

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending April 1, 2016

Awareness and

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Advocacy

The more we are aware of the challenges others may face, the more we can do to champion their success.

Happy April! This is a great time to live in Cherry Hill, as our iconic cherry trees are in full bloom around the community. April also is [National Autism Awareness Month](#), when many of our schools recognize the special needs and abilities of our students with autism.

We are fortunate in our district to have a tireless, specialized staff who devote their talents, training and expertise to our special needs population. These students have much to offer our community, and our team of professionals is dedicated to their success.

The Barclay Early Childhood Center held an Autism Walk today, pictured above. Students were encouraged to donate \$1 toward Autism Research. All students participated in the walk through the school and into the school's all-purpose room. It was a spirited gathering, and a great success both in fundraising and community building.

Another wonderful upcoming event to raise awareness and funds for a good cause is the [12th Annual Volley for Support](#) on Friday, April 8 at Cherry Hill High School East. Teachers from all of our schools will face off in friendly competition for the evening-long, not-to-be-missed volleyball tournament. All proceeds from this year's fundraiser will go to the [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](#). Prior to the tournament, our schools will hold daytime JDRF walks. Students are raising funds at home and will bring the money they collected to school prior to the walk.

In a fun and healthy way, both events shed light on the challenges many of us, our friends and our family members face on daily basis. It's a great privilege for all us to be able to take action toward advancing research and facilitating each other's success in the face of challenges.

I wish you a great weekend. Don't forget to catch the musicals opening at Carusi Middle School and

[Cherry Hill High School West Musical](#)

The Little Mermaid

April 1, 2, 8 & 9 @ 7 pm

April 3 & 9 @ 2 pm

Character Breakfast on April 3 @ 11 am by reservation at (856) 663-8006 ext. 1224

[Click for box office ticket sale dates and times](#)

Tickets also available for [purchase by credit card online](#)

[Carusi Middle School Musical](#)

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

April 1 @ 7:30 pm

April 2 @ 2 pm & 7:30 pm

[Cherry Hill High School East Coffee House](#)

April 2 @ 7 pm

Proceeds support "[Help Ali Fight Cancer](#)"

[Volley for Support](#)

April 8 @ 5:30 pm

Cherry Hill High School East

Proceeds support JDRF

[BOE Work Session](#)

April 12 @ 7 pm

Malberg Board Room
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Cherry Hill High School West this weekend (show times listed under "Upcoming Events" at right). And be sure to take a drive or a walk down Chapel Avenue soon to enjoy the canopy of cherry blossoms.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

P.S. Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the very latest happenings around the District. Our [District Events Calendar](#) on the District web site is a great resource for updates about upcoming events. [You'll find the 2015-2016 School Year "Overview" Calendar here.](#) For events and activities in the Cherry Hill Community, check out our [Community Bulletin Board](#) on our [web site](#). And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.



CORIELL INSTITUTE

East Students Earn Top Prizes at Coriell Institute Science Fair

Congratulations to the students from Cherry Hill High School East who won honors in several categories at the [Coriell Institute Science Fair](#) on March 19.



Rosa's Music Education Program Receives National Recognition

Rosa International Middle School recently earned the SupportMusic Merit Award from the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music



Recycling Poetry Contest Open to 4th, 5th, 6th Grade Students

Young writers in grades 4 through 6 are invited to enter [New Jersey's 2016 Recycling Poetry Contest](#). Contestants are asked to contribute poems focusing on their thoughts about recycling in our state. An [information packet](#) is

Winners in the Behavioral and Social Sciences category were: Jacob Berkowitz, second place, for his project "The Effects of Music on Word Processing Skills"; Humzah Durrani, third place, for "SR Effect on Music Listening in Teens"; and Allison Klein, honorable mention, for "Influence of Social Interaction on the Perception of Taste."

In the Mathematics category, Nikhil Sharma won first place for "Using Dashboards to Predict NBA Salaries."

Two students earned awards in the Medicine and Health category: Ashley Cooper won first place for "Save the Neurons: Spectral Imaging of Brain Pathology" – this project also earned her the special Mariane Raphaely Medicine and Health Award. Kshama Parekh won third place for "Ladies, Are You skPrEptical?"

In the Physics category, Vignesh Vasu won honorable mention for the project, "Testing the Efficiency of Different Wind Turbine Models."

In the category of Team Projects, second place went to Brady Trainor and Lucas Valladeres for their project, "Shewanella oneidensis: The Microbial Fuel Cell."

Special awards also went to three other East competitors. Janice Noh won the Lewis L. Coriell Best of Fair Award for "Bud – Turning over a New Leaf for Occupational Therapy Patients. Abbrielle Lindberg won the American Chemical Society Award for "Reducing Heterocyclic Amines Formation during Flame Grilling Process through Injectable

education. Rosa joins 118 schools across the country that received the prestigious award in 2016.

The SupportMusic Merit Award is awarded to schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

Schools that have been recognized by the NAMM Foundation are often held up as models for other educators looking to boost their own music education programs.

The award recognizes that Rosa is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the new federal education legislation, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The legislation, signed into law in December 2015, replaces No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). ESSA recommends music and the arts as important elements of a well-rounded education for all children.

Congratulations to all who support Rosa's music program and to music directors Sue Mark, director of bands and orchestras; Scott Graser, vocal music director; and Jack Murtha, classroom music, Orff ensemble, recorder ensemble and drama director.

available on the [Community Bulletin Board](#) on the [CHPS web site](#). The winning poets will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony later this year. Entries must be postmarked no later than June 3, 2016.

Schools must select no more than three (3) poems from each eligible grade level to submit to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Energy and Sustainability, for entry into the statewide contest. A review committee will then select the 12 winning poems.

Students are asked to submit a poem of 100 words or less explaining why they believe recycling is important, why all students and schools should participate in their local recycling programs, and how best to improve New Jersey's recycling rate. In reviewing the entries, the judges will look for understanding of theme, originality, ability to convey a concept, and creative thinking and writing. Winners at the state level will be invited to participate in an awards ceremony later this year, and will receive prizes made of recycled material.

The NJDEP Bureau of Energy and Sustainability is sponsoring this contest as part of its ongoing public awareness and education effort. If you have any questions concerning this

Marinades. And Matt Braun won the Zajac Family Award for "The Pure fact Was to Purify Water."

program, please contact Vicki Kerekes, Contest Coordinator, at 609-984-6906 or by e-mail at victoria.kerekes@dep.nj.gov.

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