



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of October 9, 2015

# Mes de la Herencia Hispana!

**Hispanic Heritage Month brings with it the ever-popular Hispanic Heritage Tour, where our older students entertain and educate the younger ones.**

September 15th through October 15th is designated Hispanic Heritage Month. The foundation of Hispanic Heritage Month was established in 1968 as a week-long celebration and in 1988 it became a month-long recognized celebration of the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. It is important to note that Mexico, Chile and Belize also celebrate their independence days during this time frame. This month allows our school district to celebrate the diverse contribution and heritage of our students and our families.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Middle School Committee Community Forum

Below is the date, time and location for the final meeting this fall to discuss the work of the Middle School Committee formed last spring.

October 13, 6:30 pm, Rosa Middle School

*Please note: An online survey is now available for public comment regarding middle school content.*

*Community members are encouraged to participate. All answers are*

The fastest growing portion of our educational community is made up of students of Hispanic heritage. The boys and girls in our classrooms and the parents and extended family members in our neighborhoods add to the richness of our community and the ongoing development of our identity. Many of our schools have taken part in some type of celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The highlight for many is the annual performance tour presented by the Spanish for Heritage Classes from High School West, under the direction and guidance of Sra. Alejandra Rivas-Mintz, to a number of our elementary and middle school students. Authentic dance, as pictured above from the performance today at Johnson Elementary School, and music are shared with the schools in a lively, interactive show.

The forward progression of educational community is enlivened by the diversity of our members. It has been a pleasure for me to meet so many of our families during this past month. I am eagerly anticipating Noche Latina, on November 2nd, to join so many families in celebration of their children's success and in sharing a wonderful meal.

I encourage everyone to go out to the events at our schools. Watch the athletic teams compete at our secondary schools, take in a play at HS East or HS West, visit one of the PTA garage sales – become directly involved in the educational community.

Thank you all, for supporting our students, for being a vital part of our community, and remember, Somos una familia!

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 2015-2016 School Year "Overview" Calendar here](#). And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.

*anonymous.* [Click here for the survey.](#)

### **BOE Candidates' Forum**

October 14, 7:30 pm, Rosa Middle School  
Doors open at 7 pm

### **BOE Action Meeting**

October 20, 7 pm,  
Malberg Board Room, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

### **Food Day**

October 24, 11 am-2 pm,  
Cherry Hill High School East

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

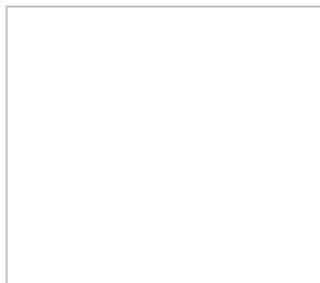
## Week of Respect Spans all Schools in CHPS

As part of the state of New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Rights Act, the week beginning with the first Monday in October is the "Week of Respect," in which all public schools provide age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing harassment, intimidation and bullying.

Our schools rose to the occasion in many innovative ways each day. At Carusi Middle School, one project involved students filling out respectful "thought bubbles," including the one pictured above, to articulate what respect means to them.

Sharp Principal Ric Miscioscia shared with his staff a video passed along to him by Barclay Early Childhood Center Principal Karen Rockhill. In the video, [which you may view by clicking here](#), the Muppets discuss the word "respect." Both Sharp and the Barclay School held assemblies related to teaching students how to show respect to others.

Schools including A. Russell Knight, Johnson and Paine Elementary Schools used the week to start their "Socktober" sock drives for the homeless. Kingston Elementary



## Become Informed about Board of Education Candidates

With Election Day just a little more than a month away (on Tuesday, November 3), opportunities are available for community members to become more informed about the candidates for the Cherry Hill Board of Education.

One candidate is running for an unexpired term with one year remaining on it. Four other candidates are running for three open seats with full terms.

You may read the [candidates' biographies](#), [submitted by the candidates and listed in ballot order](#), by [clicking here](#).

Additionally, a Candidates' Forum, organized by the Cherry Hill Zone PTA and moderated by the League of Women Voters, will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm at Rosa International Middle School. Doors will open at 7 pm for attendees to submit questions. All community members are encouraged to attend.



## Where Are They Now?

When Catherine (Gagliardi) Harrison, pictured above, came to the Cherry Hill Public Schools as a fourth grade student at Cooper Elementary School, she already had overcome Leukemia and had developed a keen interest in nutrition and its impact on health. She followed that interest throughout her school years to land where she is now: with her own business, NutriWise (<http://www.nutriwisellc.com/>), as a nutrition consultant.

Mrs. Harrison, a 1987 East graduate, also attended Beck Middle School. She recalls the principal at Cooper in the late '70s as "a great man. He was such a lover of learning. He instilled that in his students and I carried that with me all through my school years."

After high school graduation, Mrs. Harrison earned a BS in nutritional science from Rutgers University. She went on to complete a one-year internship at New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center (formerly known as The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center) New York, NY, and became a registered dietitian in 1994.

Since then, Mrs. Harrison has held various positions related to dietetics and nutrition, from working as a personal chef, to

Students included "Respect for Our Veterans" thank-you notes in their week's activities.

In the Cherry Hill Public Schools, work against bullying continues throughout the year. Last June, three of our schools, Cherry Hill High School West, Cherry Hill Alternative High School and Joyce Kilmer Elementary School were designated "No Place for Hate" schools, having completed a year of anti-bias and anti-bullying programs. We expect more schools to join this list in the future.

home health dietitian, to diabetes educator. She founded NutriWise in July of 2013 and helps clients with everything from medical nutrition therapy to counseling and assessment, visiting clients' homes if they are house bound.

Mrs. Harrison and her husband, also a 1987 East graduate, live with their four children, one of whom is a Cherry Hill West graduate, on the West side of Cherry Hill. One of her children has Type I diabetes, which led Mrs. Harrison to pursue diabetic education and product training.

"My passion is helping people with Type I diabetes," Mrs. Harrison says. "I see a lot of young children with it. It's so important to help them live happy, normal lives."

Mrs. Harrison says she appreciates the foundation the Cherry Hill Schools gave her. She advises students now to "be like a sponge. Really listen to your teachers – they have so much wisdom," she says. "And don't miss class!"

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