

# CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of January 16, 2015

## Martin Luther King Day of Service

**There will be no classes in session Monday, January 19, but our students and staff will be busy serving the community in many ways.**

The Cherry Hill Public Schools community will spring into action on Monday, honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The MLK Day of Service continues to grow in our

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### High School Visitation Nights

January 28

Cherry Hill West: 7 pm

February 5

community and beyond. This year, Cherry Hill Township and the Cherry Hill Public Schools are working together, collecting donations through today, January 16, for the [American Red Cross](#), [Mothers Matter](#), the [Cherry Hill Food Pantry](#), the [Camden County Animal Shelter](#) and [Cherry Hill Public Library](#) in the “[Help Us, Help Others](#)” event.

Volunteers will sort the donations on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> at Cherry Hill High School West.

Weather permitting, volunteers will have the option of working with the [Cherry Hill Environmental Board](#) on trail clean-up at Croft Farm.

Our individual schools are spearheading their own Day of Service efforts as well. Examples of our schools’ projects include:

- Woodcrest Elementary School’s Character Education theme this year, “Kids Helping Kids,” includes food collection for the South Jersey Food Bank. Woodcrest dedicates this month’s collection in honor of MLK Day and the importance of service.
- Each grade level at Johnson Elementary School made a contribution to service:

Kindergarten collected and counted pennies for CHOP

1st Grade put together "Operation Goody" bags to say thanks to our first responders and troops

2nd Grade made puzzles and cards for pediatrics

3rd Grade made cards for nursing home residents

4th Grade make sandwiches for the Cherry Hill Food Bank (food donated by Aramark)

5th Grade made a banner for NJ national guard

- Rosa International Middle School’s LC-6 students have donated slightly used string bags, backpacks and duffle bags to be distributed to the homeless on Monday. Please see the story below (center) regarding another Rosa MLK Day project in conjunction with Girard College.
- Beck Middle School’s boys and girls basketball teams will visit the residents of Lion’s Gate retirement

Cherry Hill East: 7 pm

### **5th Grade Information Nights**

Rosa (West side students & parents)

February 3, 7 pm

Rosa (East side students & parents)

February 4, 7 pm

Carusi

February 10, 7 pm

Beck

February 17, 7 pm

### **PARCC Primer Series, Part II - How It's Done**

Cherry Hill West:

February 3, 7 pm

Cherry Hill East:

February 4, 7 pm

community in Voorhees, NJ. The teams will spend time playing bingo, bowling, dancing, completing arts and crafts projects, and performing MLK's "I Have a Dream" speech. This is Beck's 11th year participating in this event.

- Carusi Middle School participated in the drive for the Cherry Hill community-wide Martin Luther King Day of Service event, "Help Us, Help Others." Students are encouraged to participate in a Day of Service activity on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Clara Barton and Thomas Paine elementary schools were a drop-off centers for the "Help Us, Help Others" donation effort.
- Cherry Hill High School West is a drop-off center and will serve as the sorting location for the "Help Us, Help Others" donations.

Our hope is that these examples will inspire others to commit some time and effort to the Day of Service as well. [Please send us examples of your contributions or of those you know.](#) These stories of service may be featured in an upcoming issue of CHPS Weekly.

Please continue to [email](#) us about the accomplishments of the students and staff of the Cherry Hill Schools. All of our district news, including the departments in our former "e-news" – Up Front, District News, School News, Upcoming Events and Community News - is available [by clicking here](#). Check our [Activities Calendar](#) on the [District web site](#) for updates about upcoming events and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest District information. You'll find the 2015-2016 District Calendar here. For easy access to all of the media listed above, be sure to download our free [District App](#). And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.

Wishing you a meaningful day of service.



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

Superintendent



## January is School Board Recognition Month

The word "public" in public school refers to the fact that the citizens themselves oversee the public schools. In New Jersey, as in most other states, the citizens do this in part by electing a school board. Board members must be residents of the school district. Our school board, the Cherry Hill Board of Education (BOE), is composed of nine people: Mrs. Carol Matlack, President; Mr. Elliott Roth, Vice President; Mrs. Sherrie Cohen; Dr. J. Barry Dickinson; Mr. Eric Goodwin; Mrs. Colleen Horiates; Mrs. Kathy Judge; Mr. Steve Robbins and Mrs. Lisa Saidel.

Our Board of Education develops a mission statement and goals toward which to work each year. Members of the board take on a variety of responsibilities, including adopting a balanced annual budget and issuing interim financial reports, negotiating contracts, and approving curriculum materials, just to name a few.

What is particularly



## Rosa Middle School Contributes Art to Mural Project

As a part of the Martin Luther King Day of Service, 11 eighth grade Rosa International Middel School students created a panel to add to a Philadelphia Mural Arts Program mural, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Voters Rights Act.

Pictured above with their work, the students unveiled their panel at a press conference at Girard College on January 7. The artwork depicts the students' thoughts and feelings about the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Voters Rights Act, as well as their reflections on the current state of voting rights.

Rosa was one of only six schools chosen to participate in the event. The students' work will be on display at Girard College through the end of January.



## Negotiations Update

Negotiations continue between the Cherry Hill Education Association (CHEA) and the Cherry Hill Board of Education.

Negotiation sessions began in May. Both the CHEA and the BOE agreed in November that bringing in a state-appointed mediator would be helpful to the process. The first mediator-facilitated meeting took place on December 15, 2015. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2015.

[Please click here for Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) regarding the negotiations process.](#)

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*Correction: In the January 9, 2015 edition of CHPS Weekly, "Where Are They Now?" subject Michael Mandel was identified as a graduate of Cherry Hill High School East. He is a graduate of Cherry Hill High School West.*

significant is that each BOE member serves as a volunteer. Members devote countless volunteer hours to their work on the School Board. Each term is three years long.

This month, a banner hangs in the lobby of the Malberg Administration Building (pictured above) in recognition of our board's all-volunteer service. We thank them for their significant contribution to our community.

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