

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of April 24, 2015

Earth Festival Features Student Work, Performances

Excitement is building for the 6th Annual Sustainable Cherry Hill Earth Festival this Saturday, April 25.

This Saturday, Cherry Hill Public Schools will show the great work our students and staff at each school have been doing

UPCOMING EVENTS

Earth Festival

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

to improve sustainability. Please join us at the Earth Festival on April 25, 2015 from 10 am-2 pm at Croft Farm. Our students are eager to share their work in a variety of ways, with displays showing their efforts to encourage no idling in car pickup lines, the use of reusable water bottles and water filtration systems in our schools, the reuse of common household items and more.

The festive atmosphere never disappoints, as students from all of our middle and high schools perform on stage. You'll see student volunteers from our high schools working hard to help keep the festival running smoothly. For those who like to include fitness as part of sustainability, there is a pre-festival Family Fun Bike Ride, which leaves Croft Farm at 9 am ([register online here](#) or on site at 8 am). Riders may choose a 2- or 9-mile loop. Add to that local food vendors with delicious, sustainably produced meals and snacks, as well as opportunities to recycle electronic items, shoes, wire hangers, plastic bags and to exchange perennials from your garden, and you have a day of fun that benefits our community and the planet. More details on the Festival can be found on the [Earth Festival page of the Sustainable Cherry Hill web site](#).

The Earth Festival will take place rain or shine. I would like to thank all of our students, parents and staff who have shown their commitment to sustainability throughout the year, in the classroom, in extracurricular activities and at home. I also would like to announce that in the interest of sustainability, the Board of Education meetings now will be "paperless," with electronic agendas and handouts accessed on electronic devices by Board members and administrators for each meeting. (Paper copies will be available for members of the public attending the meetings.)

The Earth Festival is a wonderful venue to showcase just some of the school district's efforts. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

P.S. Our district news, including the departments in our

[BOE Work Session](#)

April 28, 7 pm
45 Ranoldo Terrace,
Malberg Board Room

[STAR Games](#)

May 1, 8 am-2 pm
Jonas C. Morris Stadium

[SAT Testing](#)

May 2, 8 am-2pm
Cherry Hill High School
West

[Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars](#)

May 3, 7 pm
Cherry Hill High School
West

SOLD OUT

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waiting list for returned
tickets, [click here](#)

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!



"Woodcrest Gives Back" Week Raises Big Money for CHOP

The Woodcrest Elementary School fifth Grade Class, with the PTA, hosted a Woodcrest Gives Back (WGB) Week to raise money for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's (CHOP) Educational and Creative Arts Fund.

The fifth graders sold WGB/CHOP souvenir bracelets and collected spare change from the entire student body at Woodcrest. The week of



Red & White Contest Culminates in Night of Competition

Students at Cherry Hill High School East are facing off in friendly competition this spring in the first ever Red & White Competition. The school is divided into two teams: the Red Team includes staff and students whose last names start with letters A-K, and the White Team includes those whose last names start with letters L-Z. Prior to the final, culminating competition night on May 1, there are three



Cherry Hill West Sweeps National Music Festival

The West Music Program earned high honors across the board at the Heritage/World Strides Festival in Boston the weekend of April 16-19.

The Symphonic Choir received a Silver rating, while West Singers captured first place with a Gold rating. Men of Note received a Silver rating. Chamber singers captured first place and received a

giving culminated with a fifth grade Dance-a-Thon; the fifth graders asked family, friends and businesses to sponsor their dancing to raise money for CHOP. The fifth grade students, with the help of Woodcrest's principal, Dr. Beth Anne Kob, the teachers, the PTA and the entire student body, raised **\$3,250** to help children with educational programming and the arts during their stay at CHOP.

This program was such a huge success that Woodcrest Elementary will now make it an annual fifth grade event. Congratulations to all who participated!

weeks of competitive activities during LB1, LB2 and after school. The last night of competitive activities is Red & White Night, where each half of the school competes for the overall win.

The activities and competitions are all-inclusive: the entire staff and student population able to partake in events, despite any intellectual, physical, or cultural differences.

Red & White Competition events intertwine with various school and community activities, such as East's Blood Drive, community clean-up days, East's Dance Marathon, battery recycling collection, People's Choice, and charitable contributions.

Twenty student captains, pictured above, are the leaders and organizers of events, and faculty and staff run the competitions and help supervise competitions.

Red & White Night will be held May 1 from 6:30 to 10:30 pm in the DiBart gym. It is open to the public. A portion of the ticket and t-shirt proceeds will go to a local charity.

Gold rating. Fermata was the top women's choir in their category and received a Gold rating. They also won Best Overall Choir for obtaining the highest score among all vocal groups at the festival. The vocal department also captured the Sweepstakes Trophy for having the two combined highest scores. West Singers, Chamber Singers, and Fermata received invitations to participate in the Festival of Gold at Carnegie Hall next school year.

On the instrumental side, the Orchestra received a Silver rating and was only one point beyond the overall orchestra winner. The combined bands placed second but received a Gold rating and along with that an invitation to the Festival of Gold at Carnegie Hall next school year. The Jazz Ensemble, pictured above, placed first with a Gold rating, won the Best Overall Instrumental Group, and captured the Adjudicator's Trophy for having the highest score out of all groups (vocal and instrumental) in the competition. Junior drummer Steve Kummer won the award for Outstanding Jazz Soloist. The instrumental department won the Sweepstakes Trophy for the highest combined scores of two instrumental groups. The entire department was awarded the Festival Sweepstakes Trophy for having the highest combined score between an entered vocal

and instrumental group
from the same school.

Congratulations to these
fine young musicians for
their efforts!

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