

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



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of August 28, 2015

We Begin Anew!

Great things are ahead for the entire Cherry Hill Public Schools community this school year.

I am thrilled to welcome everyone to the 2015-2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

[First Day of School](#)

academic year. The warmth and the sun of the summer months of July and August have quickly passed and our 19 schools are ready to welcome the students and staff for another incredible year filled with the excitement of learning. I am grateful to the men and women of our custodial, facilities, buildings and grounds staff who have invested an incredible amount of time and energy to prepare the district for our September 1st opening.

As we open our schools, we are welcoming more than 60 new certificated staff members (teachers, counselors, therapists, and child study team members) and 3 new principals to our educational community: Mr. Peltzman at Johnson Elementary School, Mr. Cohen at Woodcrest Elementary School, and Mrs. Taylor at Cooper Elementary School. The energy and enthusiasm these folks have exhibited will be infectious as the students arrive to school.

Please take the time to visit our redesigned website at <http://www.chclc.org/>. You'll see a button at the middle of the home page labeled "[Important School Opening Information](#)," where you'll find school hours, safety information, school menus and applications for Free & Reduced lunch and more. The [activities calendars](#) are easily accessible and a "[Welcome Back!](#)" [video message](#) is posted. Keep abreast of what is happening within the district and check in with us regularly.

These are exciting times for our district and our community! I look forward to the adventure ahead with all of you.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

Joseph Meloche, Ed.D.

Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

P.S. If you haven't already, be sure to [download our free District app](#), which includes a wealth of information and news, and can be customized with direct access to your child's school calendar. Be sure to follow us on

for all Students

September 1

Early dismissal for elementary students only, 1 pm

"Meet and Greet" Reception with Dr. Meloche

September 2, 6-8 pm,
Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace
Please RSVP to jacohen@chclc.org

Schools Closed

September 4

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Labor Day

September 7

Back to School Nights (All begin at 7 pm unless otherwise noted)

Stockton - September 8

Barton - September 9

Johnson - September 9

Kilmer, 6:30 pm -
September 9

Woodcrest - September 9

Kingston - September 10

Knight, Grades K-2: 6:15-7:15 pm; Grades 3-5: 7:30-8:30 pm - September 10

Carusi 7th & 8th Grade -
September 16

Carusi 6th Grade -
September 17

[Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the very latest happenings around the District. Our Activities 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.

East - September 17

Beck 7th & 8th Grade -
September 21

Paine: September 24

Rosa 6th Grade -
September 24

Beck 6th Grade -
September 28

Cooper - September 30

Rosa 7th & 8th Grade -
September 30

Sharp Grades K-2: 7 pm;
Grades 3-5: 8 pm -
October 1

Harte - October 1

West - October 1

Barclay - October 7

Mann - October 8



Cherry Hill West Earns \$4K Grant from Sustainable Jersey for Schools

Congratulations to Cherry Hill High School West for earning a \$4,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey for Schools, funded by the



New Traffic Patterns Mean Greater Safety for Our Students

Please take note that two of our schools are employing new measures this year to improve our students' safety upon their entry to and exit from school.



Peer Leaders Help with Transition to High School for Freshmen at West

Cherry Hill High School West added a new element this year to welcoming the

NJ Department of Health. The grant will fund the construction of a raised-bed garden and rainwater harvesting system. The garden will be used primarily to teach special education students gardening, food prep and other life skills, and to promote fitness, healthy living and healthy food choices.

The garden will be close to West's special education classrooms to accommodate students with physical limitations. Plans include incorporating growing flowers as well vegetables in the garden to be used for career exploration.

One of West's Special Education classrooms has a kitchen which will allow for food prep to teach life skills and promote healthy living. Students will be introduced to gardening as a form of exercise in addition to promoting healthy food choices.

Because there isn't a source of water at the proposed site of the garden, the plans will incorporate a rainwater harvesting system.

The proposed garden site is next to West's existing composting facility, which is used to compost food scraps from the cafeteria kitchen. The composting facility, rainwater harvesting

Kilmer: Please heed the new "No Parking" signs and yellow curbs in front of Joyce Kilmer Elementary School (pictured above). This area is now a "No Parking" area from 8 am-4 pm, Monday through Friday. Parents and visitors may park in the parking lot on the side of the Kilmer building.

Johnson: Please note that the driveway entrance to the right of James Johnson Elementary School as you are facing the school is now a two-way traffic entrance/exit. ONLY SCHOOL BUSES will be permitted to turn onto the driveway to the front entrance of the school. [Please click here for a map](#) of this new traffic configuration, and [here for pictures to help explain the change.](#)

freshman class: Specially trained peer leaders.

The Peer Leaders assisted and answered questions as members of the Class of 2019 learned their way around school, received T-shirts funded by the Cherry Hill Education Foundation and enjoyed a cookout lunch with food grilled by Principal Dr. Kwame Morton on August 26.

The Peer Leaders trained at a retreat given by Outward Bound from August 14-16. Outward Bound led leadership training exercises to prepare the Peer Leaders for their year-long role with the freshmen, which will include meeting with them in homeroom throughout the school year.

system and garden will
teach students
about permaculture, green
technology, and healthy
and sustainable living.

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