

Cliffwood Family Connection

September 27, 2026

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Important Links

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A Message from Mrs. Cherence, Principal

What a wonderful week at Cliffwood! Our days were filled with learning, fun, and plenty of opportunities to grow and connect.

Our preschoolers had a sweet time enjoying the Cliffwood Garden! They picked fresh raspberries and even enjoyed the fruits of their harvest during snack time. It was a fun, hands-on way to learn about gardening and where our food comes from!

Students throughout the school also had the opportunity to learn about walking and biking safely to and from school and throughout our community. We were excited to welcome EZ Ride for an engaging Bike Safety Presentation that taught our students important tips for staying safe while traveling in our community. 🚲

🎨 4th & 5th Grade Before-School Clubs

The Google Form for our 4th & 5th Grade Before-School Clubs was sent to families this past Friday, September 25. Be sure to check your email and take a look at the exciting club opportunities available to our students! The registration deadline is Friday, October 9th.

Support Our Cliffwood PTO!

Our Cliffwood PTO has some great events and fundraisers coming up, including a Rita's Night and Texas Roadhouse Dine-Out Night, along with other opportunities to support our school. Be sure to check out the information below!

If you haven't already, we encourage all Cliffwood families to join our PTO! Our PTO plays such an important role in making Cliffwood a special place for our students. From supporting school events and activities to providing enrichment opportunities and helping fund special experiences for our children, their partnership makes a tremendous difference in our school community. We are so grateful for all they do for Cliffwood! 

Important Dates to Remember

Be sure to check out the important dates below and mark your calendars! Picture Day is coming up toward the end of October, and we are already looking forward to one of our favorite traditions, our Cliffwood Halloween Parade on Friday, October 30th at 10:00 AM!



We hope everyone is staying safe and doing well during this weekend's storm. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school Monday morning and continuing another great week of learning, growing, and being Cliffwood Proud!

Congratulations to this week's PAWS Winners!

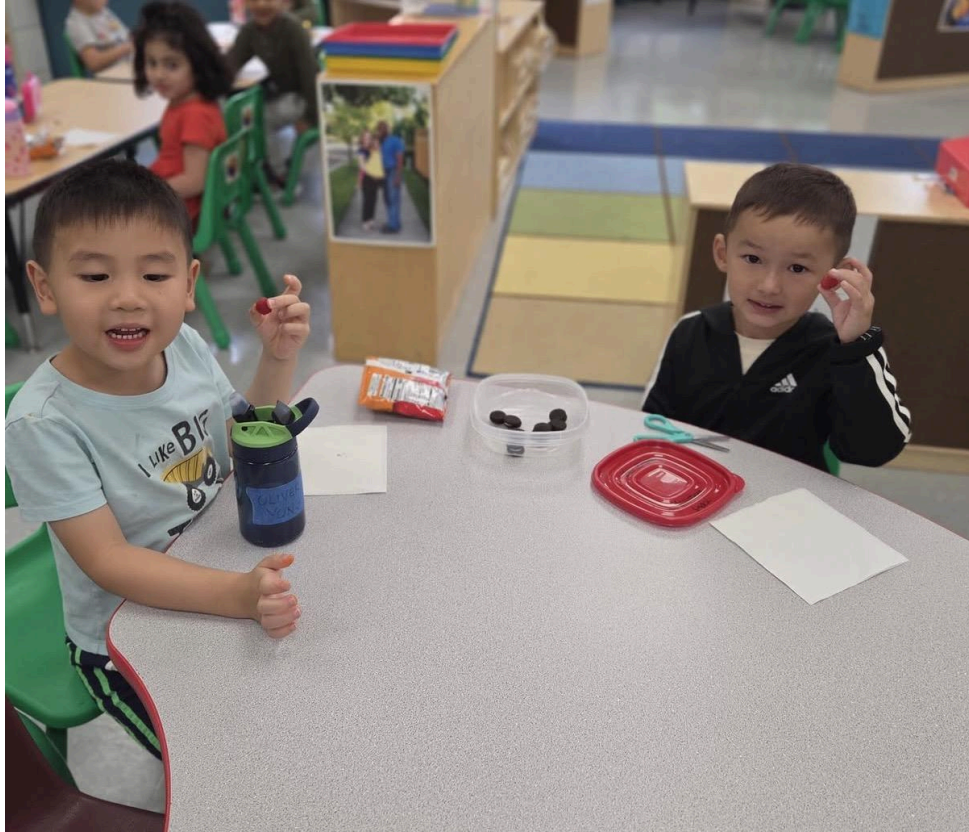


Our preschoolers had a berry sweet time picking raspberries in our school garden and enjoyed them during snack time!









EZRide Bike Safety Presentation

Cliffwood students learned about walking and biking safely to school and out in their community during an EZBike Safety Presentation.



Before-School Club Update

Interested in Joining a Cliffwood Before-School Club?

We are excited to offer **Before-School Clubs** for our **4th & 5th grade students** during the 2026–2027 school year!

Our clubs this year will include:

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

The **Google Form** with club information and registration was shared with 4th & 5th grade families this past Friday, September 25. [Club Google Form](#)

 Registration Deadline: Friday, October 9

These clubs are a wonderful opportunity for students to explore their interests, build friendships, and learn something new while having fun with their classmates!

We look forward to seeing our 4th & 5th graders get involved and make the most of these exciting opportunities at Cliffwood!

 Cafeteria Lunch Payment Reminder

A friendly reminder to Cliffwood families: **Our school cafeteria is unable to provide change for lunch purchases.**

If your child pays with cash and there is money left over after their purchase, **the remaining balance will be applied to your child's lunch account** for future use.

Please do not send cash with the expectation that change will be provided. We appreciate your help in reminding your child and ensuring they understand how cash payments are handled.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

 Board Games Needed for Cliffwood

We are looking to build our collection of **board games for indoor recess!** Games are especially helpful on inclement weather days when students need to stay indoors, as well as for students who may be unable to participate in physical activities due to an injury.

We are gratefully accepting **donations of new or gently used board games**, such as:

 Candy Land

 Connect 4

 UNO

 Checkers

 Chess

 And other age-appropriate games students can enjoy together!

If you are able to donate, please make sure that **all pieces, cards, and necessary game components are included** so the games are ready for students to use.

Donations can be dropped off at the Cliffwood Main Office.

Thank you for helping us provide our students with fun and engaging options during indoor recess! We truly appreciate the support of our Cliffwood families.

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!

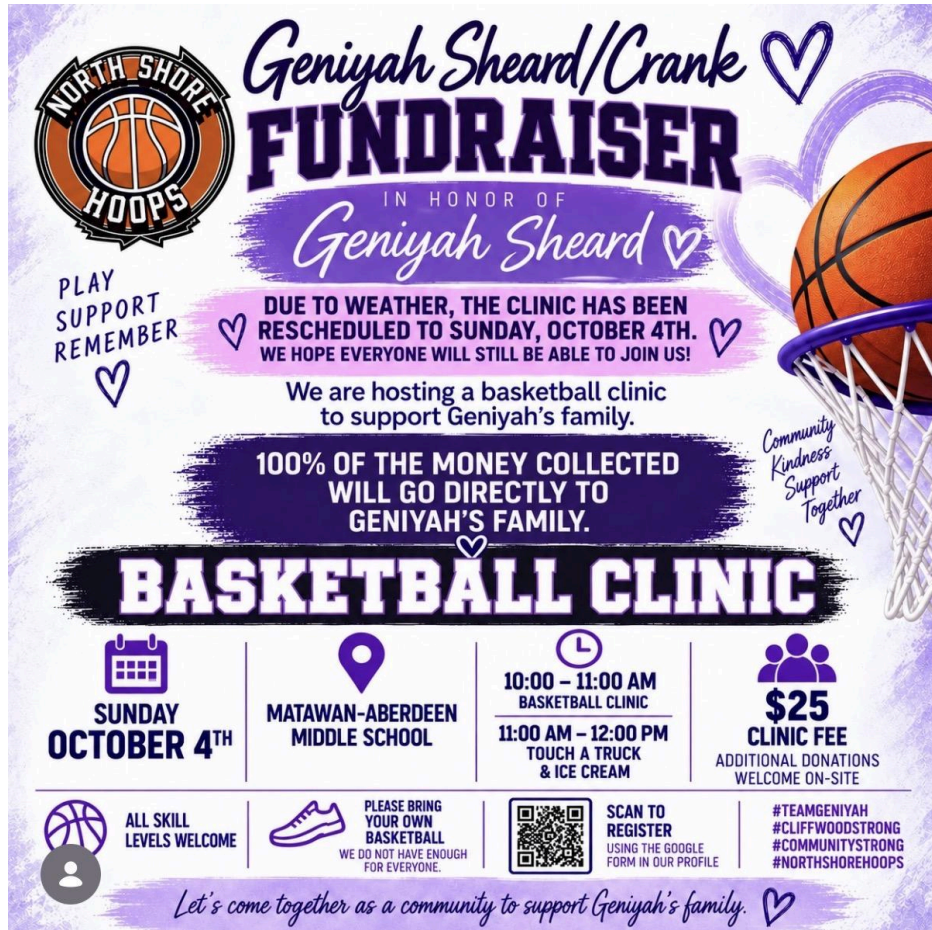


Registration forms are due by October 2, 2026.

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

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

Basketball Clinic & Touch a Truck Fundraiser Update



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 red letters 'M' with a wolf head on the left and a lion head on the right. A red megaphone is positioned between them. Above the letters are strings of red and white triangular bunting. Below the letters, the text 'CLIFFWOOD ELEMENTARY' is written in a large, grey, serif font. Underneath that, 'Join Our PTO!' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below this, the text 'Welcome to all our new families' is written in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font. Then, 'Help us raise funds for the school and organize fun events!' is written in a smaller, italicized, grey, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, there is a red button with white text that says 'Scan here to join today!'. To the right of the button is a large, hand-drawn style arrow pointing right. To the right of the arrow is a QR code. At the very bottom, there is a grey rectangular box with white text that says 'email: CliffwoodPTO422@gmail.com with any questions'.

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ELEMENTARY**

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CLIFFWOOD



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

Dine Out

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TO SUPPORT

CLIFFWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEN:

TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29TH

TIME:

5 PM - 8 PM

WHERE:

RITA'S ITALIAN ICE
UNION BEACH, NJ

TREAT YOURSELF TO A SWEET TREAT
AND HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Cliffwood Elementary's 2nd Annual Color Run

October 14

**Registration starts today!
Check you child's folder**



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CLIFFWOOD CLOG CHARM Fundraiser

SHOW YOUR CLIFFWOOD PRIDE
ONE CHARM AT A TIME!



\$5

PER CHARM

Perfect for your
clogs, backpacks,
and more!



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO ORDER!



CLIFFWOOD
ELEMENTARY




GIFT CARD Fundraiser

Purchase Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards now and use them at our

DINE OUT NIGHT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

THE CLASS THAT SELLS
THE MOST GIFT CARDS
(OVER \$500)

WILL WIN A
BAKED POTATO PARTY
courtesy of
Texas Roadhouse!





SCAN THE QR CODE
TO PURCHASE YOUR
GIFT CARDS!

Support Our School!



Important Dates

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!

Sheard/Crank Family Fundraiser



Sunday, October 4th



Basketball & Touch-a-Truck Fundraiser

School Closed



Monday, October 12th- Columbus Day

Texas Roadhouse Dine-Out



Monday, October 19th

Picture Day



Tuesday, October 27th

More details to follow

Cliffwood School Halloween Parade



Friday, October 30th



10 AM

More details to follow
