

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



## CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending October 21, 2016

# Hey, What's Happening?

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

Communication in the CHPS has been a popular topic in recent weeks. We're more than happy to help community members become and stay informed.

I had the pleasure this week of beginning my Town Hall Meeting series, as pictured above at Carusi Middle School, in which I meet with students at each of our middle and high schools during the fall, winter and spring. Those who have participated will tell you, one of my favorite conversation openers is, "What's happening?" I'm delighted to hear the answers, whether they focus on activities, achievements, suggestions or concerns. These conversations allow me to gain a deeper understanding of our students, what we're doing right, and what we can improve.

The phrase "what's happening?" is one that has come – in one form or another – from our community members lately as well. More often than not, the answer to the question can be found in our many communication platforms. Here are some ways you can find out what's happening:

**What's happening in the Board of Education?** The District web site, <http://www.chclc.org/>, is a great resource for information about the work of the BOE. At the top of the home page, under the "Board of Education" tab, you'll find links to many resources, including meeting agendas, minutes, live stream access and meeting videos. You'll also find a link called "School Board Basics FAQs." To understand what's being discussed by the Board and to offer your own comments, attend Board Committee Meetings, Board Work Sessions or Board Action Meetings. All dates and times for these meetings, which are open to the public, are posted under the "Upcoming Events" tab and on the "District Events Calendar" on the District web site. I will hold three community forums, scheduled on November 3 at Cherry Hill High School East, November 14 at West – both at 7 pm – and on December 7 at Malberg Administration Building at 2 pm, to discuss the district's vision for the future and to solicit community input.

**What's happening with the BOE Election?** I recommend you scroll down to the "In the News" section of the District web site home page, where you'll find [a link to the candidate bios](#) and [the video of the October 19 Candidates' Forum](#). Another forum,

### **West Fall Show**

The Odd Couple (Female Version)

October 21 @ 7 pm

October 22 @ 2 pm & 7 pm

Tickets available at the door or [online](#)

Adults: \$15

Students: \$10

Gold Card Members: \$5

### **Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting**

October 31 @ 6 pm

Malberg Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### **Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting**

October 31 @ 7 pm

Malberg Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### **Business & Facilities Committee Meeting**

November 1 @ 6 pm

Malberg Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### **Strategic Planning Committee Meeting**

November 1 @ 7 pm

Malberg Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### **Election Day**

November 8

### **BOE Work Session**

November 15 @ 7 pm

Malberg Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### **EARLY DISMISSAL**

November 23

### **SCHOOLS CLOSED**

November 24 & 25

sponsored by the Cherry Hill Education Association, will be held on November 2 at 7 pm at the Carmen Tilelli Center. See the story, "Candidates' Forum Video Available on YouTube, Second Forum Set for November 2" below for details.

**What's happening with sports transportation?** I posted a [letter on District web site](#) on September 26 regarding the challenges of securing sports transportation. The letter is posted on our middle school and high school web sites as well.

**What's happening in our schools?** You'll see school news updates in this newsletter's department pieces, below, and on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) pages. Be sure to follow us on all of these social media platforms! Take a look at your school's web site as well. You'll find current information and links to the school's and the principal's social media platforms. Join the PTA and attend the meetings! Be sure to discuss your ideas and concerns with your PTA president, who can then bring items up for discussion at the monthly Zone PTA meetings.

To simplify collecting all of the information you want, be sure to download our free District app, available on [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#). You may even customize it to receive information from specific schools on the app feed.

I want you to know what's happening, just as much as I want to know what's happening. This year, we'll implement even more ways to communicate with our community. In the meantime, stay in touch! Be involved! I'll be doing the same.

Regards,

*Joe Meloche*

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

P.S. 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](#).

## **EARLY DISMISSAL ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY**

Conferences

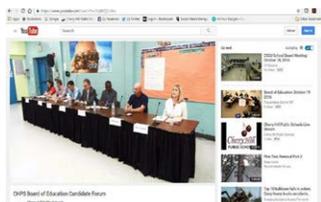
November 28-December 1

## **BOE Action Meeting**

November 29 @ 7 pm

Malberg Board Room, 45

Ranoldo Terrace



## Candidates' Forum Video Available on YouTube, Second Forum Set for November 2

If you missed the Zone PTA-sponsored Board of Education Candidates' Forum, moderated by the League of Women Voters on October 19, [you may view the video of the forum on YouTube.](#)

You still have another opportunity to ask the candidates questions at the additional forum on November 2 at the Carmen Tilelli Community Center, 820 Mercer Street. The Cherry Hill Education Association is sponsoring the event. It will be moderated by Mr. Steve Ansert, who teaches both English and Broadcasting at Cherry Hill High School West.

Seven candidates are vying for three open seats on the Cherry Hill Board of Education. The candidates are running for three-year terms in the November 8 School Board election.

In ballot order, the candidates running in this year's election are: Ruth Schultz, Ian Morris, Edward Wang, Steve Robbins, Fredrick Dande, Joseph Gerace, and Jane Scarpellino. [Bios with information about the seven candidates vying for three open seats on the Cherry Hill Board of Education are available by clicking here.](#) Submitted by

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*A Clear Vision for the Future*

## "CHPS 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future" Survey Online, Meetings in Nov. & Dec.

All community members have the opportunity to take part in the District's strategic planning work, "Cherry Hill Schools 2020: A Clear Vision for the Future." Please be sure to read about the Board's goals and to submit your input regarding what you would envision for the future of CHPS [on the "live" document on the web site,](#) starting on page 6 of the document.

Additionally, Community Conversation meetings will take place on November 3 at Cherry Hill High School East, November 14 at Cherry Hill High School West – both at 7 pm – and on December 7 at the Malberg Administration Building at 2 pm. These meetings will offer the opportunity for Dr. Meloche to answer your questions and listen to your ideas.



## Barclay School Pumpkin Patch Offers Seasonal Fun to Students

Students at the Barclay Early Childhood Center don't go on field trips, so the Barclay PTA brings the fun to the students! Barclay PTA Treasurer Steve O'Reilly and his son Max, pictured above, helped to "make" the school Pumpkin Patch at 4:30 am on October 19 so Mr. O'Reilly could get to work on time.

Later in the day, students visited the pumpkin patch. Each student received a pumpkin, and classes used the pumpkins for different projects. Pumpkin seeds leftover from some of the projects are baked in the Barclay School kitchen for the students to enjoy.

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