



MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

April 26, 2026

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Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

Hi Cliffwood Families,

It was a wonderful and busy week here at Cliffwood School!

Our students spent time learning about the importance of taking care of the Earth. They truly rolled up their sleeves, getting their hands dirty pulling weeds and preparing our garden beds. We're excited to begin planting vegetables and flowers for the spring season and can't wait to watch everything grow!

We also celebrated Take Your Child to Work Day by welcoming the children of our Cliffwood staff into the building. We started the day

with a special breakfast and planned fun activities to help them learn about the many roles that keep our school running each day. Our students loved meeting the staff's children and working together throughout the day. I also heard from many students who visited their families' workplaces and shared how much they learned! It was truly a great day for everyone.

Report cards were posted in Genesis this past Thursday, April 23.

Looking ahead, our 3rd grade students will begin NJSLA testing next week. Testing dates are Tuesday, April 28, Wednesday, April 29, Thursday, April 30, and will continue the following week on May 5, May 6, and May 7. **It is important that students arrive to school on time and are present each day unless they are sick.** We've created a fun and encouraging video for our 3rd graders to show our support and wish them the best on the NJSLA-A—be sure to check it out!

Please note there has been a change to the Attendance Ceremony date. The ceremony will now take place on Wednesday, May 27 at 6:00 PM in the Cliffwood Cafeteria. It was originally scheduled



for Monday, April 27; however, due to important information being shared with the community that evening, we felt it was best to move the celebration to another date.

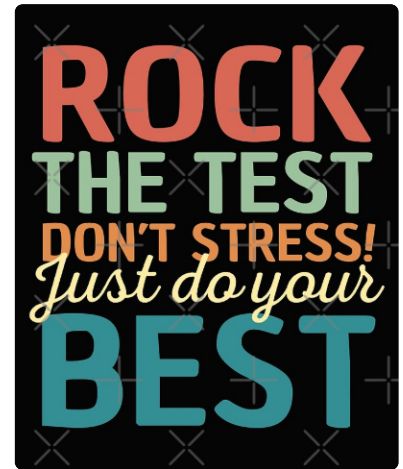
Students who achieved perfect attendance for all three marking periods received a letter inviting them to the ceremony on May 27 at 6:00 PM. If your child achieved perfect attendance for one or two marking periods, they will receive a certificate and medal in school on May 28th.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another great week ahead!
Warmly,

Mrs. Cherence

Cheering on our 3rd Graders, You Got This!

Wishing our 3rd graders the very best of luck as they take the NJSLA-A state assessment this week and next! We are so Cliffwood Proud of all your hard work and know you will do great. Be sure to check out the special video created just for you by your Cliffwood family to cheer you on! [3rd Grade Video](#)

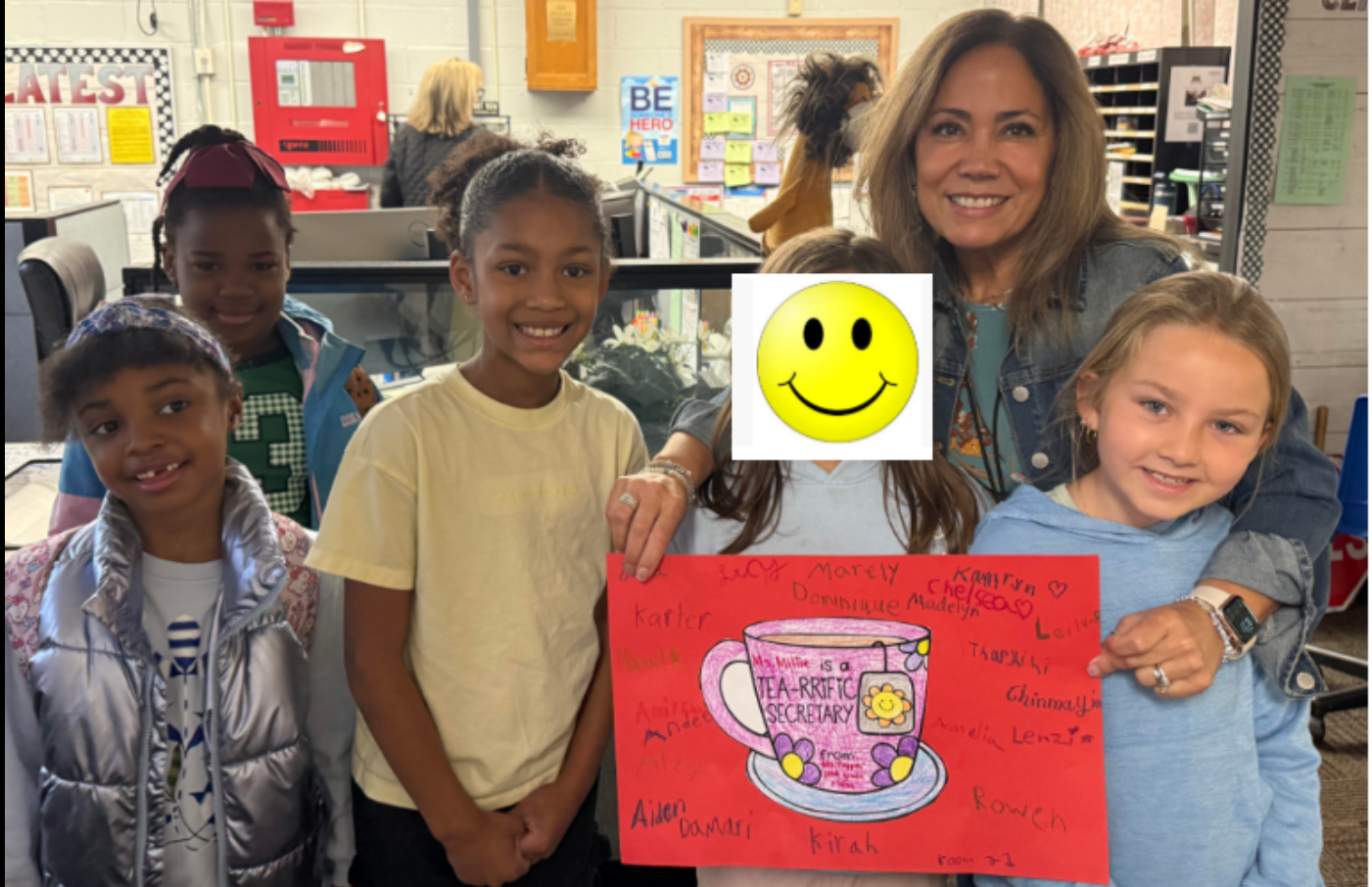


PAWS Winners



Thank you Mrs. Millie Grimaldi

We would like to thank our main office secretary, Mrs. Millie Grimaldi. This past Wednesday, we proudly recognized her in celebration of Administrative Professionals Day. Mrs. Grimaldi consistently goes above and beyond for our students, staff, and families. She is incredibly caring, with a truly generous heart. She plays an essential role in keeping Cliffwood School running smoothly, and we are grateful for her dedication each and every day. It was a joy to celebrate her and show our appreciation with a well-deserved outpouring of gratitude and recognition.



Earth Day at Cliffwood School



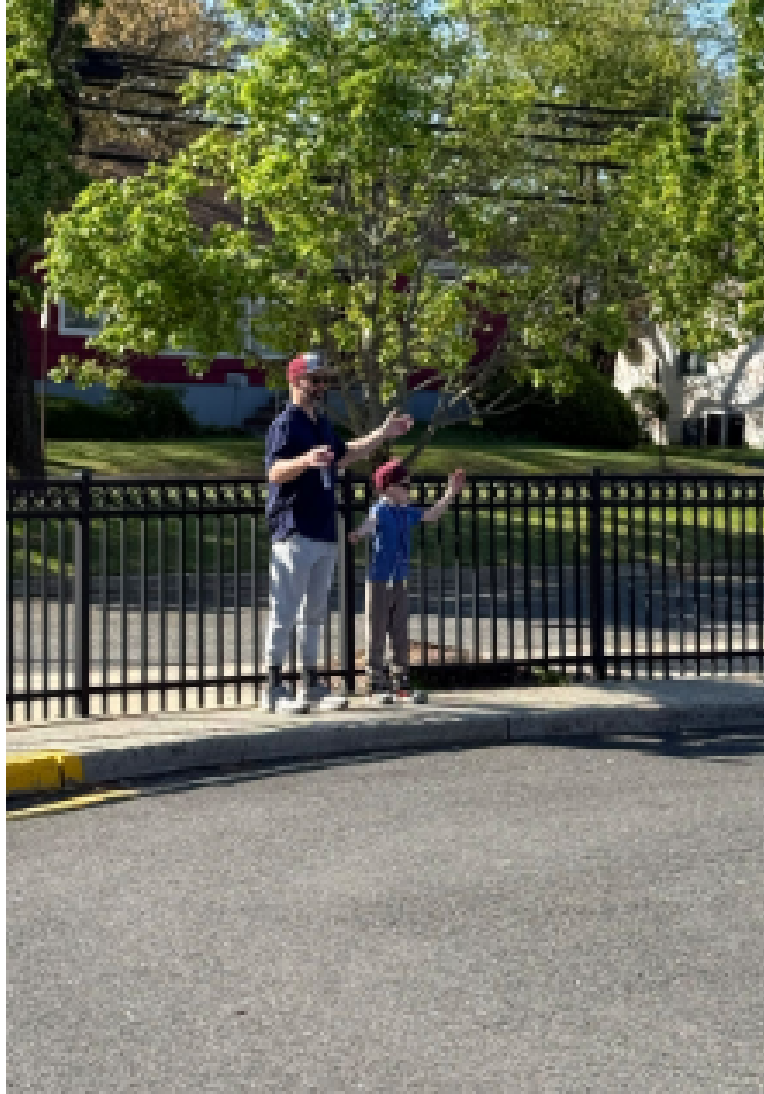






Take Your Child To Work Day











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)



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 (complete ALL fields to be eligible) >> <https://forms.gle/nm42FuJrhDcS1A1MA>

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 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

Thank you for your support!


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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**

**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

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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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

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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

MARSD 2026-2027 Calendar

2026-2027 School Calendar

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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	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.



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)

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.








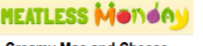





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Healthy meals grow
healthy kids!

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 • 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 Fat Free Chocolate Milk , Fat Free White Milk

*Menu is Subject to Change



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Healthy meals grow
healthy kids!

Swap Outs-Elementary Breakfast: Assorted Cereal Bar Graham Crackers , with Assorted Cereal Graham Crackers ,

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 • Apple Frudel
4 • Mini Apple Bites	5 • Mini Cinnamon Waffles	6 • Mini Banana Loaf	7 • Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant	8 • Mini Strawberry Stuffed Bagel Stick
11 • Emoji Waffles	12 • Mini Cinnamon Crumb Loaf	13 • Assorted Cereal • Graham Crackers	14 • Egg and Cheddar Wake Up Wrap	15 • Bagel with Cream Cheese
18 • French Toast Bites	19 • Mini Cinnamon Stuffed Bagel Stick	20 • Egg and Cheese on a Bagel	21 • Confetti Pancakes	22 • Assorted Small Muffin • Graham Crackers
25  Memorial Day	26 • Savory Egg and Cheese Stuffed Hashbrown Patty	27 • Bagel with Cream Cheese	28 • Assorted Small Muffin • Mozzarella String Cheese	29 • Apple Frudel

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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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

May 2026

Cliffwood ES
Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1  • Personal Cheese Pizza • Freshly Prepared Maschio's House Salad
4 • Crispy Popcorn Chicken • Mashed Potato Bowl • Freshly Baked Dinner Roll	5  • Mini Maple Pancakes • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crispy Hash Browns	6 • Meatball Parm Hero • Italian Green Beans	7 • Seasoned Beef Scoop-A-Bowl with Rice, Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Salsa and Tostitos Scoops • Black Bean and Corn Salad	8 • Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce • Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad
11 • Chicken Fries • Maple Cinnamon Carrots • Soft Pretzel Stick	12  • Mini Cinnamon Waffles • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Seasoned Sweet Potato Fries	13 • Pasta Alfredo with Chicken & Broccoli • Seasoned Garlic Breadstick	14 • Juicy Hamburger on a Bun or Juicy Cheeseburger on a Bun • Crinkle Cut French Fries	15 • Cheese Calzone & Mini Ravioli Sampler • Cucumber, Tomato & Red Onion Salad
18 • Chicken Tenders • Sauteed Green Beans • Mini Country Cornbread Loaf	19  • Fluffy Sliced French Toast Sticks • Juicy Breakfast Sausages • Crispy Tater Tots	20 • Creamy Mac and Cheese • Steamed Broccoli • Pretzel Nuggets	21 • Triple Beef Tacos with Rice, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Salsa • Black Bean and Corn Salad • Whole Grain Cinnamon Churro	22  • NY Style Bella's Pizza • Freshly Prepared Caesar Salad
25  Memorial Day	26 • Egg and Cheese on a Bun • Crispy Hash Browns	27 • Chicken Parm Sandwich • Garlic Parmesan French Fries	28 • Grilled Cheese Sandwich • Sliced Cucumber Coins	29 • French Bread Cheese Pizza • Roasted Parmesan Carrots

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Information about Excused/Unexcused Absences



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

Teacher Appreciation Week 5/4-5/8

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4–8!

The teachers at Cliffwood School consistently go above and beyond for our students, giving their best each and every day. We are so grateful for the dedication, passion, and care they bring to our students and our school community. Let's come together to show them how much we appreciate all that they do!



TEACHER
Appreciation Week!

MONDAY Bring in a **SCHOOL SUPPLY!** 

TUESDAY Buy your teacher **LUNCH** and **ICE CREAM!**
Send in **\$5** 

WEDNESDAY Bring in your **TEACHER'S FAVORITE SNACK** or **GIVE A HUG!** 

THURSDAY **DRAW A PICTURE** for your teacher! 

FRIDAY **WRITE OR DRAW** a **THANK YOU CARD** for your teacher! 

Let's show our teachers how much we appreciate them!

Cliffwood PTO's Plant Sale



Cliffwood PTO's
Annual Plant Sale

Wednesday, May 6th & Thursday, May 7th



Students will be given an opportunity to shop during school.

Please send payment in with your child in an envelope or ziplock bag, labeled with name, teacher, and amount to spend.

Parents may shop after-school from 4-5:30 pm
(Enter from Door 14)

Please note that if your child takes the bus, large purchases may need to be picked-up after-school.



PRICES:

4 1/2 inch Combo- \$4 each

8" Combo- \$15 each

6" Basket- \$10 each

8" Basket- \$13 each

Flats- \$16

Individual plants from flat- \$1 per square
or 4 for \$3



Fun Day Shirts for Students & Adults

Please be sure to share your child's T-shirt size with their teacher for Fun Day orders.

Adults who would like to purchase Fun Day shorts can do so using the following link: [Fun Day](#)

[Order Form for Adults](#)

CLIFFWOOD ELEMENTARY
FUN DAY
 2026

May 22, 2026

Cliffwood's Fun Day will be on Friday, May 22nd. Shirts will be provided to all students by the PTO. Any parent who would like to purchase a shirt for themselves can order one by scanning the QR code below. Shirts are \$15 each. All shirts must be ordered by April 29th.



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CLIFFWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Yard Signs

CELEBRATE THE END OF AN AMAZING SCHOOL YEAR!

<p>ONE PROUD HOME OF CLIFFWOOD LIONS</p>	<p>PREK GRADUATION</p>	<p>KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION</p>
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\$25 EACH | CASH OR ZELLE TO Cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION TO YOUR TEACHER

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY MAY 15TH!

<p>STUDENT NAME: _____</p> <p>TEACHER: _____</p> <p>PLEASE SELECT YOUR YARD SIGN:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ONE PROUD HOME OF CLIFFWOOD LIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PREK GRADUATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION</p>	<p>PAYMENT METHOD:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CASH</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ZELLE Cliffwoodpto422@gmail.com</p>
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Thank you!

FOR SUPPORTING CLIFFWOOD ELEMENTARY!

Dave & Buster's Power Cards Fundraiser

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

<https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/73297-cliffwood-ptο-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

2. GET YOUR POWER CARDS!

3. GET YOUR POWER CARDS!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Scan here to order:
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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CLIFFWOOD 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: 16D42ILN



Cliffwood Elementary School
PTO Membership Form

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION
Multiple-Choice Regional School District
Signature
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!



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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

- 4/27- 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
- 5/6 & 5/7- PTO Plant Sale
- 5/22-Fun Day & Early Dismissal Day
- 5/25- School Closed Memorial Day
- 5/27- Cliffwood PTO Mtg 5:00 PM in the Cafeteria
- 5/27- Star Student & Attendance Ceremony 6:00 PM in the Cafeteria



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



Matawan-Aberdeen Regional
School District

