

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending January 19, 2018

Partnerships Lead Students to Their Passions

WE celebrate the connections built among our students and community members.

We kicked off this week with the inspiring Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Community service (see the story below for examples of students' service projects), and ended it with a celebration of a school-and-hospital learning collaboration. I could not be happier than to witness this school year the benefits of the many partnerships our students have formed as a way to explore what they might want to study after high school – hands-on work that gives them a taste of a future career.

On Thursday evening, I was honored to participate in High School West's "Purple Carpet" event, pictured above, premiering the Emmy-winning [Classroom Close-Up](#) segment, "Lessons in Medicine," featuring our own West students who participate in the high school's health care internship program, in its second year at Virtua Voorhees Health System. Also featured in the segment was West Science Teacher Mrs. Sondra Castellani, who leads the classroom portion of

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Education Action Meeting

January 23 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

Deadline to Submit Aramark Student Survey

January 28

[Online Survey seeks feedback from middle and high school students](#)

"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

the internship program. Student participants spoke of how the program helped them find their passion for medicine, making their college decisions easier as they map out their path toward careers. Dr. AnneMarie Palatnik, Virtua's assistant vice president of clinical learning and academic affiliations and the parent of two Cherry Hill alums, marveled at the students' engagement in the program and level of mastery in the learning labs. We will be continuing this partnership with Virtua and look forward to hearing from the graduates of the program as they pursue careers in the medical field.

I'm thrilled to see other growing partnerships among our students, including the members of Cherry Hill High School East's Science National Honor Society as they mentor elementary students across the district in science learning. Another thriving partnership is the West Broadcast students' ongoing work with Barton Elementary fifth graders and their "Eagle's Eye" broadcast newsletter. And of course, our students from both high schools collaborate every year as volunteers for the FOP Christmas Party and the STAR Games for students with special needs. We are always looking to build new relationships within the community to benefit our students. All of these collaborations and many others are regularly posted on our social media platforms. Please be sure to follow the [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) feeds from the District and your schools to see what's happening on a daily basis. Don't forget to check in with us on [YouTube](#), where you'll find my latest Online Lunch broadcast (the next one is Thursday, January 25 at noon) 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.

We are all stronger, happier and more effective when we work together and when we treat each kindly. Our words have the power to support one another, to make our community the best it can be. Please be sure to spread kindness at every opportunity, in your voice and in your smile!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

Committee Meeting

February 5 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

February 6 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration Building

Board of Education Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

February 6 @ 7 pm

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



Students Across CHPS Participate in MLK, Jr. Day of Service

Students across the District participated in a multitude of service opportunities on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on January 15.

For example, Cherry Hill High School East's Interact club volunteered with the [Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation](#), as pictured above, to make teen kits and bandana pillows for hospitalized teens who are battling cancer.

John A. Carusi Middle School



2018 PARCC Assessment Information Now Available

The PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment schedule is now set. Assessments will begin Tuesday, April 17, 2018 with high school testing. Middle school testing will begin Tuesday, April 24, and elementary school testing will begin Thursday, May 3.

[A full schedule, including make-up dates](#), is available on the District web site. Additionally, [high school graduation assessment requirements for the classes of 2016 through 2021 and beyond](#) are now available on



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).

students expanded on their school's motto, "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve," by extending their service projects beyond MLK Day and into an entire week of service to honor Dr. King. Their projects included the donation of food and necessities for those in need, writing letters to soldiers stationed abroad, making dog toys for shelter dogs and more.

A. Russell Knight Elementary School conducted a food drive leading up to MLK Day, and many CHPS students of all ages participated in projects around Cherry Hill, including the Croft Farm Trail Clean-up.

Congratulations to all who participated in the Day of Service!

the District web site.

There are two sets of contest 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](#).