

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending June 3, 2016

Career Awareness Helps Foster

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Student Success

Our best educational resources about the working world – the people in it – are bringing their knowledge and experience into our schools.

In the Cherry Hill Public Schools, [our mission](#) is to prepare our students to be knowledgeable, responsible, caring, and confident citizens in an ever changing world. This includes helping them learn about different careers and what it takes to get there. On Thursday, June 2, I was thrilled to visit Cherry Hill High School West's inaugural Career Day, pictured above, in which each West student chose to attend three of 85 presentations by a wide variety of professionals – many of whom were West graduates. Professions in medicine, technology, government, broadcasting, law enforcement, fitness, education – the list goes on – were represented. The presenters remarked time and again about the high level of engagement and interest from the students. At the end of the morning, our guests were treated to a brunch prepared by students in West's cooking class – a professional-level presentation that won great praise from the attendees as well.

This was the second career-centered event of the year in the Cherry Hill Schools, as Carusi Middle School hosted a career expo earlier in the school year. While it may seem that middle schoolers are young to be considering career options, increasing students' knowledge about career opportunities is a good thing at any age. Curiosity and excitement about the larger world foster a love of learning. And a love of learning is something all of us would benefit from carrying into and through adulthood.

I look forward to seeing career-centered events expand to our other schools. I also encourage you to talk with your children about your own careers and those of family members, friends and other adults in the community. Many of us assume our children know what we do for a living, but may be surprised that they know little beyond our job titles. Our children soak up positive messages about the adult world – be sure to share plenty of your own!

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

June 6 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

June 6 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

June 7 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

June 7 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

BOE Work Session

June 14 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Middle School Graduations

ALL ON JUNE 15
Beck: 9:30 am @ CHEast
DeBart Gym

Carusi: 10 am @ CHWest
Jones Gym

Rosa: 4 pm @ CH East
DiBart Gym

High School

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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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.

Graduations

**BOTH ON JUNE 16 @
LIACOURAS CENTER,
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**

CHWest: 11 am

CHEast: 4 pm



Sharp Elementary's International Night Celebrates School's Diversity

The Joseph D. Sharp Elementary School PTA is held its International Night on May 20 to promote the school diversity through cultural dances, crafts, songs, games, a fashion show and food sampling.

Students had the opportunity to get a henna tattoo by artist Aarti Thakkar and learn how to write in Korean, among other fun activities.

"This was truly a community-wide celebration and a wonderful, authentic



Three Cherry Hill Schools Earn No Place for Hate Designation

Congratulations to Joyce Kilmer Elementary School, Cherry Hill High School West and Cherry Hill Alternative High School for each earning designation of No Place for Hate schools.

Each school formed a No Place for Hate committee, adopted a resolution pledging to create a more inclusive school, and implemented a number of projects promoting respect for differences. This is the sixth year Kilmer, pictured above, has earned the designation, the third year for Cherry Hill High School West and the fourth year for the Cherry Hill Alternative High School.



Two Schools Named National Schools of Character

Congratulations to John A. Carusi Middle School, pictured above, and Clara Barton Elementary School, pictured below, for earning the prestigious designation of [National School of Character 2016](#). This is the second time in a row Carusi has won this honor. They garnered their first National School of Character award 2011. Schools may reapply for the designation every five years.

learning opportunity for all of our students," said Principal Ric Miscioscia. "It's another experience which we all can learn from, and appreciate our past to better create our future."

Among Kilmer's projects was adopting new school motto, B.R.A.V.E.: "Be kind and caring. Respect yourself, others and the school environment. Accept and celebrate classmates' differences. Value your education by making smart decisions. Expect and nurture a safe environment that allows all students to do their best." They also hosted an International Day to help students learn about and respect other cultures.

Students at Cherry Hill High School West created a Respect Creed in each homeroom, and the school community voted for their favorite. The top slogan from each grade level was printed on a coat of arms on a banner for display in the school. The Quotes of Pride project included student-chosen quotes, read over the morning announcements and distributed to each classroom for posting. Their third project, No Name Calling: Microaggressions, raised awareness about the insidiousness of name calling in our culture.

The Cherry Hill Alternative High School's No Place for Hate committee conducted "The Word Around Town" lessons on respect for differences with the first grade classes at Bret Harte Elementary School. Harte students created a "Respect Quilt" by drawing their ideas of showing respect. The high school students also made a Respect Quilt and sent pictures of it to the first graders. For their second



National Schools of Character are schools - early childhood through high school - that have demonstrated through a rigorous evaluation process that character development has had a positive impact on academics, student behavior, and school climate. These schools become part of a network of Schools of Character that serve as models and mentors to other educators and hold their designation for five years.

project, "Challenging Bias," the Alternative High School students researched the demographics and needs of people who use local food pantries in order to challenge biases they held. They completed the project by visiting a local food pantry. For their final project, the Alternative High School created a PowerPoint presentation on challenging bias against people with disabilities.

