



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending October 7, 2016

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

UPCOMING
EVENTS

As we wrap up the Week of Respect, we reflect on the impact of our actions and how they contribute to the larger community.

Although this week was a short one, our schools produced wonderful daily representations of doing the right thing as we celebrated the Week of Respect from October 3-7 – for us, October 5-7. The annual Week of Respect is designated throughout the state of New Jersey as a way to bring awareness and action to stop bullying. In the Cherry Hill Schools, it's a chance to showcase our philosophies and practices dedicated to kind words and deeds, to thoughtfulness and inclusiveness.

I am fortunate enough to be able to walk the halls of our schools on any given day to see posters and signs promoting positivity and a growth mind set. I get to hear encouraging words offered from staff to students, from students to one another, and among our staff, as they all go about the important work of teaching, learning and growing. For those of you who are not able to see this firsthand on a regular basis, I encourage you to follow the District and your schools on social media, especially [Twitter](#), where many of our schools have pages. Simply type your school name into the search bar and then “follow” the school if it has an account. You'll be able to see what's going on in our schools on a daily basis, and you'll see notifications about events, activities and important dates as well.

On the subject of social media, some of our schools had assemblies and discussions this week regarding social media safety. Please reiterate to your children – if you allow them to use social media – to use the “THINK” acronym before posting or commenting on any given platform. THINK stands for:

T = is it True?

H = is it Helpful?

I = is it Inspiring?

N = is it Necessary?

K = is it Kind?

SCHOOLS CLOSED

October 12

Board of Education Action Meeting

October 18 @ 7 pm

Malberg Board Room, 45
Ranoldo Terrace

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

October 31 @ 6 pm

Malberg Board Room, 45
Ranoldo Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

October 31 @ 7 pm

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Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

November 1 @ 6 pm

Malberg Board Room, 45
Ranoldo Terrace

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

November 1 @ 7 pm

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Ranoldo Terrace

Election Day

November 8

I urge everyone to be cautious when posting online, even in a secure or “private” group. Words, pictures and symbols matter. What is a joke to one person can have serious implications, including a police investigation. It is my greatest wish for everyone to stay safe. Nice matters, kind matters – our words all truly matter. I encourage parents and adults to speak with their children regarding the seriousness of posting statements online.

I hope you are able to get out and enjoy the beautiful evening this evening – perhaps catch the football game as our undefeated West Lions go up against Camden at 7 pm at Morris Stadium. And if you’re up for more football on Saturday, celebrate with the East Cougars as they open their new turf field with a football game against Delsea at 11 am.

Happy weekend!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

P.S. Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the very latest happenings around the District. Our [District Events Calendar](#) on the District web site is a great resource for updates about upcoming events. You'll find the 2016-2017 School Year "Overview" Calendar [here](#). The "Overview" [calendars for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 are available as well](#). For events and activities in the Cherry Hill Community, check out our [Community Bulletin Board](#) on our [web site](#). And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.



BOE Candidate
Bios Now



Students Celebrate
Hispanic Heritage
Month



Ribbon Cutting
Signals Opening of
CHPS Turf Fields

Cherry Hill Public Schools

Available on District Web Site

Looking for information about the candidates for the Cherry Hill Board of Education this year? Bios of the seven candidates running for three open seats in the November 8 school board election are now [posted on the District web site](#).

Information for the bios was submitted by the candidates and is listed in ballot order. Community members also are encouraged to bring their questions to the Cherry Hill Zone PTA's Board of Education Candidates' Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Rosa International Middle School. Doors will open at 7 pm and attendees may submit their questions in writing at that time.

The candidates, in ballot order, are: Ruth Schultz, Ian Morris, Edward Wang, Steven C. Robbins, Fredrick Dande, Joseph Gerace and Jane Scarpellino.

Members of the Latinos at West club put on their annual Hispanic Heritage Tour on October 7 as part of the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Pictured above, the interactive program provides information about Hispanic culture through readings, music and traditional and contemporary dance.

The tour made appearances at Rosa and Carusi Middle Schools and Johnson and A. Russell Knight Elementary Schools.

Students and teachers joined in dancing and playing instruments at the performances. See the [Cherry Hill Public Schools YouTube page for a video of the fun at Carusi Middle School](#).

student athletes, cheerleaders, musicians, coaches, administrators and Board of Education members, as well as Cherry Hill Township leaders gathered at Cherry Hill High School East's new football field, pictured above, for the official ribbon cutting of the CHPS turf athletic fields on October 7. The celebration marks the completion of the two turf fields -- one installed at each high school -- under a shared services agreement with Cherry Hill Township.

[The groundbreaking ceremony for the project](#) took place at Cherry Hill High School West in March 2016.

The first game to be played on the new field will be the football game on Saturday, October 8 against Delsea at 11 am. Go Cougars!

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