



## MATAWAN-ABERDEEN CONNECTIONS

### CLIFFWOOD NEWSLETTER

May 3, 2026

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#### Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

Dear Cliffwood Families,

We hope you enjoyed some special family time at our recent Literacy BINGO Night! It was wonderful to see so many Cliffwood families coming together for a fun evening. A huge thank you to our teachers for organizing such a meaningful event and thoughtfully tying in literacy with engaging books and themed baskets.

We are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work on last week's NJSLA-A Reading and Writing assessments. This week, they will take the Math portion. Be sure to check out the signs displayed throughout the hallways, created by fellow Cliffwood students, to show support and encouragement!

This coming week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to our amazing Cliffwood PTO and families for organizing lunches and thoughtful collections for our staff. Our teachers and staff are truly exceptional, their dedication, passion, and commitment to our students and families are evident every single day. I feel fortunate to work alongside such an incredible team!

#### Dates to Remember:

- *Connected But Cautious: A Guardian's Guide to Screen Time* – Free workshop for families (see details below)
- Kindergarten Information Session – Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 PM
- Fun Day – Friday, May 22

Wishing everyone a wonderful week ahead!



# PAWS Winners



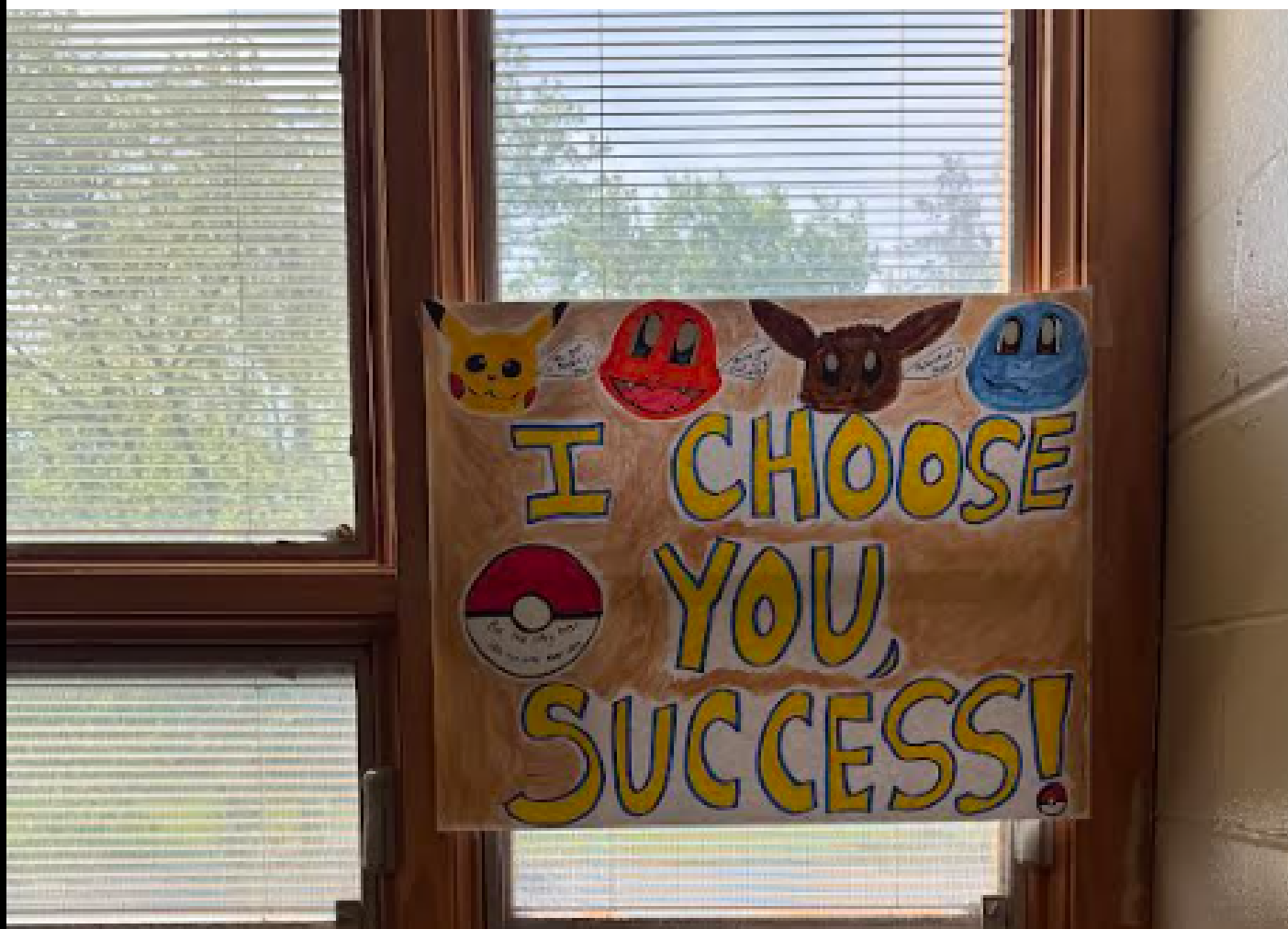
## School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

On Bus Appreciation Day, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible bus drivers for the care, patience, and dedication they show our students each and every day. They are often the first and last smile our children see, and their commitment to safety and kindness never goes unnoticed. While we celebrate them today, they truly deserve our appreciation all year long.




## NJSLA-A Testing

We are so proud of our 3rd graders, they absolutely crushed the NJSLA-A Reading and Writing assessments last week! Be sure to check out the amazing signs our Cliffwood students created to cheer on their classmates! This week, students will be taking the Math portion of the assessment. Please help set them up for success by ensuring they are present and arrive on time each day (unless they are sick). Thank you for your continued support!



 Ms. Schultz  
Room 27, Grade 2

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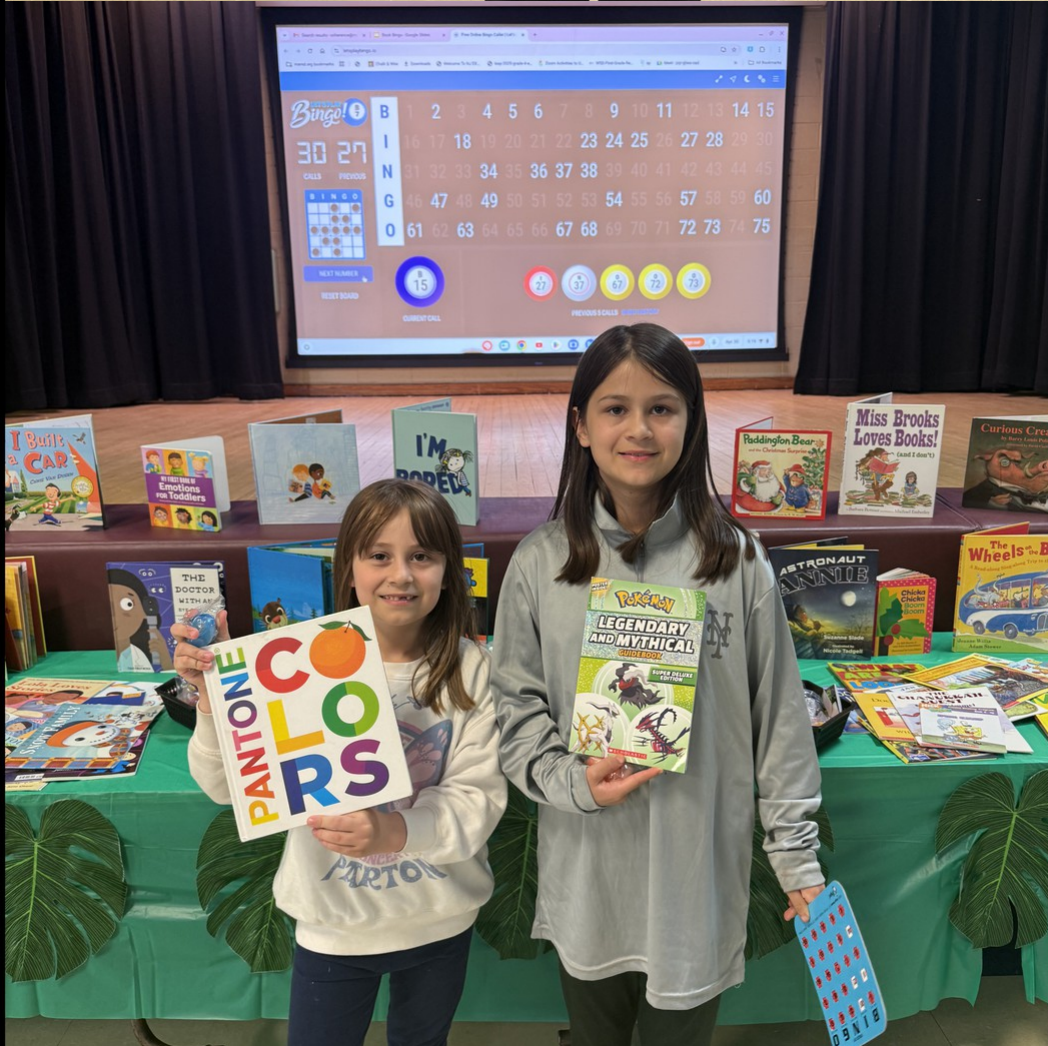
## Literacy BINGO Night

Cliffwood's Literacy BINGO Night was a wonderful success, bringing our families together for a fun evening of a favorite game. Our teachers did an incredible job weaving literacy into every part of the event, from sharing engaging books with students to creating thoughtful, literacy-themed baskets. It was a great night filled with excitement, connection, and a shared love of family time and reading!













## PreK Trip to Main Street

Our PreK students had a wonderful time on their trip to Main Street in Matawan, where they visited the local post office, library, donut shop, and more. This hands-on experience brought their classroom learning to life, helping them make meaningful real-world connections. It was a fun and engaging way to explore their community while reinforcing important concepts they've been learning in school.





Future Scientists at Work!







## Kindergarten Information Session

MATAWAN ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



# KINDERGARTEN



INFORMATION  
SESSION



# PARENT



WEDNESDAY, MAY  
20TH  
6:30 PM

2026 -  
2027



Cambridge Park Elementary School  
1 Crest Way  
Aberdeen, NJ 07747



MATAWAN ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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# Connected But Cautious: A Guardian's Guide to Screen Time

## Connected But Cautious: A Guardian's Guide to Screen Time for Preschoolers Through Fifth Grade

This presentation, through Preferred Behavioral Health, provides caregivers with practical, research-informed guidance on managing your children's screen use. It explores what screen time is, recommended limits by age, and the developmental impacts of excessive or low-quality media exposure, including effects on sleep, behavior, speech, and social interaction. The presentation also highlights the importance of high quality, supervised content and offers actionable strategies such as setting time limits, creating screen-free zones, modeling healthy digital habits, and encouraging alternative activities that support healthy development.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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**MAY 18TH**  
**6:15 - 7:15 PM**

Cambridge Park Elementary School  
1 Crest Way, Aberdeen NJ 07747



<https://forms.gle/dVaipJR9kCEcX68D7> **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER** 

## 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)



# 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 MARSD 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 MARSD 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](http://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!



## 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

March 2026						
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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

<b>Student total days= 183</b>
<b>Staff total days= 187</b>
<b>Board Approval 2/27/2025</b>

 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

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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

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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	
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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 15<sup>TH</sup>



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





**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

## May 2026

Cliffwood ES  
Lunch

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

\*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 Graham Crackers , with Assorted Cereal Graham Crackers ,

## 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!**

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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 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>



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)

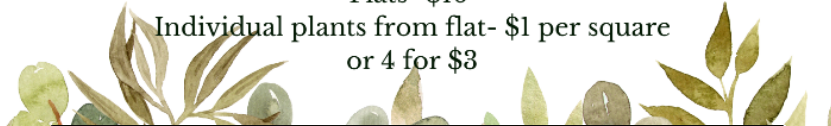
Please note that if your child takes the bus, large purchases may need to be picked-up after-school.



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



# 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

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PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION TO YOUR TEACHER

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>!**

<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-pt0-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:**  
[www.groupraise.com/73297](https://www.groupraise.com/73297)

**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](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

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

5/18- Connection But Cautious Workshop 6:15 PM

5/20- Kindergarten Information Session 6:30 PM

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

