

A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending January 13, 2017

Connections, Commitment, Community

Life's most persistent and urgent question: What are you doing for others? – *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

The Cherry Hill School District is closed on Monday, January 16, 2017 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service. In 1983, President Ronald Regan signed the Congressional legislation that established Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a federal holiday. While 1986 was the first year that the holiday was recognized across the United States, members of the New Jersey State Employees Association were provided a paid holiday in honor of Dr. King beginning in 1975.

There has been a concerted community effort to maintain Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a holiday that truly honors, remembers and recognizes the reasons for its establishment. Cherry Hill students, faculty and staff, parents and guardians, and community members will continue the long tradition of community service and engaging in service learning projects on this holiday – it will be a day of service instead of a day off. Many members of our educational community will participate in a day of service on Monday, partnering with Cherry Hill Township for collections and activities, or with church groups, community groups, or corporate sponsors. Throughout the district this week, many schools involved students, staff, and families in activities on their own campuses. I am grateful for the hours of planning and preparation of these events and for the commitment from so many to participate.

If you are unable to participate in one of the

UPCOMING EVENTS

MLK Day of Service - SCHOOLS CLOSED

January 16

Board of Education Action Meeting

January 24 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

February 6 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration Building

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

February 6 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

February 7 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration Building

Board of Education Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

February 7 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

Board of Education Work Session

programs/projects on Monday, I encourage you to be involved in a meaningful way in a project or activity that works in your schedule. The Cherry Hill Community provides us with daily opportunities to reinforce our collective positive character and our commitment to each other.

Throughout the year, for example, we can all help to support the Cherry Hill Food Pantry, and the work of the organization in supporting our neighbors and our community. For ways to support the Food Pantry, please visit <http://cherryhillfoodpantry.org/>

As a school district, we are proud of the service work that our students, faculty and staff, and families engage in this week and throughout the year. I encourage everyone to reflect on the words of Mrs. Coretta School King:

“As a nation chooses its heroes and heroines, a nation interprets its history and shapes its destiny. The commemoration of the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. can help America realize its true destiny as the global model for democracy, economic and social justice, and as the first nonviolent society in human history.”

Please stay in touch with the district and stay informed about what is taking place. Please visit the district website (<http://www.chclc.org/>) and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#). If you have questions related to the district, please share them with us! Try the new “Quick Question” feature on our website at <http://www.chclc.org/community/quick-question>

Have a wonderful weekend, and thank you for making a positive impact on our community.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

February 14 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

SAVE THE DATE

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade

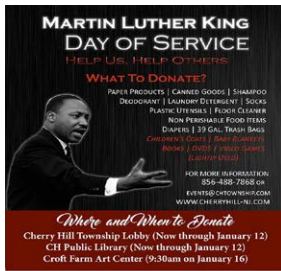
Parent Program:

Student Cell Phone Use: When Sharing Inappropriate Images Becomes a Criminal Offense

Present by the Cherry Hill Police Department

February 22 @ 7 pm

Carusi Middle School



Volunteers Needed for MLK Day of Service Event & Woodcrest Winter Carnival

Cherry Hill Township will host this year's Martin Luther King Day of Service event and is seeking volunteers on Monday, January 16 from 9 am to noon. Several volunteer opportunities will be available. A complete list of activities and locations will be available from the township soon.

Donations, listed on the Cherry Hill Township web site, are being accepted now at the Cherry Hill Township Municipal Building, 820 Mercer Street and at the Cherry Hill Public Library, 1100 Kings Highway North. Donations also will be accepted the day of the event at Croft Farm.

If you wish to volunteer, please contact the Recreation Department at 856-488-7868 or Events@CHTownship.com

More volunteer opportunities are available at the Woodcrest Winter Carnival coming up on January 28 in the Woodcrest all-purpose room from 11 am-3 pm. Two volunteer shifts are available: 10:45 am-1 pm or 12:45-3 pm. Volunteers are welcome to work both shifts. Student community service credit is available. Contact Meredith Olearchik at mereditholearchik@gmail.com or 609-405-0058 for more information and to sign up.



CHPS Students Conduct "Day of Service" Events Leading up to MLK Day

Several Cherry Hill Schools used the days leading up to the Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 16 as an opportunity for service learning in the classroom.

At J.F. Cooper Elementary School, for example, fifth grade students each came up with a dream for themselves, their community and the world. They also watched the film "Our Friend Martin" and discussed Martin Luther King Jr.'s impact on society. Cooper students will continue their MLK lessons after the holiday, discussing what Martin Luther King Jr. would have posted if he'd had an Instagram account, as depicted on the cover photo at the top of this newsletter.

James Johnson Elementary students at each grade level conducted a service project, mostly cards for service men and women. Johnson fourth graders took on the large project of making 200 sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen.

At Rosa International Middle School, 12 diverse 8th grade students worked with an artist from the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program to create a section of a larger mural. The Rosa students, pictured above with their work,



Graduates from 2012-2016 Still Needed for Young Alumni Board

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Meloche invites Cherry Hill Public Schools graduates from the classes of 2012-2016 to be a part of the new Young Alumni Board, which met for the first time in late December and will meet again in the spring.

Dr. Meloche is especially seeking representation from Cherry Hill High School East. Discussion will focus on what recent graduates found most useful – and what they wish had been available to them – during their time in the Cherry Hill Schools. "This information will help us continue to best meet the needs of our students," Dr. Meloche says.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Janet Cohen at (856)429-5600, extension 4309 or jacohen@chclc.org. Please indicate the time of day (morning, afternoon or evening) that works best for you.

created their section to
reflect the MLK quote,
"Intelligence plus character -
that is the true goal of
education."

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