

# CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of October 24, 2014

## United Nations Connections

October 24 is United Nations Day, “devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for its work.”

In 1947, the United Nations General Assembly declared October 24, the anniversary of the Charter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **ACT Testing**

Saturday, October 25,  
8 am, Cherry Hill High  
School West

#### **Teacher In-Service**

of the United Nations, to be [United Nations Day](#). Although this day is not widely celebrated as a day off from work or school, we would like to acknowledge the United Nations' work. It may surprise you to know that the Cherry Hill Public Schools have ties to the United Nations as well.

For the last 10 years, Cherry Hill High School East has held an annual Model United Nations (MUN) conference each April. In 2014, eight area high schools participated in this valuable, hands-on learning experience about global cooperation.

During the conference, students form seven committees, each of which discusses a relevant topic. At the 2014 conference, the topics were UN Office on Drugs and Crime: Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia; UN Human Rights Council: LGBT Rights; UN Population Fund: AIDS Prevention; African Union: Peace to Combat Poverty; Ministry of Magic: Treatment of Muggles and Muggleborns; Joint Domestic Committee: Senate: Immigration Reform; and Joint Domestic Committee: White House: Immigration Reform. Each committee works to create resolutions. At the end of the day, each committee votes on its resolutions. Multiple resolutions can be passed if the majority votes on them. A detailed account of the 2014 MUN conference can be found on [Eastside-Online](#). We look forward to hearing about the next MUN conference in 2015.

Not only do our students participate in the Model United Nations, but one student from Cherry Hill West served on a panel at the 2014 #C4CT Concussion Awareness Summit at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Last January, Alycia Jensen ('14) joined a professional athlete panel — including former NFL defensive end and three-time Super Bowl champion Charles Mann and former LA Galaxy soccer forward Alecko Eskandarian — to speak about her challenges with Post-Concussion Syndrome. You can read more about Alycia's experience as the only non-professional athlete (and the only female athlete) on the panel by visiting [The](#)

## **Day/Election Day:**

November 4

## **Schools Closed for NJEA Convention:**

November 6 & 7

## **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.](#)

[Knockout Project's Facebook page](#). We will continue to follow Alycia's important work in concussion awareness.

We are happy to laud our students' and staff's learning and contributions beyond the classroom. Please [keep sending us any news](#) about what's happening around 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](#) 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](#).

We encourage everyone in the Cherry Hill Public Schools community to look for learning opportunities in the larger world and to grab those opportunities whenever possible!

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

Superintendent



### Woodcrest Displays Red Ribbon Week Quilt

This month, the students and staff at Woodcrest Elementary school have been busy learning about making healthy choices. Woodcrest kicked off the month by having a spirit



### Teachers and Staff Recognized for Longtime Service

Fifty-five District teachers and staff were recognized by the Board of Education at the Action Meeting on October 21 for their long years of service.



### Cherry Hill East Student Honored for Video

Cherry Hill High School East freshman Allison Donahue recently was awarded first place in the Middle School Division of the [WHYY Youth Media Awards](#) for

week called "Paws and Think – Don't Do Drugs!" During spirit week, the students wore clothing backwards for "Turn Your Back on Drugs Day," wore hats to "Put a Cap on Drugs," wore crazy socks for "Sock It To Drugs Day," wore career clothing for "Dress Up for the Future Day," and donned sports gear for "Team Up Against Drugs Day."

During Red Ribbon Week, each student and faculty member signed and decorated a quilt piece pledging to be drug free. The Character Education Ambassadors helped to create a beautiful paper quilt, pictured above, that is displayed on the bulletin board outside of the APR. The quilt is a reminder to make healthy choices and to live drug-free.

The employees (pictured above) with 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service were lauded for their commitment to their professions and to the students of the Cherry Hill School District.

"I like to think that when students look back and think about the people who have made a difference in their lives, your face comes to mind," said Superintendent Dr. Maureen Reusche in her recognition of the honorees.

The total years worked of all the honorees combined adds up to 1,190! Doris Shaefer, an educational assistant, was the sole 40-year employee honored this year.

Our thanks and congratulations go out to all!

her public service announcement video, "[Anonymous](#)," about cyberbullying. Allison made the video last year for an 8th grade project at Beck Middle School. She also won the Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Foundation Award presented by the [Scattergood Foundation](#).

In addition to earning the two awards, "Anonymous" will be aired along with the winning videos from the High School division on [WHYY's Anthology](#) program on Friday, November 7, at 5 pm.

More than 150 videos were submitted for the 2014 Youth Media Award and Allison was the only winner from New Jersey. Congratulations to Allison on a job well done!

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