

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of April 17, 2015

District Showcases Student Artwork

The Cherry Hill Public Schools proudly feature student artists in displays throughout our buildings and in annual art shows.

Spring is the season for student art shows around the District – it's a wonderful time for our parents to see our students'

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Volley for Support](#)

April 17, 5:30 pm

Cherry Hill High School
East

Tickets at the door: \$3 for
adults/\$2 for students;

work at every grade level. Many of our elementary schools have held or are getting ready for their own student art shows, often in conjunction with their spring book fairs. Cherry Hill High School East's Photo/Art Show is scheduled for May 19; the Cherry Hill West Art Show is scheduled for the evening of June 2 and all day June 3. The artistic talent among all participating students is not to be missed.

One of the joys of my job is having student artwork displayed year-round both in my office and around the Malberg Central Administration Building. The displays change periodically so that students from all schools and grade levels have been represented. As each new round of artwork is displayed at Malberg, the student artists and their families are invited to a reception so I can meet them and learn more about their work. This month, for the first time ever, student artwork from the Cherry Hill African American Civic Association's (CHAACA's) Essay•Poster•Video Contest for Black History Month 2015 is on display at Malberg. It has been a pleasure to see all of the hard work that went into these projects.

I encourage you to attend your schools' art shows to see the art our students have created.

We hope everyone also is able to enjoy the beautiful weather predicted for the weekend, and wish those taking the ACT on Saturday great success!

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

P.S. 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](#), [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!

FREE if you are wearing this year's Volley for Support t-shirt
[Click here for game times.](#)

[ACT Testing](#)

April 18, 8 am-2 pm
Cherry Hill High School West

[Earth Festival](#)

April 25, 10 am-2 pm
Croft Farm, with Family Fun Bike Ride at 9 am (8 am registration)

[PARCC Primer Series Change](#)

Because we are waiting for more information from the New Jersey Department of Education, our PARCC Primer Series Part 3: "What PARCC Means" has been postponed from the original April 21 and 23, 2015, dates. We will publicize the new dates for the series when they become available.



Beck Middle School Receives Environmental Education Grant

Congratulations to the students and staff at Henry C. Beck Middle School for receiving a \$4,820 Environmental Education Grant from SCA on Wednesday, April 15, for the school's "Working Together to Save the Planet" project.

[SCA](#), a leading global hygiene and forest products company, noted that Beck is the first school in New Jersey to receive one of their



Mann Elementary "Lights It Up Blue" for Autism Awareness

April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day - part of Autism Awareness Month - and the organization Autism Speaks asks people to "light it up blue" to raise funds and increase awareness of autism.

Many organizations and landmarks around the world literally shine blue lights on their buildings or change their clear, exterior lights for blue



Even Old Plants Can Be "Swapped" at Earth Festival

As you're gardening this beautiful weekend or continuing some spring cleaning, keep in mind that your "trash" actually may be eligible for recycling at the Sustainable Cherry Hill Earth Festival on April 25.

What can you do to impact our Earth in a positive way at this year's festival at Croft Farm?

1. Bring perennials from your garden to swap for new plants and take home

grants.

Each grade level will participate in a different sustainability project:

6th grade "Plastic Police" – reducing one-time plastic bottle use;

7th grade "Bugging Out" – saving our insects;

8th grade "Air Ambassadors" – outside air quality control.

The grant check was presented at Beck's Spirit Week Kickoff Assembly, where Principal Dr. Dennis Perry explained that part of the grant would pay for a reusable water bottle for each student, to be used at school at its water chiller bottle-filling station.

[NBC10 TV coverage of the event may be viewed by clicking here.](#)

ones to "light up blue."

Autism Speaks encourages people to let their individual lights "shine" by wearing blue on April 2. At Horace Mann Elementary School, students and staff decided to "light up" the entire school blue by having everyone in the building wear blue that day.

The Mann community formed a blue autism ribbon, pictured above, to mark the occasion. In addition to this, the PTA sold blue puzzle piece pins for \$1 a piece, with the proceeds going to help the school reach its fundraising goal for the Autism Walk. The walkers who comprise the Magnificent Mann team will join the 5K walk on May 16. Interested participants are asked to email Dr. Dalal sdalal@chclc.org or Ms. Hill thill@chclc.org.

More ideas for how to Light It Up Blue for Autism Awareness Day can be found on the [Autism Speaks web site](#).

FREE compost.

2. Bring recycling: e-waste collection; plastic shopping bags; wire hangers; rechargeable batteries; gently-worn shoes for donation. Learn more [HERE](#).

3. Bring your reusable water bottle- FREE refills by NJ American Water

4. And for fun and good health, sign up [HERE](#) for the Family Fun Bike Ride- 8 am registration; 9 am ride; FREE safety checks.

This free Earth Festival – rain or shine 10 am-2 pm – includes a Phillie Phanatic appearance; outstanding entertainment; all 19 Cherry Hill Schools' sustainability projects on display and more than 100 crafters and local businesses. Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

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