

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending March 10, 2017

Women's History Month Provides Inspiration

March marks a month in which we can all pay homage to the women in history who have shaped our country – and the women among us who are making history in their own way.

As we wrap up the first full week of March, I am pleased to say that already, the month has brought with it a great deal of reflection and positivity in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. This is Women's History Month, reminding us all about the significant contributions women have made to our society. The contributions of women activists, scientists, mathematicians, artists of all kinds, authors, teachers, spiritual leaders and more have helped shape our society and have given younger generations role models to emulate. These women offer a positive example for not only girls and women in our society, but for all of us as human beings.

Joyce Kilmer Elementary School on March 6 held an event produced by the school's 5th grade girls called "Women of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" to kick off Women's History Month. The girls featured 13 women from distant and recent history, as well as those who are with us today. Among the women featured were Eleanor Roosevelt, Frida Kahlo, Rosa Parks, Rita Moreno, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Michelle Obama and Malala Yousefzai.

The Rosa International Middle School PTA on March 8 sponsored Mary Knysh from Young Audiences NJ to treat the Rosa 7th graders to a "Rhythms Around the World" assembly, pictured above, celebrating Women's History Month and World Languages Week. The event introduced students to the music and rhythms of the world by weaving songs, instruments, legends and history from a multi-cultural collection.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kindergarten Registration

March 7 through 30, M-F, 8 am-4 pm,
Malberg Administration Building
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. [Specific dates and times for each school are available on the district web site.](#)

Cherry Hill High School East Spring Musical

*Ragtime**

March 10, 11, 17 & 18
@ 7:30 pm

March 12 & 19 @ 2 pm

* *WARNING: This program contains strong, potentially offensive language. Parental discretion is advised.*

For ticket information, call the Box Office at (856) 424-2222, extension 2019.

Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 12

Turn your clocks ahead one hour

Board of Education Work Session

March 14 @ 7 pm

We all have women in our lives who have influenced us, motivated us, inspired us and guided us. Take some time this month to reach out and to thank the special women in your life. Celebrations and lessons related to Women's History Month will continue around the district in the coming weeks. Be sure to watch this newsletter, as well as our [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) platforms for updates with photos. And if you haven't downloaded our free District App, be sure to do so from the App Store or Google play – you'll be able to customize the app to view calendars from your children's schools, check lunch accounts and sports schedules, and even live stream our Board of Education meetings, all from your phone or tablet. Have a question you think others in the community are wondering about as well? Ask it through our [Quick Question portal](#). Join me for my next [Online Lunch Live Stream](#) on March 30, or watch it later on the [CHPS YouTube channel](#). I welcome your questions and suggestions.

Continued success to the Rosa MathCounts team on their State Championship competition on Saturday! And "break a leg" to the cast, pit orchestra and crew of Cherry Hill High School East's *Ragtime*, opening tonight at 7:30 pm!

One last reminder: Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour overnight on Sunday. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12 at 2 a.m.!

Regards,

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Malberg Administration Building

Beck Spring Drama Show

Legally Blonde, Jr.

March 24 & 25 @ 7 pm

March 26 @ 2 pm

Board of Education Action Meeting

March 28 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

Cherry Hill High School West Spring Musical

Sister Act

March 31, April 1, 7 & 8

@ 7 pm

April 2 & 8 @ 2 pm

[Tickets available online.](#)



Cherry Hill
East Drum Line



PARCC Update:
Important
Information for



Cat in the Hat Visit

Wins Contest, Performs at Kimmel Center

Congratulations to the Cherry Hill High School East Drum Line who, along with the West Powelton Steppers and Drum Squad, were named co-winners of the "2017 Drum Line of the Year" contest sponsored by the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

The East Drum Line kicked off the opening night performance of the "Drumline LIVE!" show at the Kimmel Center March 9. "Drumline LIVE," created by the musical team behind the hit movies, "Drumline" and "Drumline: A New Beat," embodies what the Kimmel Center describes as "the soulful, high-stepping style of the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching band experience."

Pictured above with their trophy from the contest is the East Drum Line, back row from left: Mitchell Cohen, Ben Kornak, Ethan Honess, Assistant Drum Major Claire Handley, Field Captain Sam Donsky, Michaela Jarvis, Kira Mahoney, Shir Goldfinger and Isabella Bentivogli; front row, from left: Jacob Noble, Tavis Green, Alex Tang, Drum Line Co-Captains Adam Crognale and Hunter Berkowitz.

Students Enrolled in 8th Grade Algebra I

An important new graduation requirements for the class of 2021 pertain to 8th grade students currently enrolled in as Algebra I PARCC-eligible course. [Please click here for details on requirements for 8th grade Algebra I students.](#)

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 here for details on these new regulations, which include the fact that the Class of 2020 is required to sit for the PARCC assessment in order to graduate.](#)

[A parents' guide to accessibility for English Learners taking the PARCC assessment is available by clicking here.](#)

Additionally, improvements have been made to this year's PARCC assessment. [Click here to see a chart of the improvements.](#)

Parents concerned about PARCC accessibility are encouraged to refer 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 grade level and subject. The Cherry Hill Public Schools

Caps off Read Across America Events

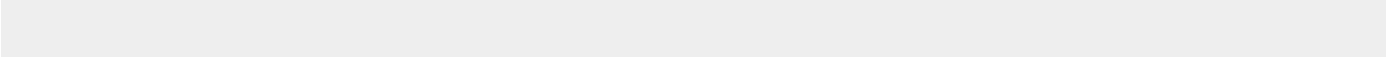
Students and staff at Richard Stockton Elementary School were treated to a visit from the Cat in the Hat on March 7 as part of Read Across America.

The Cat greeted students in grades K-2, "high-fived" students and posed for class pictures in the school library.

The Cat in the Hat also donated the Dr. Seuss book *If I Ran the Zoo* to commemorate his visit. The visit capped off Stockton's celebration of Read Across America, which last week included local "celebrity" guest readers from the community, the Board of Education, and CHPS administration. The Cat's visit was sponsored by the NJEA.

The other 11 elementary schools around the district, and the Barclay Early Childhood Center, held their own Read Across America events as well. These events included guest readers, dressing up as one's favorite Dr. Seuss character, and a Dr. Seuss "door decorating contest."

Assessment Office also offers [an FAQ document to answer common questions about the PARCC assessment process](#). All parents are encouraged to read this FAQ.



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