



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending February 12, 2016

More Than Just a Day off for Students

Teacher-In Service Days nourish the excellence of the Cherry Hill Public Schools.

Today, February 12, marks the start of a four-day weekend for our students as schools are closed today for Teacher In-Service and on Monday for Presidents' Day. It has been a few years since we haven't had to use Presidents' Day as a snow make-up day – I hope everyone will enjoy it as a chance to recharge and to think about the important work of the leaders of our democracy in both its early days and in recent history. But what about today's Teacher In-Service Day? Perhaps you haven't given much thought to what it means for our students beyond a day off. Teacher In-Service Days have a positive impact on our students that reverberates beyond even the present school year.

Of course, Teacher In-Service Days are mandated by the state and are part of the teachers' contract. In the Cherry Hill Public Schools, we treat that mandate as a call to excellence. Our Director of Curriculum, Dr. Farrah Mahan, organizes comprehensive and creative programs for participants from all departments. These programs offer relevant training sessions, opportunities to examine and refine goals, and time to work collaboratively within building cohorts and departments. Our principals, teachers, librarians, counselors, child study team members, therapists (occupational, physical and speech) and nurses at every grade level generate new strategies to deliver the best education and learning environment possible to all of our students. For example, a West World Language teacher's vision of a West graduate, created during today's sessions, is pictured above.

I often say education is a continually evolving process. Teaching philosophies and methods change

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOLS CLOSED

February 12 - Teacher In-Service

February 15 - Presidents' Day

Jazz Showcase

February 17, 7 pm, Rosa Middle School

CHSEPTA

February 18, 6:30-8:30 pm, Kingston Elementary School

SAT Makeup Test (for Students Who Registered for January 23 Test)

February 20, 7:45 am
Cherry Hill High Schools East & West

NJ State Robotics Championship

February 21, 10 am-4 pm,
Cherry Hill High School East

BOE Action Meeting

February 23, 7 pm,
Malberg Board Room,
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Cherry Hill East Spring Musical

Beauty and the Beast
February 26 & March 4,
7:30 pm

with the times, as do our procedures for assessing learning. We are living in an exciting era in education, when advances in technology mean our children will have career opportunities that don't even exist yet. The district-wide dedication to innovations in our curriculum and its delivery in a supportive atmosphere continues to keep the focus on students' success. The future for Cherry Hill Public Schools students is bright, indeed.

Stay warm this long weekend, and we'll see you on Tuesday, February 16!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

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February 27 & 28 and
March 5 & 6, 2 pm
"Brunch with Belle" March
5, noon
See the [CHEast Theater
Web Page](#) for details



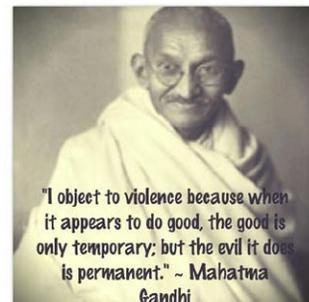
Schools Celebrate Black History Month

Schools across the District continue to celebrate Black History Month in a variety

SAT[®]

Important Information Regarding SAT Makeup Test February 20

Reminder: The College Board has notified SAT



Mahatma Gandhi Art and Writing Contest

AIA-SJ invites all New Jersey middle and high school students to submit

of ways.

At the beginning of the month, on February 1, students at A. Russell Knight elementary school participated in their 25th annual [African American Read In](#). All classes welcomed a student or member of the community to read aloud a book about a famous African American or a book written by and African American.

February 5 and 6, the Black Broadway Theater Group presented the original musical *Tulsa* at Cherry Hill High School West. Written by East graduate and current West Student Advocate Mrs. Keisha Nelson, with musical score by her husband, Cleveland, *Tulsa* was performed by a cast of students from both high schools East and West.

Clara Barton Elementary School students participated in a "virtual interview" with Ms. Ruby Bridges, an activist and author known for being the first black child to attend an all-white elementary school in Louisiana, in 1960.

At Cherry Hill High School East, Mr. Robert Holiday, director of scouting administration for the Philadelphia Phillies, spoke to students and staff about the history of black players in baseball, as well as the present-day struggle to recruit black players and to hire black coaches.

Black History Month events will continue at our schools throughout the month of February.

supervisors of the procedure for taking the makeup test for the test canceled on January 23 and rescheduled for February 20 at both Cherry Hill High School East and Cherry Hill High School West.

Admission tickets are now available to be printed from the College Board web site. The tickets will NOT show the February 20 date, but instead will have the January 23 date. Also printed on the ticket will be a notation that this is a make-up date and special supervisor session.

Students will need to bring the new ticket with them to their testing site.

IMPORTANT: Any student who cannot attend the makeup session should [call the College Board at one of their main offices](#) to arrange an individual test makeup date.

their original works, written or art, based on the following quotation from Mahatma Gandhi; "I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent."

[Complete contest rules and an entry form are available by clicking here.](#)

The last date for mailing entry is June 15, 2016. Entries postmarked after June 15 will not be evaluated.

Cash awards ranging from \$250 to \$50 will be awarded to the highest rated entries in each category for both middle and high school participants.

A total of up to 30 selected contestants will be recognized and will be required to attend the award ceremony scheduled for October 2, 2016 in Princeton at Princeton University.

During the last decade, several thousand middle and high school students have participated in the competition and the AIA-SJ has recognized hundreds for their outstanding work in interpreting and expressing Mahatma Gandhi's ideas to make our world and ourselves better.

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