

# CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of September 26, 2014

### New Season, Continued Determination

As we close out the month of September we note the first official day of fall and look forward to entering the second month of the school year. Our students and staff have embraced the back to school routines and put forth the consistent effort embodied in doing our best. Maintaining that effort as the newness of the school year

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### [Back-to-School Nights](#)

Please note: the Back-to-School Night for Cherry Hill High School West has changed.

## **settles in now becomes our focus.**

In the Cherry Hill Public Schools, our nurturing educators strive to work collaboratively with parents to ensure our children learn new skills and master concepts.

We believe setting high expectations leads to great outcomes. This is true in the classroom, in extracurricular activities and at home. One question often asked by parents at Back to School meetings with teachers usually pertains to how a parent can help his or her child and guide the child's educational process. Encouraging our children while allowing them to master a new skill or learn a new concept – without stepping in and doing it ourselves – is one of the best ways we can help prepare them for the classroom. [You'll find an interesting article about this approach by clicking here.](#) We believe encouragement via specific feedback is beneficial at any age.

As an important component of our work this year, administrators across the district are examining, among other resources, the book *Mindset*, by Carol S. Dweck, PhD. *Mindset* offers fascinating and thought provoking concepts addressing our potential to learn and master new ideas and skills at any age. The determining factor in our capacity to do so is our mindset. By consciously following what Dr. Dreck calls a “growth mindset,” we encourage learning and growth in ourselves and those around us. [Click here to read more about Dr. Dweck's work.](#) We look forward to sharing this resource and others with you as the year progresses.

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

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

[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.](#)

the media above, [download our free District App.](#)

We wish a happy Rosh Hashanah to those who observe it, and an enjoyable, relaxing long weekend to all.

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

Superintendent



### **Backpack Donation Helps Cherry Hill Students**

The Cherry Hill Public Schools thank Ryan Rosetti, who owns four PrimoHoagies locations in Cherry Hill, Marlton, Medford and Ocean City, for his generous donation of 18 backpacks for students in need at the beginning of the school year.

Mr. Rosetti, pictured above at right with Cherry Hill Public Schools Director of Support Operations Don Bart, says he and his wife decided to make the donation because they were certain it would have a direct and meaningful impact on those in need. Mr. Bart has distributed several of the backpacks and will be distributing



### **Nurses Keep Student Health at Forefront**

As cold and flu season approaches, we salute the nurses in the Cherry Hill Schools. Meet Barbara Kase-Avner, Lead Nurse for the District and nurse at Beck Middle School. Ms. Kase-Avner points out that while the 21 nurses throughout our schools - one at each of the elementary and middle schools, and two at each high school - handle traditional colds, headaches and injuries, their jobs are more complicated than people realize.

"We see a lot of asthma, allergies, cancer and



### **Founder of Athletes Against Bullying Recognized**

Cherry Hill High School East junior David Golkow was recognized at the Board of Education Action Meeting for his efforts in starting the Athletes Against Bullying club in December 2013.

David, a basketball and baseball player, started the group out of concern about bullying in sports, which he saw firsthand. The organization grew to more than 40 members, with at least one representative from each of East's sports teams. Under the guidance of their adviser, Mr. Jason Speller, and anti-bullying

more as needs arise.

mental health issues in all age groups," Ms. Kase=Avner explains. "We also are sometimes the first line medical care provider, putting parents in contact with the services they need."

Our nurses also are advocates for how health issues such as asthma and concussions affect student performance.

"Healthy children learn better," Ms. Kase-Avner says. "Ours is a true specialty to help keep the student population healthy."

specialist Mrs. Jen DiStefano, the club's goal is to prevent bullying on sports teams at Cherry Hill East and to promote the anti-bullying message throughout the school and the community. In recognition of his efforts, David won the Philadelphia Phillies' "Extraordinary Scholar" contest over the summer.

As National Bullying Prevention Month begins October 1, the AAB's message is particularly pertinent. [Click here to learn more about the club.](#)

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