

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending May 5, 2017

WE Do Our Best Work in Collaboration

Passion fuels the biggest ideas, the most influential movements and the most significant change. Collaboration is what gives those ideas, movements and change true staying power.

Happy May! What a great month we're embarking on: tonight is the 13th annual Volley for Support at 5:30 pm at Cherry Hill High School East – a friendly, fund-raising volleyball tournament pitting staff and administrators from all of our schools and Central Administration against one another in the name of charity. This year's proceeds go to [Mother's Matter](#). On Monday, we'll be holding the rain date of our annual STAR (Specially Talented Athletes Recognized) Games all day at Morris Stadium at Cherry Hill High School West. Next week also marks [Teacher Appreciation Week](#) (although some celebrated this past week – the more we celebrate our wonderful staff, the better)! Add to that various middle and high school music trips, recognition events for our high school seniors, concerts at all grade levels, West's Senior Class trip to Orlando and of course, the long Memorial Day Weekend from the 27th through the 29th, and there is much to look forward to all month long.

In preparing for Volley for Support this evening, I am struck by the level of passion that longtime organizers Mr. Steve Redfearn (CHEA President) and Mrs. Kim Redfearn (third grade teacher at A. Russell Knight Elementary, pictured above with her class) bring to the event year after year. Mr. and Mrs. Redfearn make organizing this colossal event look easy. They will be the first to tell you, however, that while their passion for philanthropy drives their efforts, it is the collaboration with their colleagues district-wide that has given the event its staying power. . They are truly inspirational representatives our district! If you see them, thank them for the way they lead and give back.

District-wide collaboration in the Cherry Hill Public Schools is the defining factor in our success and in

Cooper Elementary School Community Carnival

May 6 from noon-4 pm
on Cooper School Grounds

Board of Education Work Session

May 9 @ 7 pm, Malberg
Administration Building Board
Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Board of Education Action Meeting

May 23 @ 7 pm, Malberg
Administration Building Board
Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

SCHOOLS CLOSED - Memorial Day

May 29

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

June 5 @ 6 pm, Malberg
Administration Building Board
Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

June 5 @ 7 pm, Malberg
Administration Building Board
Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

June 6 @ 6 pm, Malberg
Administration Building Board
Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

June 6 @ 7 pm, Malberg
Administration Building Board
Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

improving our future. **WE** – West and East – all have passionate ideas about what makes education great, what best serves our students and what changes need to happen as we move forward. There has been a great deal of passionate discussion recently regarding the future of our district. I look forward to a great deal more as we consider the ways we might make changes as we move forward. I urge you, if you haven't done so already, to visit our [web site](#) and go to the "[CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future](#)" page for an overview of our long range strategic plan. Then, become involved in the discussion. Come to our Board of Education meetings and Committee Meetings, which are open to the public. The dates and times of these meetings are posted on the [District Events Calendar](#). You also may [watch the BOE Action Meetings online](#). Ask a question through our "[Quick Question](#)" portal on the District web site. Be sure to stay informed by following us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you haven't already, download our free District App from Google Play or the App Store. And catch up on my "[Online Lunch](#)" broadcasts from this year, archived on our [YouTube channel](#).

WE are at our best when we collaborate – when we share ideas in an informed, respectful manner. I look forward to continuing the discussion in the months ahead.

I hope to see you in the stands, cheering on your favorite teams, at Volley for Support tonight!

Regards,

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Henry C. Beck



Middle and
Elementary Schools'



Cherry Hill High
School West

Middle School Families Enjoy STEM Night

Beck Middle School's Family STEM night was an evening of hands-on fun, problem solving, and community building.

More than 50 families participated in a variety of games, experiments and challenge activities that demonstrated math, science and engineering principles. Math and Science teachers were on hand to provide guidance as were members of Cherry Hill High School East's National Science Honors Society.

Participants finished the evening with a challenge to use a few everyday materials to build a prosthetic hand that could pick up various types of items. Families and friends worked together to meet these challenges in unique and creative ways.

PARCC Assessments Continue

[Middle and elementary school PARCC assessments are now underway.](#)

The Assessment Office offers a [Learning Heroes Guide, "Get Ready for the Test" for parents in anticipation of the upcoming PARCC assessments](#). This one-page guide was developed by Scholastic in partnership with the National PTA.

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](#)

Students Earn End-of-Year Honors

Congratulations to Cherry Hill High School West senior Brie Leftwich, who won a competitive playwriting contest held by Sacred Heart University.

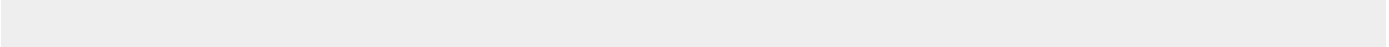
Her piece, "Apartments," will be workshopped at Sacred Heart University this summer. Members of the professional staff and Theatre Arts Repertory Company students will be working with her on campus for two weeks in July.

Congratulations also to senior Maggie McCurdy, who has been selected to represent Cherry Hill West at 6ABC's Best of the Class celebration on May 15.

And kudos to West junior Joanna Kuo, selected as a New Jersey Governor's School Scholar for the 31st New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences to be held at Drew University from July 9 to July 29, 2017.

[Assessments—A Parent's Guide.](#)

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.



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