



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending February 10, 2017

Celebrating 100 Days!

Our elementary schools had great fun today with activities to mark the 100th day of school. It's an annual milestone that calls for celebration and reflection.

Today, February 10, 2017, is the 100th day of school! The 100th day originally was on our calendar for yesterday, February 9, but snow and ice necessitated closing school for the day. So today marks the big day – a great way to close out the week at our elementary schools, where each students of each grade level had a chance to celebrate this big number in a big way. I believe the 100th day also is an opportunity for reflection at the middle and high schools, and all the way up through our staff, administration and in our community.

One of the best aspects of my job is talking with our students, not only during events and occasional classroom visits, but during what I call Town Hall Meetings, in which I meet three times a year with student groups at each of our middle and high schools. I completed the second round of middle school Town Hall Meetings earlier this week. One topic, because it was coming up at the end of the week, was the 100th day of school. Even though students at the middle school level tend to think of themselves as much older than the elementary school students, they expressed to me how much they enjoyed the 100th day of school celebrations during their elementary years. There was a certain wistfulness as they shared memories, and it gave us an opportunity to discuss the value of celebrating milestones. The discussion then turned to goals and the idea of leaving a legacy when the eighth graders move on to high school. The students have given a great deal of thought to their legacy. All three middle school groups agreed that modeling and promoting kindness and inclusiveness – to help mold their schools' future atmosphere – would be an ideal legacy.

We can all benefit from reflection on this 100th day of

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Education Work Session

February 14 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Make-up Day for Snow Day

February 17, 2017

SCHOOLS CLOSED

February 20, 2017

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Parent Program: Internet Safety: The Dangers of Sharing Too Much

Presented by the Cherry Hill Police Department
February 22 @ 7 pm
Carusi Middle School

Special Ed Parents Information Session

February 22 @ 6:30 pm
Rosa International Middle School
(Same program offered again March 2 @ 6:30 pm Beck Middle School)

Board of Education Action Meeting

February 28 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

the school year. With 81 school days left before the last day of school, we would do well to take stock of what we've modeled, what we've accomplished, and what we want our legacy to be from our contributions to the 2016-2017 school year. We are slightly more than half way through the year. There is plenty of time to accomplish items still on the back burner, to revisit the goals we've met and use them to move forward, to formulate new plans for the future and carry them out with enthusiasm. Our Cherry Hill students will benefit from us committing to a constant cycle of improvement, of honest reflection and interaction, of choosing our words to promote inclusion and acceptance.

I am excited to continue working on a positive legacy in the days and years ahead. I hope you will join me, whatever your role in the Cherry Hill Public Schools – student, parent, staff member or community member. Your ideas are always welcome. Please become or stay involved in your PTA, booster groups and community organizations. Come to the [Board of Education meetings](#) and join me for my [Online Lunches](#). Stay connected through our [web site](#) and [social media platforms](#). The more informed we all are, the better we will be at working together. If you have a question, submit it through our online question portal "[Quick Question!](#)"

Please join me tomorrow at the East vs. West basketball game, beginning at 2:00 pm in the DiBart Gymnasium at High School East!

Enjoy the weekend.

Regards,

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Parents' Guide to



Stay Connected to CHPS and the Cherry Hill Community through Online Platforms

Do you have a question about the Cherry Hill Public Schools and believe other community members might be wondering the same thing? Submit a question to our new "[Quick Question](#)" portal on the District web site. Your question will be moderated and answered publicly on the "Quick Question" page. Current Q&A topics include the Rosa Middle School open enrollment process, the difference between a "lockout" and a "lockdown," and the dates of make-up days for snow days.

Be sure to check our [Community Bulletin Board](#) on the District web site as well for information on programs and events in the community. Current postings include information on the upcoming Cherry Hill East Red & White 5k and 1-mile fun walk, an after-school art program, court appointed special advocate training, the need for tasters for a chocolate bake-off competition, and a Sustainable Cherry Hill Book Club Meeting.

Accessibility Features and Accommodations for Students with Disabilities in PARCC Now Available

The Cherry Hill Public Schools Assessment Office directs parents concerned about PARCC accessibility to the brochure, [Expanding Access: Accessibility Features and Accommodations for Students with Disabilities in PARCC Assessments—A Parent's Guide](#).

PARCC testing begins for [high school students on March 28, 2017](#) and for [middle and elementary school students on April 19](#). Schedules vary according to grade level and subject. The Cherry Hill Public Schools Assessment Office also offers [an FAQ document to answer common questions about the PARCC assessment process](#). All parents are encouraged to read this FAQ.

As a reminder, the State Board of Education has approved updated state regulations for the high school graduation assessments requirements in both English language arts (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2017 through 2021, and beyond.

Click on the links below for charts containing the list of assessment requirements in both ELA and mathematics for the high school graduation Classes of 2017 through 2021 and beyond:

[Class of 2017](#)

[Class of 2018 and 2019](#)

Kindergarten Registration Dates and Middle School Open Enrollment Materials Now Available

Kindergarten/first grade registration for children entering public school for the first time begins on March 7, 2017 at the Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace. **Children must be 5 years old by October 1, 2017 to be eligible for kindergarten.** It is not necessary to bring your child to register. Specific dates and times for each school are available on the [District web site](#).

Information meetings for 5th grade students and their parents will take place in late January and early February. Parents and students are recommended to attend the session at their sending school and at Rosa International Middle School. Dates and times of the information sessions, as well as the open enrollment period dates, are available on the [District web site](#). Instructions for how to apply for Open Enrollment at Rosa International Middle School also are available on the [District web site](#).

[Class of 2020](#)

[Class of 2021 and beyond](#)

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