

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending May 26, 2017

More Than Just a Long Weekend

Many of us look forward to the Memorial Day Weekend as a chance for rest and relaxation, but let's not overlook the true meaning of the holiday.

May has been a busy and productive month in the Cherry Hill Public Schools, as we completed PARCC testing, worked on end-of-year academic assignments, held concerts and award ceremonies, released the [titles and assignments for summer reading for our rising 6th through 12 graders](#), continued work on the [CHPS 2020 plan](#) and garnered recognition as a State District of Character! Also at the New Jersey Alliance for Social, Emotional, and Character Development Conference, Joseph Sharp and Joyce Kilmer Elementary Schools were recognized as Honorable Mention Schools, with A. Russell Knight and Bret Harte Elementary Schools recognized as State Schools of Character, and A. Russell Knight, Richard Stockton Elementary School and Rosa International Middle School named National Schools of Character! This is the second time Stockton and Rosa have been named National Schools of Character. I am always energized by our students, faculty and staff – by the enthusiasm and expertise they bring to their roles in the school community every day. And I know, in the six weeks since Spring Break, the upcoming long weekend is a welcome opportunity to rest and recharge before the final 14 days of the school year.

It's easy to think of Memorial Day Weekend as the "official start of summer," when our community swim clubs open for the season, when the retailers at the shore all open for business and when we have gatherings with family and friends to celebrate what we hope will be three sunny, warm, relaxed months ahead. But while the joys of R&R are important and family time is to be cherished, it's important to remember why Memorial Day is a holiday and why we take the time to honor this tradition.

Memorial Day is an exclusively American holiday, held to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. It was first celebrated in the

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Board of Education Work Session

June 13 @ 7 pm, Malberg Administration Building Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

High School Graduation Ceremonies

BOTH ON JUNE 15 @ Liacouras Center, Temple University - tickets required for entry

years following the Civil War as “Decoration Day.” It didn’t become an official federal holiday until 1971. Memorial Day gives each of us a day to reflect on the sacrifices made for our freedoms. Whether you visit the grave of a fallen soldier, attend an event such as the [Cherry Hill Township Memorial Day Ceremony](#), or simply spend some time in silent contemplation, it is important to pause and express gratitude to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

I also want to express my gratitude to all in our community who have been involved in our schools and engaged in the conversation about our future. Please continue to attend our Board of Education meetings, listed on the [District Events Calendar](#), or view them on our [Live Stream](#). Stay informed as our long range strategic plan, “[CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future](#),” evolves. Ask a question through our “[Quick Question](#)” portal on the [District web site](#). Be sure to follow 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 my next “[Online Lunch](#)” broadcast on June 2 at noon. Previous Online Lunches are archived on our [YouTube](#) channel.

Please stay safe while you enjoy this Memorial Day Weekend. Be careful in your activities and take some time to be kind to others, to a neighbor, a friend, someone you meet at an event or in a store. A smile and a kind word shared between two people has an incredibly positive effect. If you are able, take in a sunrise this weekend and listen to the natural sounds of the early morning.

I look forward to seeing you at the many end-of-the-year events leading up to our last day of school on June 16!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

Joseph N. Meloche

Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

Cherry Hill High School East:
11:30 am

Cherry Hill High School West:
4 pm

Middle School Graduation Ceremonies

ALL ON JUNE 16

Beck: 9:30 am @ CHEast, DiBart Gym

Carusi: 10 am @ CHWest, Jones Gym

Rosa: 2:30 pm @ CHEast, DiBart Gym



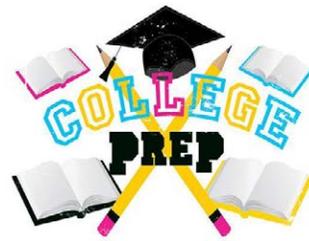
Cherry Hill High School West Student Wins DHS Teen Media Contest

Congratulations to Cherry Hill High School West sophomore Sharina Kuo, pictured above, who won First Place in the High School Division of the Department of Human Services' (DHS) 2017 Teen Media Contest.

Fourteen students were honored at an event on May 17 in Trenton hosted by the Division of Family Development. The winners were honored for their artistic portrayals of a favorite weekend memory with their families.

In addition to having her hand drawn artwork representing family unity featured in the 2018 calendar, Sharina, mentored by art teacher Sandra R. Sharp, received a plaque of achievement, an American Express gift card and a pair of day passes to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey.

All winning entries were displayed in the Statehouse Annex Tunnel from May 22-24.



College Essay Workshop, SAT/PSAT and ACT Prep Courses Available This Summer

The Cherry Hill Public Schools Guidance Department offers three summer courses to high school students/residents preparing to write their college essay and take the PSAT, SAT and/or ACT exam. Sessions for each course run from July 31-August 3 and August 7-10, with morning, afternoon and evening hours available. Click the links below for details and registration forms for each course.

All checks and registration forms must be submitted to the Guidance Department by Friday, June 16, 2017.

[2017 College Essay Prep Course Registration Form](#)

[2017 ACT Prep Course Registration Form](#)

[2017 SAT/PSAT Prep Course Registration Form](#)



CHPS Elementary and Middle School Musicians Perform in All South Jersey Concerts

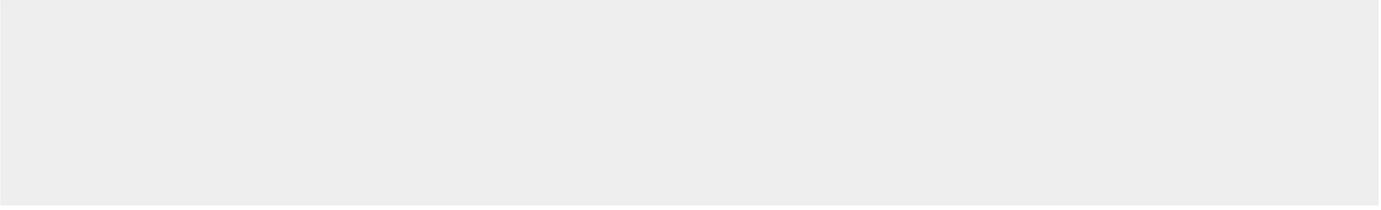
Congratulations to the students from Paine, Johnson, Sharp, Harte, Barton and Stockton Elementary Schools and Rosa Middle School who participated in the All South Jersey Elementary Band and Orchestra Festival on April 29 and May 6.

Students of Mrs. Christine Macaulay, Mr. Jacob Weber and Mr. Rich Beckman joined hundreds of fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students from all over South Jersey for a 3-hour rehearsal in the morning and a concert that afternoon. Mr. Weber also was selected to conduct one of the two orchestras that performed this year. The students pictured at top are at Cherokee High School in Medford Lakes for the band festival.



Pictured above are students at the Fernwood Avenue

Middle School in Egg Harbor
Township for the orchestra
festival. Congratulations to
all who participated!



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