

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending October 13, 2017

Listening, Learning, Leading

Our students and staff continue to lead the way, learning from one another. WE are here for each other!

Autumn is one of my favorite seasons of the year. I love the smell of leaves when the air is crisp and cool in the evenings and the early mornings. As we quickly approach the middle of October, we may finally begin to experience some crisp air as the leaves begin to change! The fall season coincides with our schools being well established in the routine for the year and we begin to see major strides in student achievement. We also get to see the results of their hard work so far in athletics, in music and on stage. Please support our student athletes, musicians and thespians at one of the numerous events that are scheduled for the remainder of the month.

During the inservice day this past Monday, October 9, I visited our staff members as they interacted with one another and learned from one another. Inservice days, as pictured above, are filled with activity as our teachers embrace the roles of inquisitive students, peer mentors and informed collaborators. The human resource in our district is truly the greatest resource in our district. Seeing our teachers, our counselors, our nurses and our child study members working together to solve challenges and to improve our academic programs really is inspirational. Our staff members subscribe to the notion that we are in a cycle of continuous improvement – that as the seasons change, so must we. The greatest part of all is that our staff members embrace the opportunity to improve their craft to better support our students on their path to success.

Yesterday afternoon I was honored to watch Dr. Bob Atkins, a HS West alum, address and interact with a group of folks participating in an Educators of Color Networking Event that our school district hosted. Dr. Atkins was eloquent and moving as he talked about how we impact the children in our community, as educators and as non-parental adults. His message was focused and moving – we have a responsibility to our children and to our community as to provide

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee with the Superintendent

Oct 14 @ 9-10:30 am
Bret Harte Elementary
School

Bring your favorite
beverage & questions!

[Full meeting schedule](#)

Board of Education Action Meeting

Oct 17 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Coffee with the Superintendent

Oct 18 @ 7 pm
Cherry Hill High School
East Little Theater

Bring your favorite
beverage & questions!

[Full meeting schedule](#)

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

Nov 6 @ 6 pm
Barclay Early Childhood
Center, 1220 Winston Way

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

Nov 6 @ 7 pm
Barclay Early Childhood
Center, 1220 Winston Way

Election Day

Nov 7
Vote!

Business & Facilities

meaningful opportunities and true guidance to our children. He emphasized that each of us plays a significant role, as children observe us and interact with us: It is critical for us to listen to the “Voice” of our children.

How have you positively impacted the children in your life today, this week, this month and this year? Will you do more?

I will begin my town hall meetings with our middle school and high school students next week. These meetings, which I hold three times per year, are cherished times for me. The manner in which the students handle themselves, address their concerns, champion their ideas and reflect upon their school experience in Cherry Hill is incredible. I directly take their feedback to our principals and to the Board of Education to discuss how we are doing.

I encourage you to participate in one of our [Coffee with the Superintendent meetings](#) – there are still 24 more of them this year, including tomorrow morning (October 14) at Bret Harte Elementary School! Attend a Board of Education Meeting, get involved in your school's PTA. All of our meeting dates, times and locations can be found on the [District web site](#) and your school's web site. As a district, we also share information through various other electronic platforms. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and be sure to download the free Cherry Hill Public Schools App, available on the App Store and Google Play!

Join me this evening at 7 pm in the auditorium at HS West as the Latinos at West host a benefit program to celebrate the end of Hispanic Heritage Month and raise awareness about the impact of the recent hurricanes in Latin America. Donations will be collected at the event! Or, join me tomorrow evening to see “A Remarkable Incident at Carsons Corners,” at 7:30 pm in the HS East auditorium – tickets will be available at the box office.

As always, please share a kind word with someone, make a positive impact on those with whom you in contact.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

[Committee Meeting](#)

Nov 8 @ 6 pm

Barclay Early Childhood Center, 1220 Winston Way

[Strategic Planning Committee Meeting](#)

Nov 8 @ 7 pm

Barclay Early Childhood Center, 1220 Winston Way

[Board of Education Work Session](#)

Nov 14 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



Cherry Hill High School East Wins Theater Competition

Cherry Hill High School East on October 12 placed first in the Pennsylvania Renaissance Fair Theater Competition.

Thirteen students from Mr. Peter Gambino's advanced acting class performed an original Shakespeare Medley entitled *Hell is Empty* on a replica Globe Theater Stage. They delivered a memorable performance in the rain, earning a score of 76 out of 80!

The winning cast members were: Jackie Cotter, Jake Hoffman, Kevin Naddeo, Jack Granite, Courtney Bird, Amanda Kahn, Vincent Velasco, Spencer Levy, Jayson Borenstein, Seth Treiman, Elise Baratta, Cassie Cuddihy and Cameron Orefice.

Congratulations to all!



Kilmer 5th Graders to Perform at Kimmel Center

Members of the 5th grade chorus at Joyce Kilmer Elementary School will perform in the "[Peace Benefit Concert - A Musical Journey of Unity and Harmony](#)" on Sunday, November 5 at 5 pm at the [Kimmel Center in Philadelphia](#).

The event includes many musical groups, embracing cultural diversity as the groups unite through music.

[Harmony for Peace](#) connects young musicians performing with international artists spreading the message of "hope and love for tomorrow."



Holiday Child Care Available to all CHPS Elementary Students

The Cherry Hill Public Schools offers child care through the Student Enrichment Program (STEP) for all CHPS elementary school students when school is closed for certain holidays. **Children do not have to attend School Aged Child Care (SACC) to attend STEP Holiday Child Care.**

STEP Holiday Child Care is open from 7 am to 6 pm for the holidays of November 9 & 10; February 16; March 16; and April 2-6.

You must register your child in the STEP office at Cooper Elementary School, 1960 Greentree Road, no later than 5 business days prior to the date(s) you select.

Details and registration forms are available on the [STEP Holiday Child Care page of the District web site](#).

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