

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending November 18, 2016

A Season for

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Unity and Thanks

Our community is a quilt of diversity and positive interaction. Let's all continue to do our part to maintain and celebrate it.

During the past year, I have spoken and shared a great deal about our district feeling that we are one community, one Cherry Hill. The fabric of our community becomes interwoven and representative of the various neighborhoods and developments from which we emerge each morning. We are Kingston and Woodcrest, Old Orchard and Erlton, Kresson Woods and Barlow. Our 19 schools remain the center of our communities, bringing families together at drop off and pick up and for special events, uniting us along a common journey as we watch our children mature. During the past year, I have seen the evidence of the community spirit that exists in Cherry Hill as I have visited our schools and attended community events.

As a school district and as a community, we continue to be enriched by the diversity of our students and our families. Our student body has nearly 2,200 bilingual members; more than 57 languages are spoken in the homes of our students. Religious observances and cultural traditions accentuate the excitement and celebration throughout our community. Our schools have worked with a myriad of outreach programs to educate and to share culture. The annual Hispanic Heritage Month tour by the Latinos at High School West, the yearly Black Broadway production showcasing our students and supported by the Cherry Hill African American Civic Association, Multi-Cultural Day at High School East, and scores of other events highlight the richness in our diversity.

We are a district with students who move in as seniors in high school and students who begin with us when they turn three years old. Our students span the spectrum of development with different learning styles, different needs, and different abilities. Our students and our families are part of the LGBTQ community. Our students live in homes and apartments and town houses that vary in size from 500 square feet to 10,000 square feet. They live with two parents, and one parent, with grandparents, with guardians, with multiple generations and multiple families. They have newly

EARLY DISMISSAL

November 23

East vs. West Homecoming Football Game with 50th Anniversary Celebration of Jonas Morris Stadium

November 23

Celebration begins

@ 5:30 pm

SCHOOLS CLOSED

November 24 & 25

EARLY DISMISSAL ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

Conferences

November 28-December 1

BOE Action Meeting

November 29 @ 7 pm

Malberg Board Room, 45

Ranoldo Terrace

Community Conversations: CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future

December 7 @ Malberg

Administration Building,

2 pm

Community Survey

available at

www.chclc.org/board-of-education/vision-for-the-future

immigrated to the United States and they can trace their family ties to colonial Philadelphia. Our students' parents are doctors, police officers, fireman, lawyers, teachers, bus drivers, cooks, custodians, college professors and investment bankers. They are Republicans and Democrats, Independents and Undeclared, all in Cherry Hill.

Our children, our families, our community – we are represented by all of these characteristics and we are a better community because of our diversity.

We are Cherry Hill. I am fortunate that my parents chose to raise me in this community, I am thrilled that my girls are being raised in this community, and I am honored that I can serve our community as superintendent. We are a district that values Character Education in our words and in our deeds, because we are in a community that values positive character. With your help, we will continue to model, teach and reward positive character. Take the time be kind, to be nice, to be positive, to listen and to smile, to be joyful. Embrace the opportunities that exist every day, to outwardly live your life in an expressive manner that encourages peaceful and positive interaction and existence. Be a positive influence in our community. Choose your words and your actions carefully.

Don't wait for Thanksgiving Day to share your thanks – and your smile – with each other.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

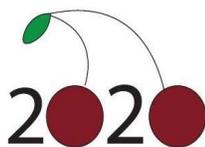
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Veterans' Day and American Education Week Spur Events throughout Schools

Cherry Hill
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



A Clear Vision for the Future

Community Conversations



Post-Water-Testing Plan Announced

Superintendent Joseph Meloche at the Board of

Students at schools including [John A. Carusi Middle School](#) and J.F. Cooper Elementary School, pictured above, were treated to visits the week of November 14 from local military veterans to learn about their service and to honor the veterans.

The visits, just after Veterans' Day on November 11, included presentations by members of all branches of the service and Q & A sessions from students.

The week of November 14 also marked American Education Week. Elementary schools celebrated the week with parent visitation days and special activities. Our schools on November 16 took part in National Education Support Professionals Day and recognized the many support professionals who keep the schools humming. [A video from Dr. Meloche, available on the District web site](#), offers a message of thanks to these vital members of the Cherry Hill Public Schools family as well.

Open Discussion about Goal Work for CHPS

The Cherry Hill Public Schools wants your input about the future of our facilities, staffing, curriculum and more. The District's third and final Community Conversation meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 7 in the Malberg Administration Building at 2 pm.

All members of the Cherry Hill Community are invited attend this meeting to discuss the goal work of the district with Superintendent Dr. Joseph Meloche.

Can't come to the meeting? Read an overview of Goal 4 and add your comments and suggestions at www.chclc.org/board-of-education/vision-for-the-future.

Education Work Session on November 15, 2016, presented [the District's plan to address the results of ongoing water testing in the District](#).

The plan, in response to the [results publicized on November 2 of the first round of water testing in October](#), is outlined in [a letter from Dr. Meloche on the District web site](#).

The first round of testing included Harte, Johnson, Mann, Sharp, Stockton and Woodcrest Elementary Schools, as well as the Alternative High School/Malberg Administration Building. The remaining testing of our 12 other schools is scheduled to be completed by December 31. Results will be added to [the testing results chart on the District web site](#) as they are received.

