

Cliffwood Family Connection

September 21, 2026

Cliffwood Proud • Anchored in Greatness



A Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

What a Wonderful Week at Cliffwood!

We had another wonderful week at Cliffwood School! Our students have been busy learning, exploring, creating, and having fun together.

Our Kindergarten students had a particularly exciting week as they learned all about the color yellow! They made fresh lemonade, practiced measuring, and even created their very own yellow school buses. A special thank you to the families who came in to help make these learning experiences so memorable for our youngest learners. We truly appreciate your partnership and support!

So much learning is happening at Cliffwood!





🌱 Growing Something Special at Cliffwood!

We are excited to share some wonderful news about our **Cliffwood Garden!**

Cliffwood School applied for a **\$5,000 SPROUTS grant**, and we are thrilled to have been selected as a recipient! This grant will allow us to enhance our garden with new learning experiences and resources, including a **rolling patio kitchen with a sink, rain barrels, new flowering and garden beds, hydroponic towers, and root viewers.**

The new outdoor kitchen will allow students to harvest fresh ingredients from our garden, wash them, and prepare them right at the garden. Students will have opportunities to learn about **healthy eating, nutrition, science, responsibility, teamwork, and sustainability** through hands-on experiences.

Our hydroponic towers, root viewers, and garden beds will also give students the opportunity to explore different ways food can be grown both indoors and outdoors. The rain barrels will help us conserve water while providing a natural water source for our plants.

Most importantly, students will experience the joy and pride that comes from **growing, harvesting, preparing, and enjoying food they helped create!**

We are so grateful for this opportunity to continue growing our **Cliffwood Garden** into an even more exciting hands-on learning space for our students. 🌱💚

Thank you, SPROUTS, for helping Cliffwood grow!



Congratulations to Our First PAWS Winners!

We are so proud to announce our **first PAWS Winners of the 2026–2027 school year!**

These students have demonstrated what it means to be **Cliffwood Proud** by showing kindness, responsibility, respect, and positive behavior.

Congratulations to all of our PAWS recipients! We are so proud of you! 🐾❤️



Before-School Club Update

Interested in joining a Cliffwood Before-School Club?

Information and registration for our **2026–2027 Before-School Clubs** will be emailed to 4th & 5th grade families on:

 **Friday, September 25 at 4:00 PM**

Cliffwood clubs this year will include:

-  **Garden Club**
-  **Art Club**
-  **Games Club**

If your 4th or 5th grade child is interested in participating, please look for the registration information in your email this Friday, 9/25 at 4:00 PM.

We are excited to offer these fun opportunities for our students to explore their interests, build friendships, and learn something new!

Instrumental Music Update

From Ms. Dittloff

Our **Instrumental Music Program** will be getting underway for **4th and 5th grade students** during the month of October!

Our 4th and 5th graders enjoyed an instrument demonstration this past week and received registration forms for students who are interested in participating.

If your child would like to play an instrument at school, please return the registration form **as soon as possible**.



Registration forms are due by October 2, 2026.

Questions? Please contact **Ms. Dittloff** at hdittloff@marsd.org.

We can't wait to see our young musicians get started! 

Nurse's Corner

A Message from Mrs. Caldwell

Cliffwood Families,

Please consider placing a small **change-of-clothes bag** in your child's backpack.

We recommend including:

- A short-sleeve shirt
- Underwear
- Shorts or pants

Having an extra change of clothing available can be helpful in case of an accident, spill, clothing tear, muddy grass, or another unexpected situation during the school day.

Please place the clothing in a **labeled Ziploc bag** so it can easily be stored in your child's backpack.

Thank you for helping us keep our students comfortable and prepared!

PTO News

We are so grateful for the continued support of our **Cliffwood PTO!**

Thank you to our PTO volunteers and families for all you do to make Cliffwood such a special place for our students. Your support helps provide wonderful experiences and opportunities throughout the school year.

Upcoming PTO Events



A poster for Cliffwood Elementary PTO. At the top, there are two large letters 'M' and 'A' in a stylized font. The 'M' features a wolf's head, and the 'A' features a lion's head. A red megaphone is positioned between them. Below the letters, the text 'CLIFFWOOD ELEMENTARY' is written in a large, serif font. Underneath that, 'Join Our PTO!' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Further down, the text 'Welcome to all our new families' is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. Below that, the text 'Help us raise funds for the school and organize fun events!' is written in a smaller, italicized, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, there is a red button with the text 'Scan here to join today!'. To the right of the button is a large, hand-drawn arrow pointing to the right. To the right of the arrow is a QR code. At the very bottom, there is a grey box containing the text 'email: CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com with any questions'.

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Cliffwood Elementary's 2nd Annual Color Run

October 14

Registration starts today!
Check you child's folder



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Important Dates

PTO Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

5:30 PM

Room 15

Mum Pick-Up

 Thursday, September 24

 4:00–6:00 PM

Sheard/Crank Family Fundraiser

 Saturday, September 26

 Basketball & Touch-a-Truck Fundraiser

Rita's Italian Ice PTO Dine-Out

 Tuesday, September 29

 5:00–8:00 PM

 Come out and enjoy some Rita's while supporting Cliffwood!
