

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



## CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending April 22, 2016

# Earth Festival

UPCOMING

# Allows CHPS to Show & Tell about Sustainability

**Earth Day reminds us of the importance of the work on Sustainability throughout the CHPS. Next week's Earth Festival gives us the opportunity to see great examples of our students' commitment to being "green."**

Happy [Earth Day](#)! This day, established in 1970, is devoted to awareness about treating our planet well by doing our best to live sustainably. The Cherry Hill Public Schools committed to a district-wide effort officially four years ago, instituting a Board of Education approved Sustainability Plan. As a district, we now weave sustainability into all that we do, from curriculum to lunchroom practices to fitness programs, water bottle filling stations, gardens, recycling, composting, energy efficient lighting and heating systems, just to name a few. Sustainable is what we are!

One great honor that came from this commitment to becoming increasingly more "green" is that all 19 of our schools in October 2015 were awarded the designation of "[Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certified](#)." Eighteen schools earned [Bronze](#) status, and Bret Harte Elementary School earned the prestigious [Silver](#) status. The certification program continues to provide us with a framework for building our sustainable practices. It's exciting to watch the growth in sustainability all through the school year. And on next Saturday, April 30, all of our schools will present examples of their creative work toward treating where we live in a way that benefits everyone. This is truly our first generation of children who are maturing with a sustainability mindset at their core.

I encourage you to attend the [Earth Festival](#) from 10 am-2 pm on the 30th at Croft Farm. See the article below, right, about the great new QR code for planning your day. And if you and your family are looking for a fun way to add fitness to the day, be sure to go for the 8 am [Family Fun Bike Ride](#) at 8

## EVENTS

### [BOE Action Meeting](#)

April 26 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building, 45 Ranoldo  
Terrace

### [College Prep Forum for the Performing Arts](#)

April 26 @ 7 pm  
Teachers' Cafe, Cherry Hill  
High School East

### [Sustainable Cherry Hill Earth Festival](#)

April 30, 10 am-2pm  
[Family Fun Bike Ride @  
8am](#)

am. We'll also have several school musical groups performing, and special photo ops with the Cherry Hill High School West "Lion" and the Cherry Hill High School East "Cougar" mascots.

I will be there next weekend, and look forward to seeing you there, too!

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.



### Future Performing Arts Majors & Parents Invited to College Prep Forum

Students (and their parents) from both Cherry Hill High Schools East and West who are considering a college major in the



### East Symphony Orchestra Earns Top Rating

Congratulations to the Cherry Hill High School East Symphony Orchestra for earning a rating of "Superior" at the Pennsbury High School Annual Symphony Orchestra Festival on April 21.

The orchestra also was awarded Best Violin Section



### Earth Festival QR Code Allows Download of Schedule & Map in Advance

Ready to map out your day at the Earth Festival on April 30? The organizers of the festival have come up with a "green" way to get all of

performing arts – music, theater or dance – are invited to join [a casual discussion with East Music and Theater alumni, current students and parents](#) on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 pm in the Teacher's Café at East.

Learn about the college application and audition process from special guests Liz Gensemer, Assistant Director of Admissions, University of the Arts, and Halley Shefler, President, Artsbridge. A representative from Beneficial Bank will discuss college financing.

Please RSVP to Val Aylesworth at (856) 295-1795 (leave message) or email [vayles@gmail.com](mailto:vayles@gmail.com) so organizers may have accurate head count.

and Best Percussion Section.

Concertmaster Anna Qin was awarded an Outstanding Musician Award.

the information you need through your hand held device. Simply scan the green QR Code above. (You'll need to be sure a code scanner, available for free through the App Store or Google Apps, is downloaded on your device.)

Once you've scanned the QR Code, you'll have a full map of the vendor, entertainment and display areas at the Croft Farm Site. This is a great, paper-free way to plan your day and keep a map and schedule with you at the event.

You'll also want to bring your own reusable drink bottle for free water refills from NJ American Water -- organizers request no throw-away plastic bottles at this event.

Read more about this fun family day in Dr. Meloche's letter, above!



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