

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending April 8, 2016

Service to the

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Community

So much of the service to our community goes unsung. This month brings events that remind us to thank the heroes among us, and their families.

This week, we honored the role that our paraprofessionals play in serving the needs of the students in our school district. Paraprofessionals serve in critical roles in every one of our schools. They are often the first smiling faces that our children see each day upon arrival to school.

Paraprofessionals work in our classrooms, in the offices, at lunch and recess, and in one to one situations with our students. From Barclay Early Childhood Center (as pictured above) to High Schools East and West, our paraprofessionals dedicate themselves to working with the certificated staff in providing a positive learning environment and learning experience on a daily basis. The Cherry Hill School District is fortunate to have such dedicated staff. On behalf of our students and our families, I am grateful for their dedicated service.

April has been designated "[The Month of the Military Child](#)," a time to recognize our students whose parents are members of one of our armed forces or veterans of our armed forces. Cherry Hill is home to many active duty, reserve duty, and military veterans. Many of our service men and women have children who attend our schools. This month is a time to take a moment to thank the children of our servicemen and servicewomen, and veterans, because their sacrifice is real. Sharing a parent with their military service requires "grit, determination, and perseverance" on the part of the child. I encourage everyone to wear purple and "[Purple Up" on April 15th to honor our military](#)."

The [12th Annual Volley for Support](#) tournament occurs tonight (Friday, April 8th), beginning at 5:30 pm at High School East. Cherry Hill teachers Kim Redfearn and Steve Redfearn, a dynamic duo, along with the support of their children and extended family, as well as the staff and PTA in all 19 schools are carrying on the annual tradition of raising money – this year for the worthwhile cause of the [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation \(JDRE\)](#). Mr. and Mrs. Redfearn work throughout the year to ensure a successful event for Cherry Hill.

Cherry Hill High School West Musical

The Little Mermaid

April 8 & 9 @ 7 pm

April 9 @ 2 pm

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

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

Volley for Support

April 8 @ 5:30 pm

Cherry Hill High School East

Proceeds support [JDRE](#)

BOE Work Session

April 12 @ 7 pm

Malberg Board Room
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Community Wide Yard Sale

April 16, 8 am-1 pm @

CHWest lower parking lot

[Benefits CHWest Project Graduation](#)

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable weekend – embrace the April showers and prepare for remainder of the academic year.

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.



East Students Earn Honors at Delaware Valley Science Fair

Congratulations to the Cherry Hill High School East students awarded for their work at the Delaware Valley Science Fair. Winners of the Category Awards were:

Biochemistry: 2nd place,
Ariel Yin



Seniors from West & East Earn Camden County "Best of Class 2016" Awards

Congratulations to the CHPS seniors who earned honors at the Camden County Best of Class 2016 event on April 5. Those awarded were:



Where Are They Now?

Cherry Hill West graduate Shana Myers ('91) came to CHPS late in her school career, but she set goals and dove right in – a strategy she's applied to her adult life as well.

"I remember being

Medicine & Health: 2nd place, Kshama Parekh

Computer Science: 1st place, Janice Noh

Behavioral & Social Sciences: Honorable Mention, Jacob Berkowitz

Special Awards went to:

Raj Patel – ASU Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiative Award; Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers Award; US Navy/Marine Corps Award

Janice Noh – Intel Excellence in Computer Science; NANO/BIO Interface Center Award; Society of Women Engineers Award; Yale Science and Engineering Association, Inc. Award; University of the Sciences Scholarship*

Ariel Yin – Parenteral Drug Association Award

Vidhya Shunmugasundaram – Water Environment Federation Award

*Janice Noh was awarded a \$15,000 per year scholarship (\$60,000 value) to the University of the Sciences.

West

Community Service Award – Becca Gurst

Leadership Award – Timothy Intelisano

Most Improved Student – Tamara Rehawi

Best Overall Student – Rebecca Horner

Most Courageous Student Award – Vincenzo Abbruzzese

Performing Arts Award – Josue Villegas

School Spirit Award – Josee Matela

East

Community Service Award – Robin Brown

Leadership Award – David Golkow

Most Improved Student – D'Kajah Shields

Best Overall Student – Ally Lazarus;

Most Courageous Student – Yvonne Olayemi

Performing Arts Award – Katie Aylesworth

School Spirit Award – Emily Mosgowsky

terrified when I transferred to Cherry Hill West as a sophomore, as I only knew a few kids from camp,” Ms. Myers says. “I wanted to make a bunch of friends and become president of my senior class—which I eventually did.”

Ms. Myers’ term as class president helped her discover her knack for fundraising. “Senior year, I had an idea to sell pizza from King of Pizza at a home football game to raise money for our class,” she recalls. “We picked up a bunch of pies, and we ended up selling out of all the slices. That was my first experience in fundraising, but not the last.”

After graduating from the University of Maryland in 1995 with a degree in journalism, Ms. Myers landed a job as Events & Promotions Coordinator at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, DC, where she helped plan events including 5Ks, golf tournaments and galas. “I loved raising money to help the children at the hospital,” Ms. Myers says.

Because of her husband’s career, Ms. Myers moved back to Cherry Hill, and her children now attend the Cherry Hill Public Schools. She is active in the PTA at their

elementary school – including fundraising – and is a member of the Zone PTA Character Education Committee. She also volunteers with Samaritan Hospice. “You get out of life it what you put into it, so I like to be involved,” Ms. Myers says.

In addition to volunteering, Ms. Myers works as a product representative on the multimedia shopping channel [QVC](#). Currently, she represents a line of sunglasses and sun hats. Viewers may find her on-air and on her [Facebook page](#). “It includes giveaways!” Ms. Myers adds.

Ms. Myers looks back fondly on her high school years and offers “two-fold” advice for students now: “Talk to a trusted teacher/guidance counselor if you find yourself going through a rough time. Especially with social media, it might seem that your peers are having the time of their lives, which isn’t always the case. I will never forget the kindness shown to me by Mrs. Truitt, Mrs. Lyons, Mr. Lanier and Mrs. Levy, who took extra time to talk with me after school hours when I was having a tough time.”

Her second piece of advice is for students to pursue everything that

interests them to see which activities are the right fit. “I quickly realized that I STUNK at sports, but I was proud of myself for trying something new. I met new friends I might not have met otherwise,” Ms. Myers says. “In high school, I realized I enjoyed public speaking and fundraising, and that’s the career path I took.”

[Want to nominate someone be featured in Where Are They Now? Email a brief description and contact information to the public information office.](#)