

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending November 17, 2017

Change and Gratitude

As we move forward with improvements in the District and continue to make plans for more, we are reminded that change is good. WE all can be thankful for continued opportunities to change for the better, every day.

What an exciting week we've had in the Cherry Hill Public Schools! Our schools have been humming with activity centered on American Education Week, with parents visiting our elementary schools to witness "a day in the life" of their children. I had the privilege of sitting down with students at Carusi and Rosa Middle Schools on two different days for their respective Town Hall Meetings – their first of three, planned for each middle and high school this year. The Town Hall Meetings give me the opportunity to listen to the students' ideas, triumphs and concerns. Student voice is invaluable, and our articulate, thoughtful middle and high schoolers provide an excellent perspective about what we are doing well, and where we can improve.

We celebrated a major improvement at the Barclay Early Childhood Center on Wednesday, November 15, with the official opening of the school's new front entrance, pictured above. CHPS administrators and Board of Education members joined me, members of the Cherry Hill Police Force, and students and staff of the Barclay School to celebrate the installation of a swipe-card key system, a security vestibule and multiple security cameras. Barclay's new entrance serves as a pilot for upgrades planned for all CHPS buildings. I am grateful for the work of our administrators who spearheaded and managed the project, as well as for the patience and flexibility of the staff, parents and students at the school while the work took place. Feedback about the new system has been positive, and I look forward to its eventual implementation District wide.

Also of note this week are the traditions leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday, namely Spirit Week and the Homecoming Dances at each high school. The entire community is counting down to the annual East vs. West football game on the evening of Wednesday, November 22. The event includes a food drive to

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent

Nov 18

9-10:30 am

Joyce Kilmer Elementary
School,
2900 West Chapel Ave.

SCHOOLS CLOSED

Nov 23 & 24

Board of Education Action Meeting

Nov 28 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent

Dec 2

9-10:30 am

Kingston Elementary
School,
320 Kingston Rd.

Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting

Dec 5 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

benefit the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. I hope you'll join me in bringing nonperishable food items and staying for what promises to be an exciting game – and a fun time to catch up with neighbors!

If you don't already, please follow the Twitter feeds from your schools and the District. This month, CHPS and many of our schools and teachers have joined the [#NovThanksChallenge](#). Participants, including [@ChpsTweets](#), are tweeting each day in November an example of something for which they are thankful. Gratitude is contagious, and you'll find the tweets in [#NovThanksChallenge](#) will lift your mood and restore your faith in the good all around us!

In addition to following us on [Twitter](#), I encourage you to keep up with the latest happenings in the District by following us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Ask questions via the District web site Q&A portal, [Quick Question](#), and join me for my live monthly broadcast, "[Online Lunch with the Superintendent](#)" with an opportunity to submit questions – the next broadcast is scheduled for November 30 at noon. Please remember, our [Board Work Sessions and Action Meetings](#) are open to the public and [broadcast live](#), then [archived on our YouTube channel](#) for later viewing. All [Board committee meetings](#), with the exception of Human Resources, are open to the public as well. All [Board policies](#) and [policies for review](#) are posted on the District web site.

My next "Coffee with the Superintendent" meeting, to discuss our long range strategic plan and the upcoming bond referendum on October 2, 2018, is tomorrow, November 18 from 9-10:30 am at Joyce Kilmer Elementary School. I hope you will bring your favorite beverage and your questions! If you can't make it, please plan to attend [one of the other meetings scheduled through June](#).

This busy time of year, I hope you will be able to slow down and enjoy time with family and friends, take some time to yourself, and express your gratitude to those around you. We often forget: a kind word is a great gift to the person who receives it, yet it costs us nothing. Be generous with the gift of kindness!

Regards,

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Richard Stockton Elementary School Celebrates Successful Food Drive

Richard Stockton Elementary School this month donated 1,600 pounds of canned food to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. The food pantry will distribute the much needed food to hundreds of families in need in Cherry Hill.

In celebration of this successful effort, Ms. Carole Roskoph, Cherry Hill Township Councilwoman, presented Stockton with a proclamation from the Mayor and Town Council proclaiming November 8, 2017 Richard Stockton Food Drive Day.

Special congratulations goes to Mrs. Pendleton's 3rd grade class for donating the highest total of food donated (117 pounds) and the highest average donation per student (6.5 pounds).

The culmination of the food drive was a school-wide assembly. Stockton's Principal, Mr. Riordan, challenged second grade teacher Mrs. Mulligan to a basketball foul-shooting competition in front of the student body. The loser agreed to get a pie in the



National Merit and College Board Award Recipients Recognized by Board of Education

The Board of Education at the Work Session on November 14 recognized the CHPS high school seniors who earned the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test distinctions of Semifinalist and Commended Student, as well as the College Board National Hispanic Student Scholar.

[33 students, some pictured above, earned the prestigious designations.](#)
Congratulations to all!



Rosa Middle School Teacher Recognized as NJEA/Eagles Radio All-Pro Educator

Congratulations to Rosa International Middle School Vocal Music Director Mr. Scott Graser, who has been selected as an NJEA/Eagles Radio All-Pro Educator. The award recognizes "some of the many dedicated teachers, education support professionals, and community college staff who make the New Jersey Public Schools great for every child."

Mr. Graser, pictured above directing the Rosa a cappella groups Rosettes and Close Harmony at a Phillies game in September of this year, will be recognized on an Eagles Gameday Radio broadcast on WIP 94.1 FM. He also has been awarded two tickets to the December 25 Eagles game. Congratulations, Mr. Graser, on this well deserved recognition!

face. Mrs. Mulligan beat Mr. Riordan, and was such a good sport, she took a pie to the face as well (pictured above)!

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