

A message from the Superintendent of the Cherry Hill Public Schools.



## CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending October 18, 2019

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

# R-e-s-p-e-c-t

As **WE** look back on the 2019 Week of Respect, we reflect on how to make every week a reason to celebrate how we treat one another.

Beginning the first Monday of October every year, the state of New Jersey celebrates the Week of Respect in our schools. I'm always delighted to see first-hand how our schools celebrate the concept of Respect, which is also one of the three pillars of Character Education – Respect, Responsibility and Citizenship – that we strive for every day in the Cherry Hill Public Schools.

Our principals, teachers, guidance counselors and support staff work hard to facilitate age-appropriate activities and instruction focused on character building and bullying prevention during the Week of Respect. There were so many wonderful examples of this work in all 19 of our schools last week and this week, and I'd like to share a few:

- Students at A. Russell Knight Elementary created a project with the theme “Be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.” The students showed respect to someone who is a “rainbow” to them by writing or drawing their reasons on a heart that is a color of the rainbow, as pictured above. Two examples: “My Mom and Dad are my rainbow because they are always there for me,” and “Rosa Parks is my rainbow because she stood up for herself.”
- Cherry Hill High School East Lab Theatre students staged preview performances of *The Bully Plays* at Carusi, Beck and Rosa Middle Schools this week in advance of their public performance at Cherry Hill East at 7:30 pm tonight. The middle school students were treated to snippets from the anthology of 24 ten-minute plays designed to challenge, inspire and enlighten audiences to help them confront the issue of bullying in a constructive and creative way. General admission tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5.
- Cherry Hill High School West Football Coach Bryan Wright tweeted on October 12: *So proud of our program! We have had a 2 week stretch that has been unimaginable and all we continue to do is pick each other up and make sure that each other is ok. I have never been around a group of young people where the word love is used as sincerely & as much as it is here!* Wright also is a

## Safety & Security Forum

October 29 @ 7 pm  
Cherry Hill High School  
West Auditorium  
2101 Chapel Ave.

## Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

November 4 @ 5 pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building, 45 Ranoldo  
Terrace

## Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

November 4 @ 6 pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building, 45 Ranoldo  
Terrace

## Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

November 4 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration  
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## Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

November 4 @ 8 pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building, 45 Ranoldo  
Terrace

## SCHOOLS CLOSED

November 7 & 8

## Board of Education Work Session

November 12 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building, 45 Ranoldo  
Terrace

## Board of Education Action Meeting

November 26 @ 7 pm

Special Education teacher at High School West.

Like Coach Wright, I am awed by the ways our students show good character and respect – not just during the Week of Respect, but every week and really, every day. I hope you will talk at home with your children about the good they experience in the CHPS community, and about what they plan to do to show respect and responsibility, to spread kindness, and to be good citizens in ways big and small. Take their suggestions and apply them to yourself! We are our children's most important role models – they watch the adults in their lives closely, every day.

I encourage you to connect with us on social media to see so many of the wonderful things happening in your school and throughout the District. Please be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). For keeping up to date, be sure to download our free District app from the App Store or Google Play – then customize it to feed your school's information, in addition to District information, directly to you. Have a question for us that's also of interest to the larger community? Submit it via our [Quick Question](#) portal for a publicly posted answer!

I hope that many community folks will join me at High School East tonight to see The Bully Plays. The theatrical productions are always first rate and the topic is so critically important for all of us. There is something to be learned by all.

Please be sure to share a kind word and smile, with all whom you come in contact this weekend.

Regards,

***Joe Meloche***

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

*"Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all.  
They're underused." – Tommy Lee Jones*

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November 28 & 29



## Security

### Forum Questions and Concerns Sought

Questions and concerns related to District safety and security may be submitted via [an online portal](#) by 5 pm on Monday, October 28, 2019 in advance of the Safety & Security Forum on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7 pm in the Cherry Hill High School West Auditorium.

The following experts will participate in the panel discussion and Q&A at the forum:

#### **From the School Office of Preparedness and Emergency Planning:**

Jeff Gale, Director, and Darryl Williams, School Safety Specialist

#### **From the Cherry Hill Public Schools:**

Jennifer DiStefano, Student Assistance Counselor, Cherry Hill East, and Anthony Saporito, Director of Security

#### **From Ronin Security Solutions:**

Dennis Tully, Owner

#### **From the Cherry Hill Police Department:**

Chief of Police William Monaghan

#### **And Forensic and Clinical Psychologist Dr. Harry Green**



### BOE Candidate Bios and Candidates Forum Video Available Online

[Biographies of the 10 candidates running for the four open seats on the Cherry Hill Board of Education are now available online.](#) The biographies listed in ballot order and are published as submitted by the candidates, unedited.

The candidates participated in a Candidates Forum, sponsored by the Cherry Hill Zone PTA, on October 10. Moderated by the League of Women Voters, the forum offered an opportunity for community members to ask questions of the candidates.

A recording of the forum is available on the [District YouTube channel](#).

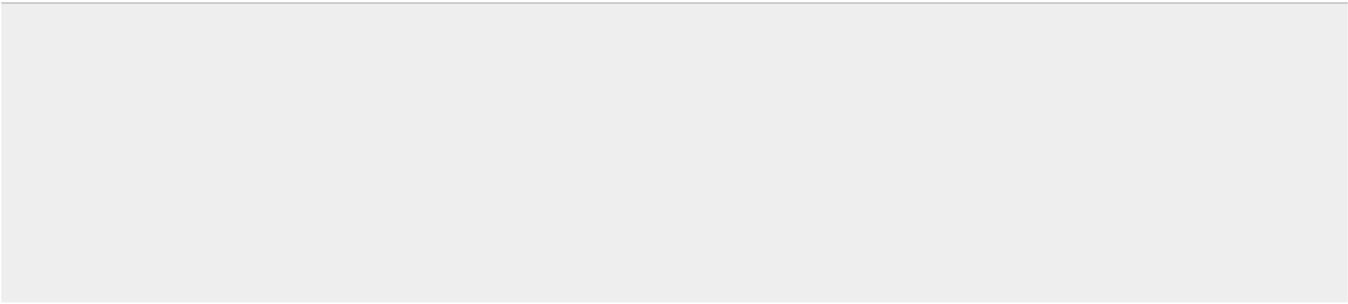


### Rosa Middle School Students Participate in March of Remembrance

Rosa International Middle School students, along with teachers, on Sunday, October 6, 2019 participated in the Esther Raab Holocaust Museum & Goodwin Education Center 7th Annual March of Remembrance. The march helps combat prejudice, bigotry and hatred.

Museum Director Helen Kirschbaum said the organization looks forward to a "continued partnership with Rosa and its wonderful staff and students."

Congratulations to all!



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