

A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill
Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending November 7, 2018

Involvement Reaps Results

The first of our two very important Cherry Hill Public Schools elections is complete. **WE** congratulate the winners of the Board of Education race, and enthusiastically look ahead to the Bond Referendum vote on December 11, 2018.

Welcome to the end of our very short week, as we begin the long weekend of November 8-11. Our schools will be closed on Thursday and Friday to allow our teachers to attend the annual New Jersey Education Association Convention. For our students and their families, this is an opportunity to take a well-deserved break. This time to recharge comes after a boisterous general election season, which culminated yesterday, November 6, with Election Day.

I would like to congratulate our newly elected Board of Education members, Laurie Neary, David Rossi and Sally Tong. A total of 11 candidates ran for three seats on the Board this year. Please join me in not only congratulating the winners, but in commending all of the candidates for their desire to serve our wonderful community and to make a difference for our children – from Pre-K through 12th grade. The members of the Cherry Hill Board of Education take on a daunting amount of responsibility as volunteers for a three-year term. I would especially like to thank Board President Dr. Barry Dickinson and Board members Mr. Ken Tomlinson and Mrs. Kathy Judge for their years of service. Together, they have contributed 19 years of service to the District, with Dr. Dickinson serving for six years, Mrs. Judge serving for 10, and Mr. Tomlinson serving for three. Our new Board members will be sworn in during our reorganization meeting on January 3, 2019. Mark your calendars to join us for this event!

Don't miss your opportunity to vote in another important Cherry Hill election: the December 11 Special Election for the Bond Referendum, with polls open that day from 3-8 pm and [vote by mail as an option](#). As I explained in last week's CHPS WEEKLY, bonds are a way for school districts to raise money –

UPCOMING EVENTS

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

November 7 @ 6 pm
Joyce Kilmer Elementary
School Library/Media
Center
2900 Chapel Ave

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

November 7 @ 7 pm
Joyce Kilmer Elementary
School Library/Media
Center
2900 Chapel Ave

SCHOOLS CLOSED

November 8 & 9

Board of Education Work Session

November 13 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building

Vaping Information Night for Parents

November 14 @ 7 pm
Beck Middle School
Cafeteria
950 Cropwell Rd.

Board of Education Action Meeting

November 27 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building

which they then must pay back over a period of years – typically to finance building projects or other capital projects. Although we and the administrators, Board of Education members, and concerned citizens of the community before us have vigorously sought the funding we are owed from the state for decades, our lack of state funding has forced us to make tough choices. We have chosen to maintain small classes, important programs and quality staff. What little money has been left, even after using grant funding, has not been enough to fully cover our needed facilities improvements. We continue to fight to secure our fair share of funding, but even when we finally receive the \$29 million we should annually, our needs will far exceed those funds. I encourage you to visit our [Bond 2018: Building a Solid Future page](#) on the District web site for information about the Bond, including a recently added link to [Bond Referendum project costs at a glance](#), as well as [projects listed by school](#), [frequently asked questions](#), and a [tax impact calculator](#) to estimate the effect of the Bond on your property taxes. The Bond 2018 page is updated regularly, so be sure to check back in the coming weeks for additional information. I also would be happy to speak to any group in the community, no matter how large or small, about the Bond. Please contact my administrative assistant, Janet Cohen, at jacohen@chclc.org to make arrangements.

Please continue to stay informed, not only via this weekly e-newsletter, but by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#). Download the free District App from the App Store or Google Play. Attend our Board meetings listed at right and on the [District Events Calendar](#). Come out to the Bond 2018 Community Meetings, linked from the [Bond 2018 button](#) on the District web site. Please be sure to submit your questions to publicinfo@chclc.org, or via our [Quick Question portal](#). Questions and answers are posted for the public.

I was happy to see the voter turnout at my polling place on Tuesday, as well as the social media posts by people of all ages and backgrounds proclaiming that they had voted! Voting is a right none of us should take for granted, and all of us should exercise at every opportunity. Please mark your calendars for the December 11 Special Election to share your voice with the community and with our children.

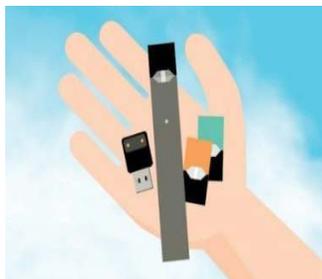
Please also take the time to recharge and reconnect with family members and friends this weekend. Be sure to interact kindly with those around you, regardless of how you feel about the election results. Let us all commit to being a community that promotes inclusivity, tolerance and acceptance. **WE** will see you on Monday, November 12 as classes resume!

Regards,

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Parent Information Night on Vaping, November 14

The Cherry Hill Public Schools invites parents and guardians to a special program, "How Parents Can Get Ahead of the Vaping Trend," Wednesday, November 14, 2018, from 7- 8:30 pm in the Beck Middle School Cafeteria.

There has been a dramatic increase in the use of electronic cigarettes, known as "vaping," over the past year. As a result, there are concerns related to students and their families not understanding the dangers of "vaping".

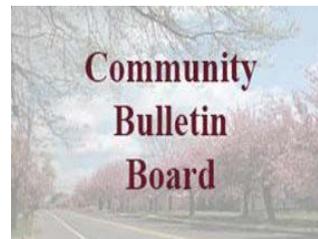


Kilmer Student Earns Role in Professional Musical

Congratulations to Akiva Schostak, a fourth grade student at Joyce Kilmer Elementary School, pictured above, who is in the cast of the Walnut Street Theatre's production of *Matilda the Musical*, opening at the theater in Philadelphia on November 14, 2018!

Akiva began performing in 2018 in the Cherry Hill East High School production of *The Music Man*. After performing in the ensemble, he attended Camp Walnut, the 2018 summer theater program held at the Walnut Street Theatre.

Akiva then auditioned for *Matilda the Musical* and will play



Community Bulletin Board Offers Information on Community Activities and Programs

Be sure to click the [Community Bulletin Board link](#) at the bottom of the District website home page. You'll find information about after school programs, league sports, seminars, community events and other activities around Cherry Hill.

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The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has concluded that although E-cigarettes have the potential to benefit adult smokers that are trying to quit smoking regular cigarettes, they are not safe for youth and young adults. Because of the perception that vaping is "harmless" and of the way they are marketed, most think they do not contain harmful ingredients and are not addictive. In fact, most electronic devices, including E-cigarettes, vapes, juuls, and suorins contain concentrated nicotine, which is highly addictive and has been shown to harm the developing brain.

Cathy Butler, Assistant Director of Public Health Programs and Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist, will be the presenter.

Bruce during weekend performances. "Break a leg," Akiva!

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