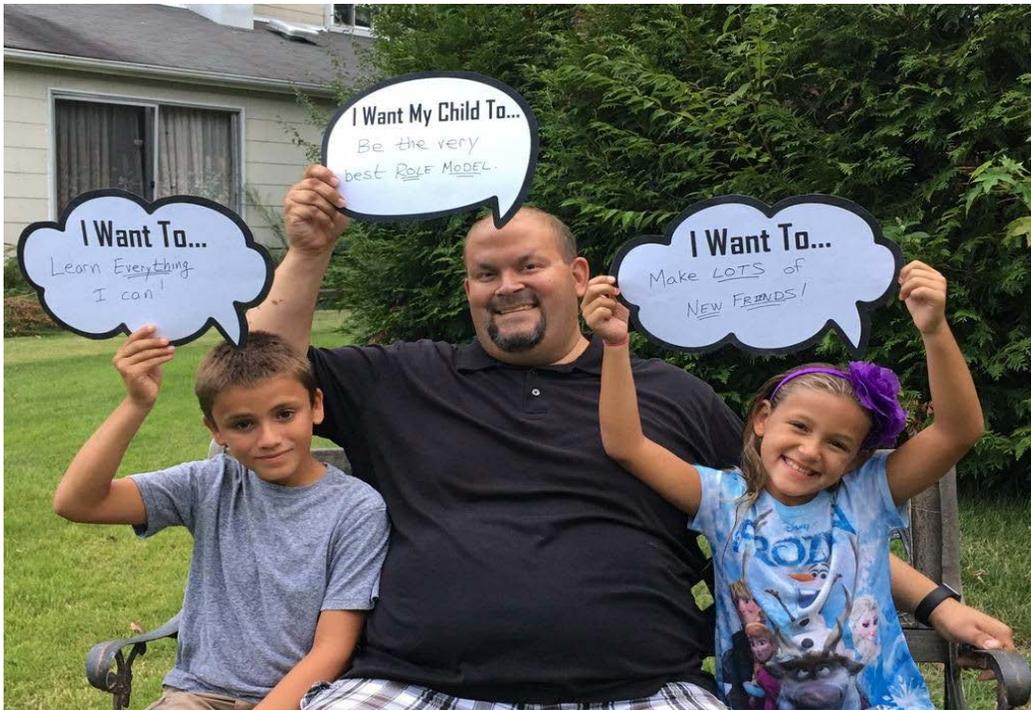


A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending September 9, 2016

Celebrating the Beginning

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Excitement and positivity are humming throughout the Cherry Hill Public Schools!

Happy Friday! We have had a tremendously successful opening of the 2016-2017 academic year. The absolute highlight of my week has been visiting so many of our schools and seeing the return of the students. More than 11,000 students began the year in district, on Tuesday, September 6th. Students were excitedly welcomed by our staff, with positive messages written in sidewalk chalk in front of schools and music playing at others. I had the opportunity to speak with many students and families about their summer and heard how eager everyone was for the school year to begin. As I watched the interaction of the students, greeting each other and interacting with their teachers, I was reminded of the power of a smile and excitement that is shared in the absence of words, through our expressions.

There is a feeling of excitement and energy throughout the buildings as the teachers eagerly work with their students, establishing relationships and communicating expectations. Developing and maintaining effective relationships are central keys to our success as a school district and as a community. Our dedicated and talented instructional staff are more empowered and more effective when families are in regular contact with the school, so that the partnership to support each child may flourish. You may have seen the visual representation of this in the photos of some of our teachers, staff, students and parents on our [social media](#) this week. All around the District, folks have been photographed holding posters with “speech bubbles” – such as pictured above – proclaiming their goals for the year. We’ve put together a [fun video](#), [“Beauty in Their Words.”](#) with more messages from students of all ages and their parents. Be sure to take a look!

I seized upon the opportunity to join the Stockton Community at a National Anthem sing along earlier this afternoon! What a great celebration! You may read more about it below, at right. On Sunday, September 11th, we recognize Patriot Day. I am thankful to honor the men and women who serve our Cherry Hill community from the Cherry Hill Police Department and the Cherry Hill Fire and EMS Department, as well as those men and women who have served and are currently serving our country in the armed forces. I encourage everyone to find some act of service that

[BOE Work Session](#)

September 13, 2016

7 pm, Malberg

Administration Building, 45

Ranoldo Terrace

[BOE Action Meeting](#)

September 27, 2016

7 pm, Malberg

Administration Building, 45

Ranoldo Terrace

[Cooper Coach Bag Bingo Fundraiser](#)

September 21 @ 7 pm

(doors open at 6:30) at

Charleston Swim Club

\$25 admission includes 11

rounds of bingo and entry

to door prize drawings.

[Ticket order forms](#)

[available here.](#)

can be done for our community, in honor of this day. When you see a police officer, a firefighter, an EMT, or a member of the military, thank them. Kindness matters.

Please, be a regularly involved member of our educational community. Support our curricular and our extra-curricular programs – our music and theater departments, our athletic teams, and our art and business programs. Join the PTA! Come to a Board of Education meeting ([or watch it live on line](#))! Cherry Hill is an incredible community that continues to grow – be sure to be a part of our positive growth in the schools!

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 2016-2017 School Year "Overview" Calendar [here](#). The "Overview" [calendars for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 are available as well](#). 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.



Electronic Documents Mean Great Paper Savings for CHPS

As part of Cherry Hill Public School's continuing effort to enact sustainability practices whenever possible, the



Breakfast Available to All Students at All Grade Levels

Too rushed to fix breakfast at home? Students at every grade level may purchase breakfast at school, every



Stockton Elementary Participates in National Anthem Sing Along

Students, teachers and staff at Richard Stockton Elementary School on September 9 welcomed

District this year has asked parents/guardians to complete their beginning-of-the-year "paperwork" electronically.

So far, this process has saved 238,609 pieces of paper!

This is the District's first step in using electronic documents in this capacity. Individual schools this year have sent home paper forms and likely will transition to more electronic information gathering in the future.

To complete your District-level paperwork, please go to www.chclc.org/parents and choose the links applicable to your child's or children's grade level(s).

Families unable to complete this process on-line may pick up paper forms at the main office of their school(s).

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact [the main office of your child's school](#).

Thank you for your support helping us expand our efforts to be "green."

Another friendly reminder: Please be patient with the bus drivers for the first two weeks of school, as routes become familiarized and road repairs around the township may cause delays.

day.

[Students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch also qualify for Free and Reduced Breakfast – click for information and applications.](#)

[Menus are available by clicking here.](#)

members of the Cherry Hill Fire Department (CHFD), including Chief Thomas Kolbe, all pictured above, to their "Recognition of Heroes" in anticipation of the fifteenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

The celebration included the entire school participating in the nationwide sing along of the National Anthem. More than 220,000 students across the country participated in the sing along, sponsored by the [American Public Education Foundation](#).

Prior to the sing along, Stockton fifth graders led the Pledge of Allegiance and students spoke about the history of the National Anthem. After the sing along, the honored guests from the CHFD introduced themselves and led students – most dressed in red, white and blue – on a brief tour of their fire engine and EMS vehicle.

