

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of December 12, 2014

Computer Science on the Horizon

The week of December 8 was Computer Science Education Week. Coinciding with this event, we're pleased to announce plans to add Computer Programming and other computer science components to the Cherry Hill Public Schools' curriculum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cherry Hill East Fall Show: Our Town

December 12 & 13,
7:30 pm

[Board of Education](#)

As a school district, we strive to keep our approach to education current and we regularly add new learning opportunities for our students. The Cherry Hill Public Schools always have received high marks for our dedication to preparing our students well for college and the working world beyond high school. Maintaining this reputation for excellence means continually examining what we offer our students and making improvements along the way.

To that end, the Board of Education's Curriculum & Instruction (C & I) Committee – along with Assistant Superintendent/K-12 Dr. Joseph Meloche and Director of Curriculum Dr. Farrah Mahan – has developed a Computer Programming course as a high school elective at both Cherry Hill High School East and Cherry Hill High School West, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year. We expect this new elective will be approved at the next Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

Our commitment to computer education doesn't stop there. C & I also has future plans to develop electives in computer science for our middle schools. Additionally, we plan to collaborate with Camden County College and Rutgers University to offer dual credit computer coursework in our high schools. The College Board will offer a computer programming Advanced Placement (AP) high school course in the future as well.

C & I enlisted the help of the Computer Science Teachers Association's (CSTA) New Jersey chapter in planning this course. We must note that in addition to the CSTA's help, much of the best input regarding how to formulate a computer science curriculum has come from our current and former students. Their knowledge about the technology world and how our students should be prepared to navigate it has been invaluable. We will continue to keep the Cherry Hill Schools community updated as our computer science education offerings grow.

Please continue to [email us](#) about the

Action Meeting

December 16, 7 pm,
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Early Dismissal

December 23
High Schools: 11:45 am
Middle Schools: 12:15 pm
PreK-Grade 5: 1 pm

Winter Recess

Schools Closed
December 24-January 1

Teacher In-Service

No Classes for Students
January 2, 2015

Classes Resume

January 5, 2015

accomplishments of the students and staff of the Cherry Hill Schools. You'll find all of our district news, including the departments in our former "e-news" – Up Front, District News, School News, Upcoming Events and Community News – [by clicking here](#). Check our [Activities Calendar](#) on the [District web site](#) for updates about upcoming events and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest District information. For easy access to all of the media listed above, be sure to download our free [District App](#). And tune in to our new [YouTube channel](#) as well, which is updated regularly with videos of what's going on around the District.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

Superintendent



PARCC Primer Series Begins

This week marked the kick-off of the Cherry Hill Public Schools' PARCC Primer Series, a series of community discussions devoted to increasing understanding about the upcoming PARCC testing. Part I of the series, "PARCC Overview," was exactly that – an overview. Participants were able to use their personal electronic devices to take part in interactive portions



Rosa Assistant Principal Honored

Mrs. Maureen McHale, assistant principal at Rosa International Middle School for the past seven years, was honored in a special retirement send-off during the school's Spirit Week assembly on December 12. The high-energy gathering included music, cheering, dancing and Spirit Week-related contests. Each LC made a farewell banner for Mrs. McHale and paraded the banners around the gym.



CHEF President Named Freedom Medal Recipient

Congratulations to Cherry Hill Education Foundation President Eleanor Stofman, who has been named a recipient of the 2015 Camden County Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Medal Award.

The 2015 Camden County Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Medal recipients have been selected by the

of the program, including sample test questions.

Assistant

Superintendent/K-12, Dr. Joseph Meloche, pictured above at left, was joined by Director of Curriculum Dr. Farrah Mahan and Teacher Coordinator K-12 Dr. Karen Russo, pictured above at right, in presenting a PowerPoint about the assessment process and answering audience questions. You may view the PowerPoint, which includes links to parent resources, on the PARCC Eboard on the District web site by [clicking here](#).

Part II of the series, "How It's Done," will take place on February 3, 2015 at Cherry Hill High School East and on February 4, 2015 at Cherry Hill High School West. This session will cover topics such as the logistics of PARCC and how students will take the test. Part III, "What PARCC Means," will be held April 21, 2015 at Cherry Hill East and April 23, 2015 at Cherry Hill West. Part III will include discussion about what the assessment results mean. All programs will begin at 7 pm.

The Rosa Raptor macot escorted Mrs. McHale to the center of the gym floor where the boys' a cappella group, Close Harmony, serenaded her with their rendition of Bruno Mars' "Just the Way You Are."

And Mayor Chuck Cahn, pictured above, second from left, presented Mrs. McHale with a proclamation recognizing her service. The Mayor also declared December 12, 2014, "Maureen McHale Day" in Cherry Hill.

Mrs. McHale also was thanked by Rosa Principal, Mr. George Guy, pictured above left with the Mayor and Mrs. McHale.

Others pictured from left are Mrs. McHale's husband, Mr. Joe McHale; Town Council President Dave Fleisher; and Rosa Assistant Principal George Zagrofos.

committee's 11 members. Since 2002, the medal has been awarded to Camden County residents who contribute to the betterment of their community through their unselfish dedication of time and talent, beyond their normal professional activities, in the continuation of Martin Luther King Jr's dream to create a more just and loving community.

Ms. Stofman is one of 15 recipients who will be honored at the January 23 awards ceremony. She was nominated by Cherry Hill Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maureen Reusche, and Cherry Hill Mayor Chuck Cahn.

The awards banquet will be held January 23, 2015, 5:30 pm at the Camden County Boathouse. For more information about tickets, please call (856) 216-8217.

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