

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending March 24, 2017

New Season, New Resources, New Knowledge

As we always work to improve in every way in the Cherry Hill Public Schools, we remember to look for tools and opportunities outside the CHPS community. Invaluable support comes from a variety of places.

March is a transitional month by nature: we experience winter turning to spring, with the first day of spring on March 20 and the characteristic turn toward warmer temperatures (and back again, several times over). [We introduce the District budget for the next school year.](#) We wrap up the third marking period. Winter sports teams celebrate the end of their seasons with banquets as the spring sports season begins. It's a time when daylight stretches later and later into the evening, and we feel a new surge of energy as we embark on the last quarter of the school year.

The feeling of renewal that comes with spring is the perfect backdrop for noting the amazing resources available to us from outside of our schools. We've been able to seize opportunities and implement new programs, leading to growth and innovation. One great example of a new program made possible by an outside source is the first-ever Women in Engineering Day, which took place at Rosa International Middle School on March 23. Rosa International Middle School alumunus and current Rowan University engineering student Gaby Rochino, pictured above, gave a presentation in which she discussed how engineering connects to our everyday lives and interests. Ms. Rochino, who also owns the company [Think Like a Girl](#), explained the myriad of engineering career paths and conducted a lively Q&A session. Rosa 8th grader Esther Levine also spoke about participating in the [Attracting Women into Engineering \(AWE\) program at Rowan.](#)

All of our students have the opportunity to learn more about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and

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

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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

Online Lunch with the Superintendent

March 30 @ noon

available at this link:

<http://www.chclc.org/board-of-education/video>

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.](#)

Math) through hands-on activities at the Maker's Day event this Saturday, March 25 from 10 am-4 pm at one of our community's best resources, the Cherry Hill Public Library (CHPL). Makers Day is a state-wide celebration of maker culture that supports making, tinkering, crafting, manufacturing and STEM-based learning. Stop by to learn about the equipment used in library programming such as a 3D printer, a pancake printer, Makey Makeys, LittleBits and Snap Circuits. Demos and classes are included – all for free! Makers Day encourages exploration for all ages and skill levels. [The full schedule of events is available on the CHPL web site.](#)

I encourage you to be involved not only your child's school, but in groups that benefit the entire community and beyond. The [Fair Funding for Cherry Hill Schools grassroots parents group](#) welcomes new members, no matter the level of time commitment they can offer. PTA elections are coming up – check with your school's PTA for deadlines. Attend our Board of Education meetings, or watch them on our [Live Stream](#). If you have a question and your friends and neighbors echo it as well, ask it through our [Quick Question](#) portal. Please mark your calendar for my next Online Lunch [Live Stream](#) on March 30 at noon, or watch it later on the [CHPS YouTube channel](#). Stay connected with the District through our free District App available at the App Store and Google Play – you may customize it to see your child's school calendar, lunch account, receive push notifications and more! And of course, follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

Enjoy the promised warm weather this weekend – I hope to see you at Maker's Day at the Cherry Hill Public Library!

Regards,

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

Rosa International Middle School Spring Musical

Alladin, Jr.

March 31 @ 7:30 pm

April 1 @ 1 pm & 7:30 pm

SAVE THE DATES:

Earth Festival: April 29, 10 am-2 pm @ Croft Farm

details at

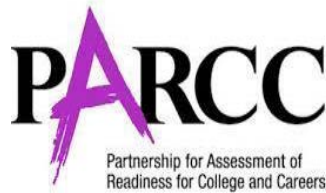
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Dancing with the Cherry Hill

Stars: April 30, 7 pm @ Cherry Hill High School West

[Tickets available online.](#)





CHPS Students Recognized at Science Fair and County Program

Cherry Hill High School West students pictured above, from left, TJ Nguyen, Kyle Edwards, Joey Ke, and Mohamed Aly participated in the Coriell Science Fair at Camden County College in Blackwood, NJ on March 18 and brought home two awards. Kyle Edwards earned an honorable mention in Environmental Science and TJ Nguyen won second place in Biochemistry. Nguyen will move on to compete in the Delaware Valley Science Fair in Oaks, PA on April 5.



Congratulations to the 8th graders who represented the Cherry Hill Public Schools at the March 22 Camden County 8th Grade Dialog program. Pictured above from left, flanked by Superintendent Dr. Joseph Meloche and Board of Education member Mrs. Carol Matlack, are Amy Song (Beck), Tyler Semon (Rosa), and Victoria Burnside (Carusi). The program recognizes students whose character, determination, school spirit and leadership have inspired their classmates, teachers and community.

High School PARCC Testing Begins Tuesday, March 28

Parents of high school students should consult their school's web site for details on PARCC testing.

The CHPS 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](#)



Adult Volunteer Supervisors Needed for Earth Festival April 29

The Sustainable Cherry Hill Earth Festival is just five weeks away, and adult volunteer supervisors are needed.

This wonderful event, on Saturday, April 29 from 10 am-2 pm at Croft Farm, features displays from all 19 Cherry Hill Public Schools, as well as student musical performances and visits from Cherry Hill High School West's mascot, Westley the Lion, and Cherry Hill High School East's mascot, Crimson the Cougar. The festival focuses on helping South Jersey communities be more sustainable and encouraging residents to live healthier lives. It takes a huge team of people to plan this annual event and welcome about 5,000 guests.

Adult volunteer supervisors are needed to help with:

- Training student volunteers (April 26 event)
- Event parking
- Vendor set-up
- Recycling, compost monitoring
- On-site art project
- Site break-down and cleanup

[Register online to be a volunteer.](#)

Details about the festival are available at

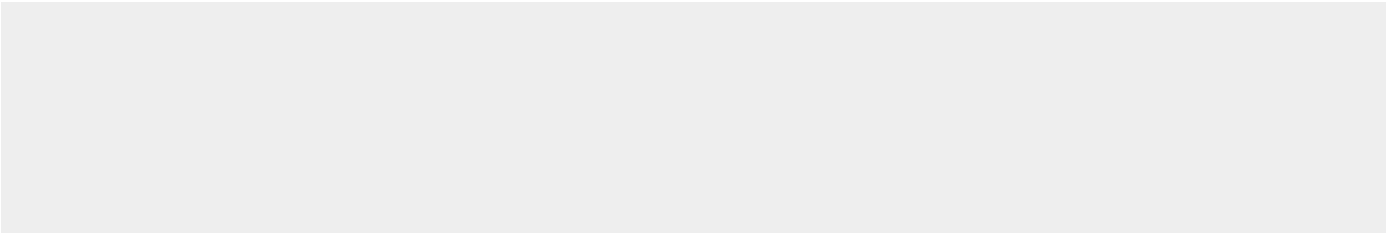
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[clicking here](#).

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 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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