

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of September 12, 2014

Autumn Reflections

Mid-September approaches and the season soon will turn officially to fall. It's a season where nature begins to go dormant, but opportunities for learning and growth in our schools continue to bloom.

In the Cherry Hill Public Schools, we continually work

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Back-to-School Nights](#)

Please note: Back-to-School Nights for Cherry Hill High School West and the Alternative High School have changed.

toward our mission to prepare our students to be knowledgeable, responsible, caring, and confident citizens in an ever changing world. The work of our teachers, administrators and parents, for example, has resulted in several of our schools receiving the honorable distinction of "School of Character" at both the state and national levels. Most recently, the Cherry Hill Alternative High School won the National School of Character Award for 2014. [You may read more about the Alternative School's achievement here.](#) The school will receive its award on October 30 in Washington, D.C. [For more information about the National School of Character program, click here.](#)

Activities outside of the school day allow our students to explore other opportunities for learning and growth. Student governments are taking shape. Fall sports are in full swing. Music and theater groups are meeting for practices and auditions. Various clubs in our middle and high schools also are beginning to meet, and we remind students with ideas for new clubs to propose their ideas to their school administrators.

Please be sure to [send us any news](#) about the good things that are happening around our district. [You'll find write-ups about district happenings here.](#) Check our [Activities Calendar](#) on the [District web site](#) for updates about upcoming events. And be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest District information.

We are happy to see the evidence of our students' and staff's efforts now and throughout the school year, and we'll keep you posted about accomplishments all year long.

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

Cherry Hill West's Back-to-School Night is now on Wednesday, October 8 at 7 pm.

The Alternative High School's Back-to-School Breakfast is now on Wednesday, September 24, at 8 am.

[Click here for a complete listing of all Back-to-School Nights](#)

Cherry Hill Education Foundation Golf Outing
October 1 - Proceeds will fund grant initiatives in our Cherry Hill Public Schools. [A brochure with event details and sponsorship opportunities is available here.](#)



Schools Step up to Green Apple Project 14

So far, four Cherry Hill Schools have signed on to Green Apple Project 14. Cooper, Kilmer and Woodcrest Elementary Schools will be participating, as well as Cherry Hill High School East. My Green Apple encourages schools to participate in sustainability-related service projects.

Cooper is initiating Cooper Cleanup day on September 19 at 5 pm. Students, Staff, and Families will improve our school's courtyard and exterior landscaping.

Kilmer will be instituting a Wasteless Wednesday program. Their goal is to decrease the amount of trash generated at lunch time by educating parents and children.

Woodcrest will be working together to get outside and improve the environment around the school on September 24. Students and teachers will put on their gardening gloves and get to work!



Kingston Elementary Takes the Ice Bucket Challenge

Kingston Principal Bill Marble accepted Barton Elementary School Principal Sean Sweeney's nomination to take part in the Ice Bucket Challenge this week. Mr. Marble encouraged students to bring in spare change as donations for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) research. Students were promised Mr. Marble would be doused with one bucket of ice water for every \$50 raised. By September 12, 2014, Kingston students had raised \$450!

Nine students each were allowed to dump a bucket of ice water on their principal's head. And, for good measure, Mr. Marble invited the Kingston teachers to dump an extra-large "bonus" 10th bucket of water on him as well. [More photos of the event can be found here.](#) To learn more about the [ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, click here.](#)



Sharp Elementary Marks Patriot Day

On September 11, Patriot Day, Sharp Elementary School conducted a school-wide assembly to commemorate the day. Finalists in a student essay contest read from their work.

Dr. Rich Beckman, Sharp's instrumental teacher, led the three students in TAPs and was the musical accompaniment when the whole school sang (pictured above). The singing was under the tutelage of Mrs. Teresa Britton, our vocal music teacher.

Mr. Miscioscia encouraged the students to talk with their parents and older family members about September 11 and what it means to them.

Cherry Hill East will be weeding and prepping their outdoor organic garden in the C-wing Courtyard.

We'll keep you updated as more Green Apple 14 participants come in. More information on the program is available at mygreenapple.org

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