

# CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of September 19, 2014

## Our Hearty Constitution

This past Wednesday, September 17, was National Constitution Day – the anniversary of the day in 1787 when 39 brave men signed the document that changed the course of history. The United States Constitution maintains the rights and freedoms we enjoy today, both in our community and in our schools.

### 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.

Some of our schools brought the Constitution to life in honor of National Constitution Day. Clara Barton Elementary, for example, ratified a School Constitution on September 17. This project began a week before, with all classrooms in the school creating their own classroom rules. Each teacher then selected two delegates from each classroom to form a Delegates Convention on September 12. The delegates gathered the rules each classroom came up with and used these ideas to write the School Constitution. At the Ratification Assembly, the delegates led all students in a vote, and the School Constitution was adopted unanimously. It reads:

- WE ARE Bucketfillers
- WE ARE safe and smart
- WE ARE followers of the Golden Rule

Part of Clara Barton’s Character Education work includes expecting students to be “bucketfillers” rather than “bucketdippers” – meaning that everyone always works to make people feel good, rather than taking good feelings away from them.

To close the assembly, the fourth grade performed a play about the history of the U.S. Constitution.

This is just one example of how our schools weave larger events and news into our daily curriculum. A.Russell Knight Elementary also marked National Constitution Day with an assembly as well. And of course, all of our elementary, middle and high schools have student governments which make decisions for their schools with student input.

Please be sure to [send us any news](#) about what’s happening around our district. [You’ll find all of our district news, including everything that has been in e-news – Up Front, District News, School News, Upcoming Events and Community News – by clicking 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. [For easy access to all of the media listed above, be sure to download our free](#)

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.](#)

[District App, available by clicking here.](#)

We wish you a happy first official day of Fall on the 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

Superintendent



### **Guest Musician Brings Talent, Wisdom to Cherry Hill Students**

From September 8- 10, world renowned British clarinet soloist, Julian Bliss (pictured above), visited the Cherry Hill secondary schools to share his story of grit, perseverance and “dedicated practice” that led to his success as a prominent clarinetist.

Mr. Bliss conducted a Master Class and demonstration for instrumental music students at High Schools West and East, and at Carusi, Rosa and Beck Middle Schools. Mr. Bliss’ visit was made possible through the auspices of the Conn-Selmer Corporation of Elkhart, Indiana. Conn-Selmer is the leading manufacturer and distributor of musical



### **Sharp Elementary Takes the Ice Bucket Challenge**

Accepting the challenge from Clara Barton Principal Mr. Sean Sweeney, Sharp Elementary Principal Mr. Ric Miscioscia and 32 members of the Sharp staff got doused with ice water on September 12 to raise awareness and money for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). The Sharp community raised \$330.

Mr. Miscioscia promised his staff and students that depending on the number of staff members who participated, he would get dumped on from a different height. Because 32 staff



### **More Schools Join Green Apple Project**

Five more Cherry Hill schools have signed on to the Green Apple Project 14, bring our District participation up to nine schools.

Rosa students and staff will weed the school's corn garden and clean up the nature trails in the back of the school throughout the months of September and October.

Thomas Paine Elementary is hosting school-wide Wasteless Wednesdays. Paine students also will clean up their Peace Garden and two courtyards.

Clara Barton Elementary's

instruments.

Learn more about Mr. Bliss at his web site, [julianbliss.com](http://julianbliss.com)

members joined him, Mr. Miscioscia endured three buckets, including one from the second floor of the school (pictured above).

[Click here for more information about the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.](#)

School Beautification Committee will work together to display the School Constitution as a painted mural.

Bret Harte Elementary will follow its motto of being Harte Smart during its Fall Clean Up Day on Wednesday September 24th from 11am-1pm.

**Striving** for excellence, being **Mindful** of others, showing **Acceptance**, being **Responsible**, and demonstrating **Teamwork** will all take place during this event!

The Environmental club, Jr. Environmental club, parents and faculty invite everyone to help freshen up the front flowerbeds.

Later in the year, in May, Horace Mann Elementary will pick up trash, mulch/clean up landscaping, plant annuals, perennials and a tree if available, and hold a clothing swap, among other projects.

[Learn more about the Green Apple Project 14 here.](#)

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