:** Complete the [Google Form](https://forms.gle/nm42FuJrhDc51A1MA) (complete ALL fields to be eligible) => <https://forms.gle/nm42FuJrhDc51A1MA>

Don't forget to include a message to the teacher (the more heartfelt the better!)

**Step 2:** Make a minimum \$5 donation to MAEF by 11:59pm May 4 2026

Donations can be made via Venmo @Donate-MAEF (listed under Charities), Credit Card at [www.maefgrants.org/donate](https://www.maefgrants.org/donate) or via Cash by sending an envelope to school labeled "MAEF Contest". For Cash and Venmo donations, you MUST include parent name, student name, Teacher Name, Grade and School (we can't track donations without this). **Since we are a 501c3, donations above \$10 will receive a tax-deductible receipt at the end of the calendar year. Donations above \$25 can also receive one of our Support Car Magnets.**

**Teachers will receive all their notes of appreciation and winners will be announced by May 9!**

Learn more about MAEF at: <https://www.maefgrants.org/grants> or on Facebook.

Any questions email: [infomaef@gmail.com](mailto:infomaef@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support!



## PAWS Winners



Week of the Young Child- Work Together Wednesday









# Week of the Young Child- Artsy Thursday like Michelangelo





STEAM learning is in full swing at Cliffwood School!

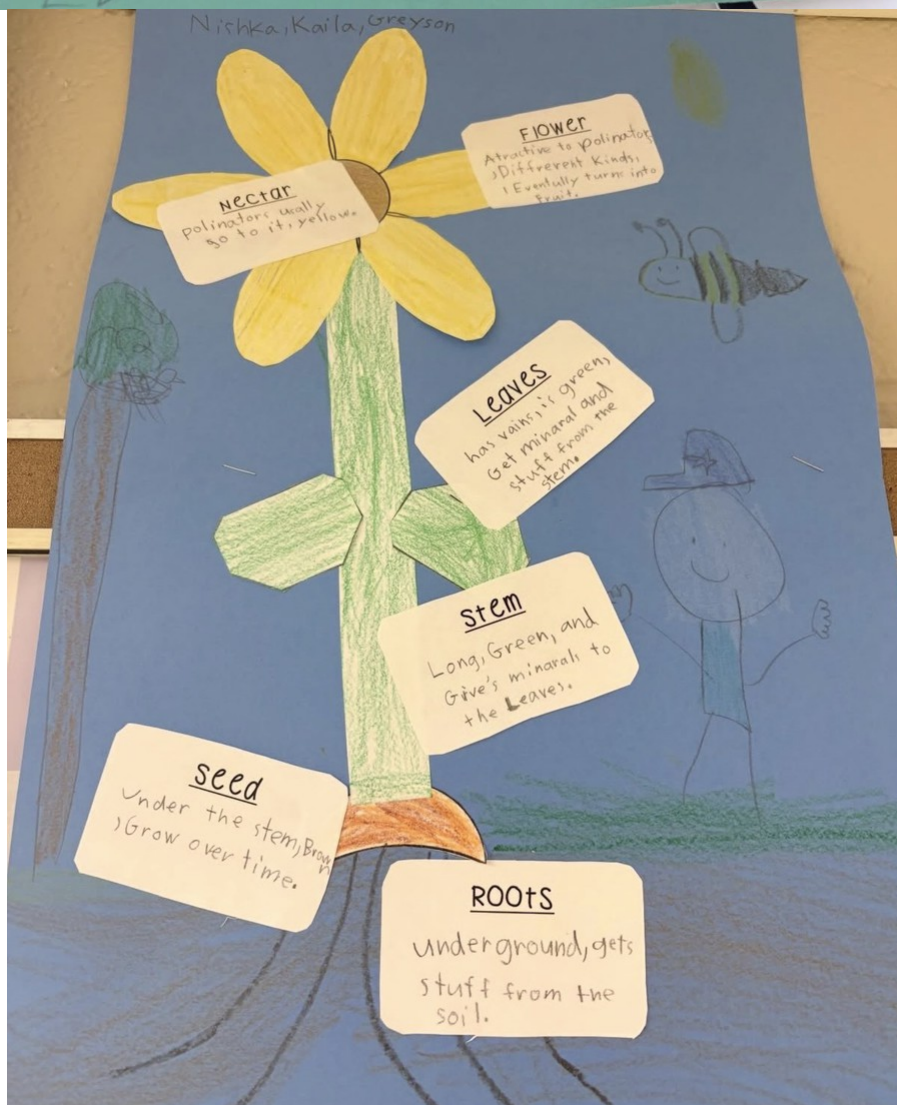
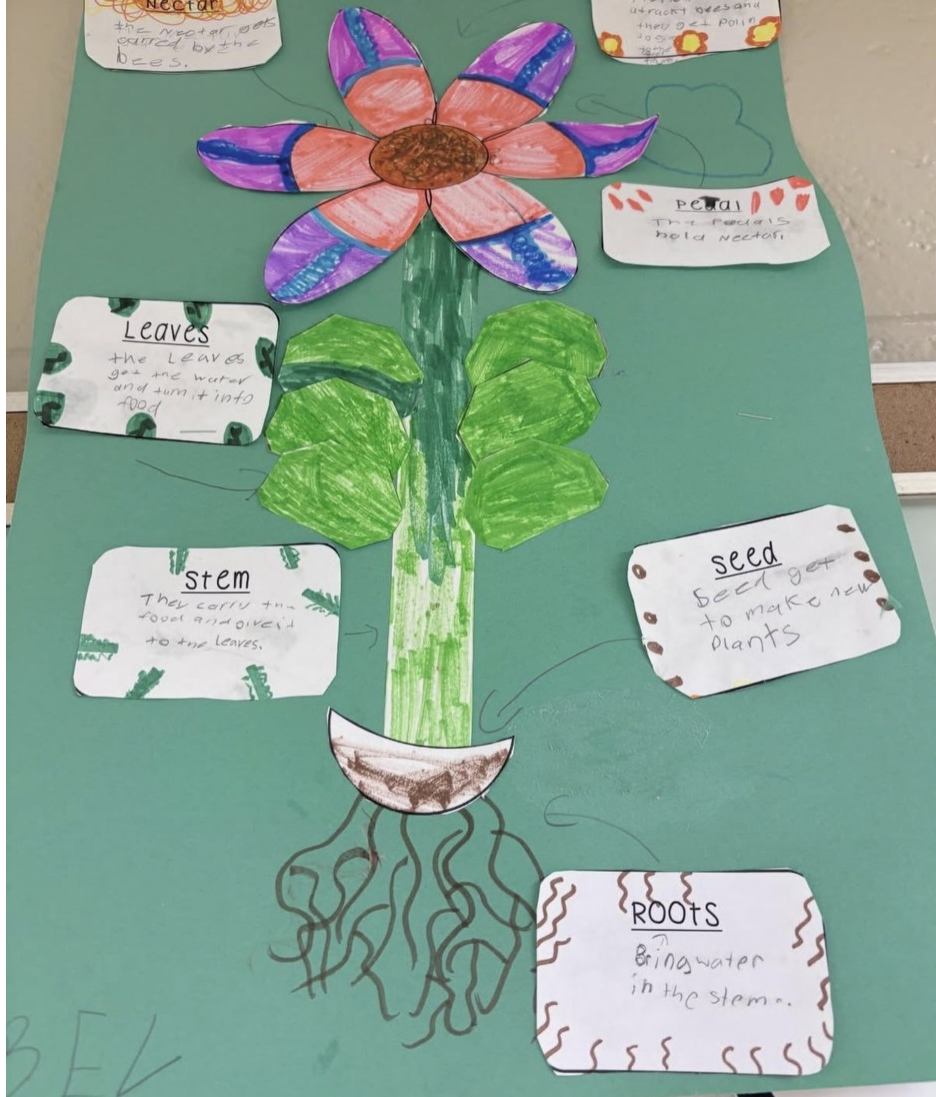
Cliffwood students are engaged in hands-on experiences that blend science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics to foster creativity, critical thinking and real-world problem solving.





## Science in Action at Cliffwood School!

From roots to petals, these young botanists are growing their knowledge one step at a time!



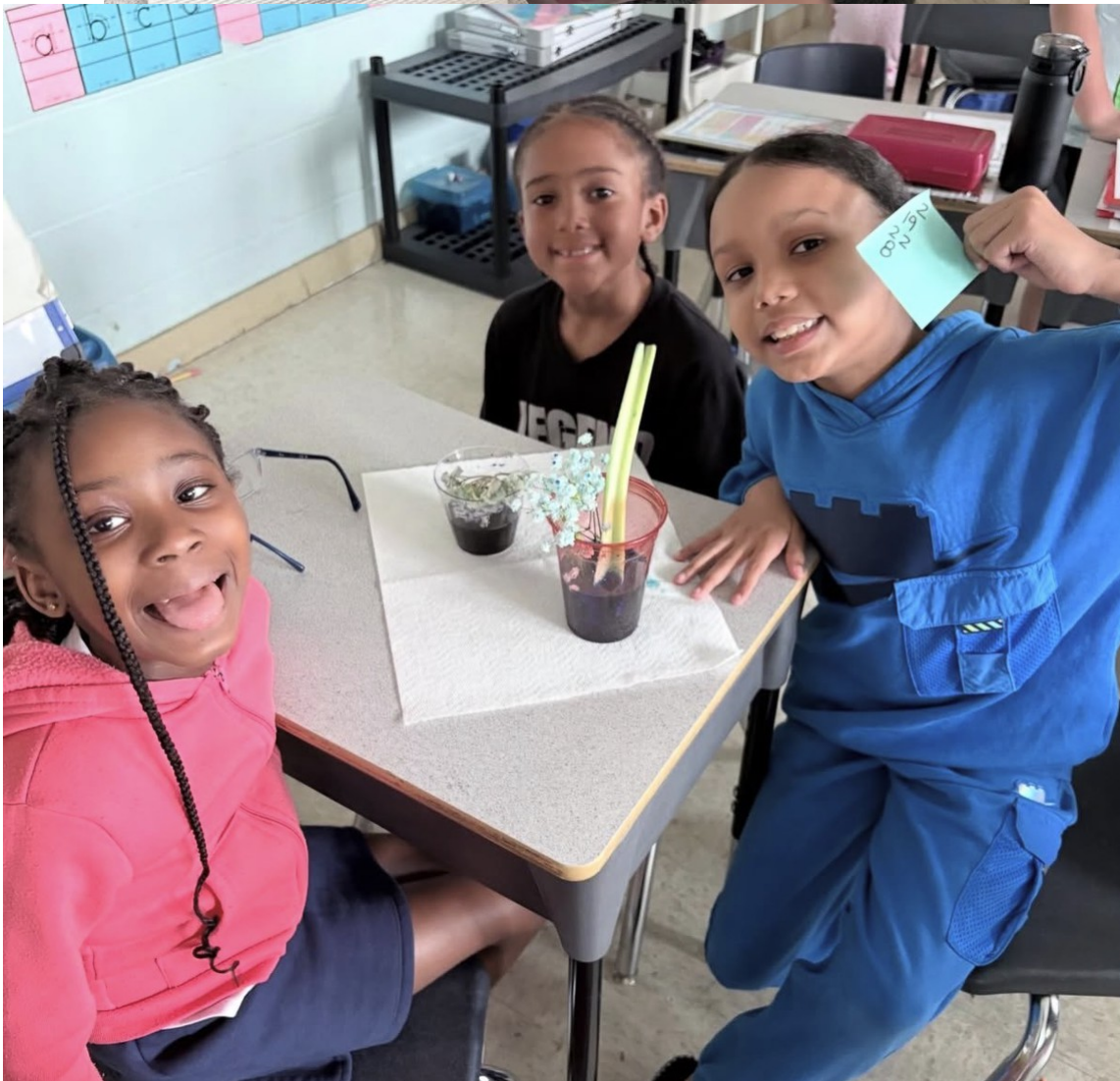


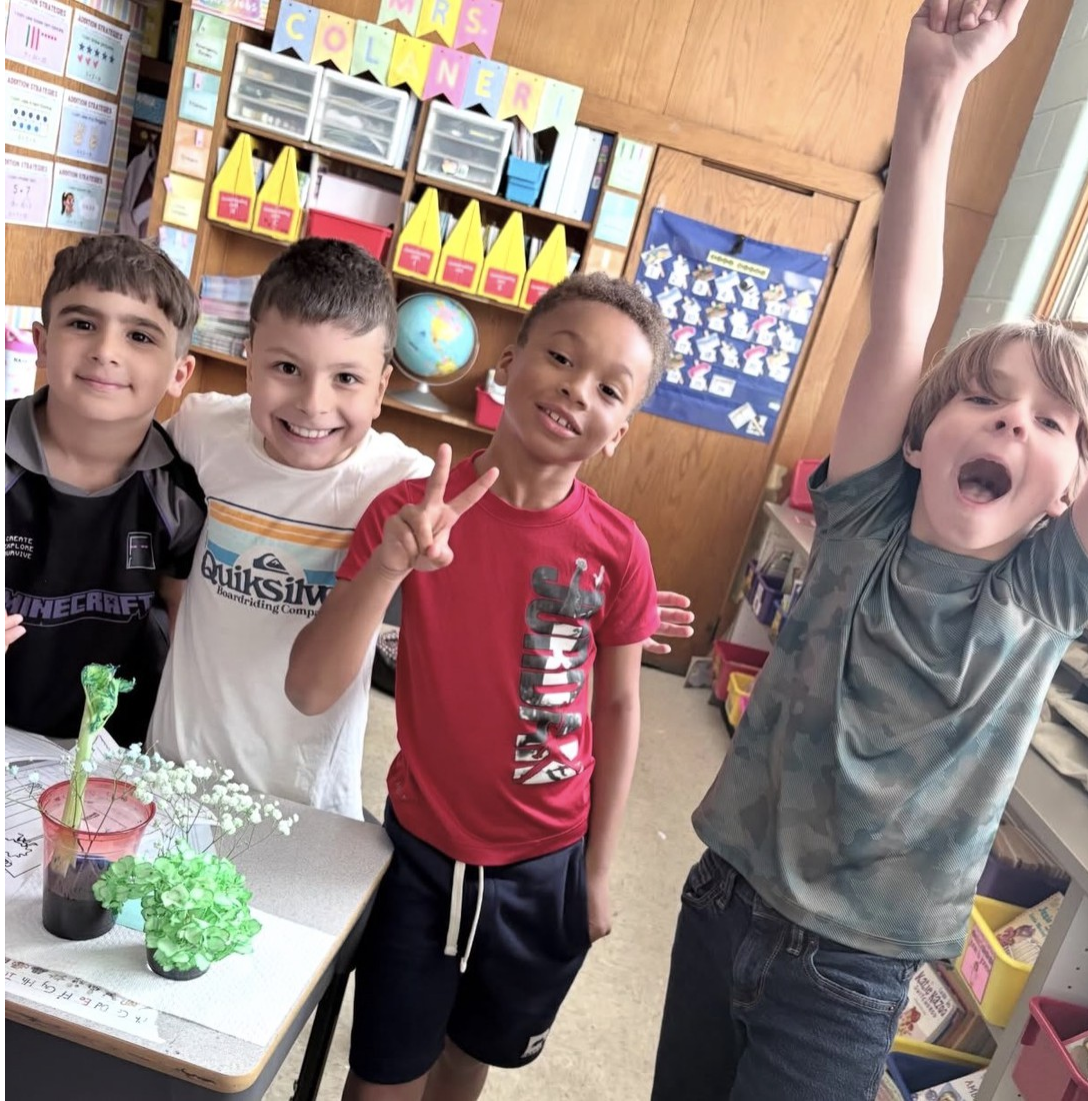




Colorful Experiment in 2nd Grade! Students patiently observed as their flowers and celery "drank" Dyed water, learning how stems soak up water just like a straw!







Diversity Acceptance Day- April 24th, Wear Tie Dyed Clothing

Join Matawan- Aberdeen  
School District  
in celebrating  
Diversity Acceptance



on Friday, April 24th  
by wearing tie dyed clothing!



**Title 1 BINGO Night-Save the Date 4/30**

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

**CLIFFWOOD SCHOOL  
TITLE 1 NIGHT**

**BOOK  
BINGO  
NIGHT**

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto:rmaiello@marsd.org)  
\*Google Form can be found in  
Mrs. Cherence Family Connection email

## 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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December 2025						
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February 2026						
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Total days=19						






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

March 2026						
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Total days=16						
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

# MARSD 2026-2027 Calendar

2026-2027 School Calendar

MATAWAN - ABERDEEN  
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



escanea aquí!

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](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)

## Breakfast & Lunch Menus

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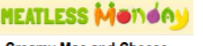





**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?**  
Please call us at (973) 598-0005 to speak to one of Maschio's Registered Dietitian Nutritionists.

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

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## 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
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3. GET YOUR POWER CARDS! → 

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

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[www.groupraise.com/73297](http://www.groupraise.com/73297)

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CLIFFWOOD PTO!**

**TO THIRD GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS:  
Baby Pictures Needed!**



The PTO is requesting baby pictures of our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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: 16D42ILN



**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](mailto:CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com)

## Dates to Keep in Mind

- 4/22- PTO Meeting 5:30 PM in the Cafeteria
- 4/24- Diversity Acceptance Day- Wear Tie Dyed Clothing
- 4/27- Board Meeting at Cliffwood School
- 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
- 5/22-Fun Day & Early Dismissal Day
- 5/25- School Closed Memorial Day



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



**Matawan-Aberdeen Regional**  
School District

