

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of February 27, 2015

Student Theater Programs Offer Professional-Quality Entertainment

It's Spring Musical Season in the Cherry Hill Public Schools – time to take advantage of the excellent

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cherry Hill High
School East's
Production of
Anything Goes
February 27 & 28
and March 6 & 7, 7:30 pm

entertainment our students provide.

The record-cold winter has given way to one of our favorite times of year in the Cherry Hill Public Schools: Spring Musical Season. Our middle school and high school students have been working hard during the past few months, rehearsing scripts, music and dance numbers, as well as building, painting and decorating sets. All of this work culminates in professional-quality, family friendly shows for this last weekend of February and through the month of April.

Cherry Hill High School East will kick off the season with their production of Cole Porter's *Anything Goes*. Two casts – “red” and “white” – will perform the musical beginning tonight, February 27, at 7:30 pm with the red cast. Subsequent shows will be performed February 28 (white cast), March 6 (white cast), and March 7 (red cast) at 7:30 pm. Matinee performances will be held on March 1 (red cast) and March 8 (white cast) at 2 pm. Cherry Hill East student Madeline Bowne has put together a terrific video “preview” of the show, featuring student actors and musicians, on the [Eastside TV YouTube channel, available by clicking here.](#)

Mid-March brings two middle school productions: *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* at Beck and *Seussical Jr.* at Rosa. Beck's musical will open on March 13 at 7 pm. Additional shows will take place March 14 at 7 pm and March 15 at 2 pm. Rosa's production will open March 13 at 7:30 pm, with two more shows on March 14 at 1 pm and 7:30 pm.

One week later, Cherry Hill High School West will premiere Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins*, on March 20 at 7 pm. Three more evening shows will take place March 21, 27 and 28, all at 7 pm. Matinee performances will be offered March 22 and 28 at 2 pm, with a Character Breakfast preceding the March 22 show at 11:30 am. This family favorite will include Mary Poppins actually flying! [For ticket prices and Character Breakfast information, please click here.](#)

In late April, Carusi Middle School will treat audiences to *The Little Mermaid* on April 24 at 7 pm and April 25 at 2 pm.

We'll post photos and any media coverage on the [District web site](#) and our various social media platforms.

March 1 & 8, 2 pm

[BOE Work Session](#)

March 10, 7 pm

[Beck Middle School's *Alice in Wonderland, Jr*](#)

March 13 & 14, 7 pm

March 15, 2 pm

[Rosa Middle School's *Seussical, Jr*](#)

March 13, 7:30 pm

March 14, 1 pm & 7:30pm

To keep up with our district news, including the departments in our former “e-news” – Up Front, District News, School News, Upcoming Events and Community News - [please click here](#). Check our [Activities Calendar](#) on the [District web site](#) for updates about upcoming events and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). You'll find the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 District Calendars [here](#). And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.

And please continue to [send us any news](#) about what's happening in the District!

Break a leg to all of our talented performers! We'll see you in March.

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

Superintendent



Paine Elementary Presents Student-Written Program for Black History Month

The fifth grade students at Thomas Paine Elementary School on Wednesday presented "The Dream Begins..." a music, play and dance program written and performed by the students.

The program featured a portrayal of the friendship between



High School Students Get Insider View of Township Government

Twenty-nine students from both Cherry Hill High Schools West and East experienced the inner workings of Cherry Hill Township at Town Hall on Wednesday, February 25 during this year's Student Government Day.



Cherry Hill East Water Chiller Contributes to Sustainability

Students at Cherry Hill High School East now have a convenient way to refill their water bottles while contributing to District sustainability practices.

Students have been

abolitionist Frederick Douglas and President Abraham Lincoln as played by student actors (pictured above).

Students also sang the songs "America the Beautiful," "Make Them Hear You," "Blessed Peace," and "Glory," which featured Paine's Hip-Hop Dancers.

Congratulations to the students, faculty and staff for putting on such a meaningful show!

The students worked collaboratively under the guidance of Township staff to create two initiatives to improve the Township. One initiative focused on improving recycling efforts in the high schools. The other focused on improving voter turnout.

That evening, the students held a mock council meeting in which both initiatives were approved.

Although these initiatives are practice runs for the students, they could be catalysts for future Township initiatives, according to Mayor Chuck Cahn.

You may read more about this year's Student Government Day at cherryhillson.com

integral in the formation of the [District Sustainability Plan, available by clicking here](#). The Cherry Hill Public Schools District Green Team includes a number of high school students who continue to contribute ideas and work on increasing sustainability District-wide. One ongoing practice is reducing the use of one-time-use plastic water bottles.

The energy-efficient drinking fountain/refilling station, donated by the Manhattan Management Company and Cherry Tree Corporate Center, is helping the District meet its sustainability goals.

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