

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



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of September 11, 2015

Service to the Community

UPCOMING EVENTS

A look back at the week, and at Patriot Day, with gratitude.

A highlight of my week was standing with Mr. Park during morning arrival in front of A. Russell Knight Elementary School. Seeing the students smile as they arrived, exiting the buses in groups, being dropped off by family members and walking up from the neighborhood, was a great reminder that we should all start our day with a smile and be so eager to begin!

Our schools have been abuzz with activity during the past week as students and teachers establish routines and get fully in to the academic year. 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. Our dedicated and talented instructional staff rely on keeping lines of communication open with students and their families. Please make sure you keep in regular contact with the school so that the partnership to support each child may flourish.

Today, as 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. I encourage everyone to find some act of service that can be done for our community, in honor of this day.

Regards,

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

Schools Closed

September 14 & 15

**Back to School Nights
(All begin at 7 pm
unless otherwise
noted)**

Carusi 7th & 8th Grade -
September 16

Carusi 6th Grade -
September 17

East - September 17

Beck 7th & 8th Grade -
September 21

Paine: September 24

Rosa 6th Grade -
September 24

Beck 6th Grade -
September 28

Cooper - September 30

Rosa 7th & 8th Grade -
September 30

Sharp Grades K-2: 7 pm;
Grades 3-5: 8 pm -
October 1

Harte Grades K-2: 6:30-
7:30 pm; Grades 3-5:
7:45-8:45 pm - October 1

West - October 1

Barclay - October 7

Mann - October 8



Barclay Early Childhood Center Opens New Library

The new school year brings a new library to the Barclay Early Childhood Center. For the first time since the school opened, students have 30 minutes of library time per week in the classroom-turned-library. Prior to this year, library material were housed in a storage room and wheeled on a cart to classrooms for 20-minute sessions.

Set up by Barclay librarian Lisa Clendaniel, pictured above, the library includes books, puppets, craft materials and tables. Students may sign out books to take to their classrooms.

New this year are dual-language children's story books from Language Lizzard, in combinations



Shop Whole Foods on 9/17 & Support Education

To show their support for the children and education in Cherry Hill, Whole Foods in Cherry Hill in the Ellisburg Shopping Center will be donating 5 percent of their sales on Thursday, September 17 to the Cherry Hill Education Foundation (CHEF). Please show your support for children and education by shopping at Whole Foods on the 17th!

The Cherry Hill Education Foundation commits itself to support and enhance the quality of education of the public school children of the Township of Cherry Hill by raising and distributing funds for innovative programs in the pursuit of



Where Are They Now?

Cherry Hill West graduate Elizabeth Schopfer ('09), pictured above, says her K-12 experience in the Cherry Hill Schools prepared her well for the Ivy League and her current position with Robin's Nest. Her good memories of her time in our schools, she says, are many.

"One memory that sticks out is the 6th grade trip to Mount Misery," she recalls. "It was a wonderful time of active learning, as well as engaging with students and staff." Another memory was working on her personal project for the West International Baccalaureate program under Mrs. Carole Roskoph.

"This project allowed me to dive into an area of learning that was completely focused on my own interests. I did my project on a piece of local history: The Barclay

such as Mandarin and English, and Spanish and English. Parents for whom English is not their first language may take the books home to read to their children. This gives them a better understanding of the books being taught at school. Ms. Clendaniel says she hopes to add more languages from the series to the collection.

Student reaction to the new library has been very enthusiastic.

"We do a lot of interactive sessions here," says Ms. Clendaniel. "The kids love it."

excellence in education.

CHEF Objectives

To promote student development through enriched programs and activities, and recognition of student accomplishments.

To encourage creativity among employees by supporting unique growth opportunities, providing resources for creative teaching ideas, and recognizing employee accomplishments.

To encourage school-community partnerships by promoting community awareness about school programs, providing ways for individuals and organizations to share resources with the school to enhance learning, and facilitating cooperative ventures among the Foundation, community groups, and the school district.

Farmstead. I thoroughly enjoyed investigating the past through a myriad of sources. This experience encouraged me to pursue the subjects I was interested in at college, eventually leading me to psychology."

Ms. Schopfer recalls many teachers, staff and administrators who made a positive impact on her life.

"I was very blessed to be surrounded by such a caring group of people, and I am grateful for their hard work and compassion," she says. "One of the people who exemplifies these characteristics is Mr. Cigus Vanni, a guidance counselor at West. He constantly goes out of his way to assist, encourage, and support students and staff. He is the epitome of who I hope to grow into."

Ms. Schopfer attended the University of Pennsylvania for both undergraduate and graduate schooling. She has graduate degrees in School and Professional Counseling. She is a certified school counselor in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and is beginning to accrue hours towards Licensure in Professional Counseling. She is Mobile Response Worker with Robins' Nest, working with families in crisis.

Ms. Schopfer's advice for current and future students:

Take advantage of all of the opportunities at Cherry Hill Schools, whether it is trying out a new sport, learning to play an instrument, getting tutoring, or taking a seemingly challenging class. "Your education will prepare you to pursue your dreams," she says. "if only you embrace it."

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