

# CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of October 10, 2014

## Guarding Against Enterovirus 68

Now that Enterovirus D68 has made its way into New Jersey, the Cherry Hill Public Schools are especially devoted to keeping our students and staff healthy. We remind parents and students to be vigilant about taking preventive measures devoted to everyone's well-being.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Teen Scene Halloween Party

Cherry Hill's Teen Social Scene, a program developed to bring together teenagers with special

You've most likely heard about the effects of enterovirus D68, or EV-D68, around the country and, most recently, in New Jersey. EV-D68 can cause mild to severe respiratory illness. Mild symptoms may include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches. Severe symptoms may include wheezing and difficulty breathing.

In general, infants, children and teenagers are the most likely age groups to become infected with EV-D68 and become ill. That's because they do not yet have immunity from previous exposures to these viruses. Adults can become infected with EV-D68, but they are more likely to have no symptoms or mild symptoms. Children with asthma may have a higher risk for severe respiratory illness caused by EV-D68 infection.

The virus can be found in an infected person's respiratory secretions, such as saliva or nasal mucus. EV-D68 likely spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes or touches a surface that is then touched by another person.

The Cherry Hill Public Schools are committed to keeping our students healthy and safe. To that end, our lead nurse, Mrs. Barbara Kase-Avner, BS, RN, would like to remind all of our students, parents and staff about the best ways to keep any virus from spreading:

- Wash your hands with soap and water. EV-D68 is resistant to hand sanitizer. It is important that our students and staff wash their hands regularly with soap and water. All of our schools allow time for this throughout the school day, especially before lunch.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes. When you feel the urge to cough or sneeze, cover your mouth. The best way to do this is with the inside of your arm at the elbow, or into a tissue that is covering your hand. Covering your mouth with your bare hand helps keep germs off of others, but puts them on your hand.

needs and their typically developing peers in fun and engaging social events, invites all high school students in Cherry Hill to a Halloween Party, Friday, October 17, 6-8 pm, at the Carman Tilelli Community Center, 820 Mercer Street.

Attendees may earn community service credits for participating in this event. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Cherry Hill Road Construction**

Camden County announced Friday, October 3, that the Southbound lane of Springdale Road between Evesham Road and Wilderness Drive will be closed from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm beginning Monday, October 6. Expect delays getting to and from school. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **Order now: Cherry Hill Education Foundation's Cherry Hill-opoly Game**

Cherry Hill-opoly, a board game showcasing the Township of Cherry Hill and the Cherry Hill Public Schools in the traditional Monopoly® format, is now available to order. All proceeds will be used by the Foundation to fund grants in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. Games are \$40 each. [Click for more information and an order form.](#)

Germs are then more likely to be spread on items you touch, such as doorknobs, or items you pick up, such as pencils and pens.

- Parents: Please keep your children home when they are sick. Teachers will allow students to make up their missed work. It is better to stay home and get well than it is to come to school and spread germs to others.
- If your child comes to school sick, be prepared for him or her to be sent home during the school day and referred to your pediatrician.

EV-D68 can be diagnosed only by doing specific lab tests on specimens from a person's nose and throat. This is why our school nurses will send a symptomatic student home and suggest an examination by a pediatrician.

In addition to individuals' actions for staying healthy, the custodial staff at the Cherry Hill Schools are vigilantly cleaning and sanitizing our buildings every day.

The New Jersey Department of Health answers frequently asked questions about EV-D68 [here](#).

We appreciate everyone's efforts to help keep all of our students, staff and families healthy throughout the coming months.

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

Superintendent



**Maasai Tribe  
Members Visit Beck**



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We are fortunate to have visitors come to our schools and speak about other cultures. Recently, members of the Maasai Tribe from East Africa visited Beck Middle School to discuss their way of life with several seventh grade humanities classes. John Parsitau, pictured above, spoke about his tribe's nomadic culture in Kenya. Students asked questions and learned about the similarities and differences between the life of the Massai and life here in Cherry Hill.

In daily interactions, our students are encouraged to respect each other's cultural differences and to appreciate what we can all learn from one another. This philosophy is another way we help students prepare to be knowledgeable, responsible, caring and confident citizens of the diverse world community.

## Week of Respect Highlight: West Cyberbullying Presentation

As part of the Week of Respect from October 6-10, students in the Actors Studio class at Cherry Hill High School West performed a short play they wrote about cyberbullying. The play was presented to students during two different class periods.

Using slides shown on a large screen to convey Twitter and text conversations, the play was largely silent. It emphasized the serious consequences of cyberbullying. The closing slides, such as the one pictured above, reminded the audience that Cherry Hill West is "No Place for Hate."

Principal Dr. Kwame Morton reminded students that not only is cyberbullying the wrong thing to do, it is also against the law.

Dr. Morton reiterated the importance of living by "the Golden Rule," and emphasized his pride in Cherry Hill West and the students' work to make it "no place for hate."

We are always happy to hear [any news](#) about students' and staff's accomplishments in our district. 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](#) or [Calendar Listing](#) on the [District web site](#) for updates about upcoming events. And be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest District information. For easy access to all of the media above, [download our free District App](#).

We look forward to sharing more stories and photos of events as they happen throughout the school year.

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