

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



CHPS WEEKLY

The Value of Service

Martin Luther King Jr. Day isn't just another day off in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. It is a day of service, and our students and staff conduct service and outreach projects that truly make a difference.

The first two weeks of the year have passed quickly in the Cherry Hill Public Schools – and in spite of some time off due to inclement weather, we have picked up momentum in our classrooms. The energy and dedication of our students and staff are palpable.

From the time our students enter the Cherry Hill Public Schools – whether as preschoolers, kindergartners or older students – our teachers and administrators weave the importance and the joy of service into our students' daily lives. The three-, four- and five-year-olds at the Barclay Early Childhood Center, for example, have participated in toy collections and "theme days" such as Pajama Day and Crazy Hat Day to raise money for charity. Our elementary schools regularly conduct coin collections and food drives, such as the A. Russell Knight MLK Food Drive, pictured above. Some schools have made placemats for use at Cathedral Kitchen. Others have made dog toys from recycled materials to donate to animal shelters. Our middle schools conduct similar efforts, and require all students to complete community service hours each

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOLS CLOSED

Martin Luther King Day of Service
January 15

Board of Education Action Meeting

January 23 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

"Still Climbing" - A Tribute to Black History Month

February 3 @ 7 pm
Cherry Hill High School West

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

February 5 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

February 5 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

year, allowing the students themselves to choose opportunities in their community and document their contributions. At our high schools, service opportunities abound through certain classes, clubs and various National Honor Societies.

Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service provides an entire day for all of us to roll up our sleeves and serve the community, uninterrupted. Cherry Hill Township invites volunteers to help with the trail clean-up at Croft Farm on Monday from 9 am to noon. They also welcome volunteers to help sort previously donated items at Croft Farm from 10 to 11:30 am.

As a kick-off to MLK weekend, students at Cherry Hill High School East were offered the opportunity to participate today in Unity Day, including a dinner, discussion and a Shabbat Service [Concert titled "If Not Now...When?"](#) performed by the Unity Choir, an 80-member vocal group composed of members of the M'kor Shalom Choir and singers and musicians from churches throughout New Jersey, at M'kor Shalom. The event is intended to promote Dr. King's vision of a society free of bigotry and racism. This opportunity is another significant example of the incredible activities in OUR community. Kudos to all involved!

Be sure to continue to follow our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) feeds from the District and your schools to see examples of MLK service activities and other happenings. Don't forget to check in with us on [YouTube](#), where you'll find my latest Online Lunch broadcast and our previously taped Board of Education meetings. Ask questions via the District web site Q&A portal, [Quick Question](#). And please remember, our Board Work Sessions and Action Meetings are open to the public and [broadcast live](#). All Board committee meetings, with the exception of Human Resources, are open to the public as well.

Please share with us the service projects you and your family complete this weekend! We can all contribute, even in the smallest ways. As always, the impact of a smile and a kind word to others should never be underestimated! Each of us can continue to make a difference – choose happiness and share happiness!

I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, January 16.

[Business & Facilities Committee Meeting](#)

February 6 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration Building

[Board of Education Strategic Planning Committee Meeting](#)

February 6 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

Regards,

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



Cherry Hill High School West To Create Wall of Honor for Alums with Military Service

Cherry Hill High School West would like to hear from graduates who are serving or have honorably served in all branches of the military so that they may be included in the school's new Wall of Honor.

The Wall of Honor is a program to honor graduates from Cherry Hill High School West only. They can be serving in any branch of the Armed Forces, including Coast Guard. Those who served with an honorable discharge (DD Form 214) due to separation or



Aramark Seeks Input from Middle and High School Students

Aramark, the food provider for the Cherry Hill Public Schools, is conducting a [survey of middle and high school students](http://www.studentVP.com/) from January 15-28.

If Aramark receives feedback from 60 or more students at each high school or middle school building, the participating students will be entered in a raffle to win a \$50 Wawa gift card. Student respondents to the survey will have the option to remain anonymous. However, if they do so, they will not be entered into the Wawa raffle.



CHAACA Holds Essay/Poster/Video Contest for Black History Month

The Cherry Hill African American Civic Association (CHAACA) is sponsoring an Essay/Poster/Video Contest for Black History Month 2018. The contest is open to all public school students in Cherry Hill, grades K through 12. The essay, poster or video must depict an African American who has or had a distinguished career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

There are two sets of contest

retirement also are eligible. The program is for those who are serving or served on Active Duty, Reserve or Guard.

Qualifying alums are asked to send or drop off an 8x10 photo of themselves in any combination of military uniform to High School West at the following address:

Air Force Junior ROTC WOH
2101 Chapel Avenue
Cherry Hill NJ 08002

A ceremony of dedication will take place in May 2018.

Please contact us Vivian M. Bender, SMSgt, USAF (Ret), Aerospace Science Instructor, NJ-781st AFJROTC at 856-663-8006 ext. 1118, with questions.

More information on the survey will be posted in the cafeterias and will be handed out at the cafeteria registers.

requirements: one tailored for grades K through 3 and the other for grades 4 through 12.

Three winners will be named in each of six categories. Each winner will receive a monetary prize.

Entrants must follow the [guidelines specified by CHAACA](#). Entries will be accepted until Friday, February 2, 2018. Winners will be recognized at the February 27 Board of Education Meeting. Entries will be displayed at the Cherry Hill Public Library and posted on the [CHPL web site](#).

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