

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

The graphic for "Spring Break!" features the word "Spring" in a large, black, decorative serif font. The letter "S" is particularly large and ornate. The word "Break!" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below "Spring". The background is white with scattered light blue and green circles of varying sizes, and small purple and pink flowers are interspersed among the letters of "Spring".

Spring  
Break!

CHPS **WEEKLY**

District News for the week ending March 30, 2018

# Time to Recharge

**The Cherry Hill Public Schools will be closed for Spring Break from March 30 through April 8.**

As we wrapped up this short week leading into Spring Break, our schools were humming with activity. Many of our schools held special activities devoted to Women's History Month. I had the great pleasure of attending two events today: the "Unsung Heroes" event at Cherry Hill High School West this morning, and Cherry Hill East's Multicultural Day this afternoon. The "Unsung Heroes" event is a chance for students to recognize their "heroes," who do extraordinary things in a quiet way – who might not otherwise be recognized. East's Multicultural Day included a wonderful array of foods, costumes, displays and demonstrations from many different nationalities, prepared by our students.

All of these events, the planning that goes into them and the enthusiasm with which they are presented and received, are a wonderful reminder of the innovative, engaging and supportive environment our entire community works to provide, every day. I am incredibly thankful for the hard work I see every day – from our employees, from our children and from our parents.

Hard work requires taking a break once in awhile! You will not be receiving CHPS WEEKLY for the week ending April 6, but delivery will resume on the 13th. Whatever your plans for the coming 10 days off, I wish you time to relax, reflect and recharge. Please be safe, especially if you are traveling.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SCHOOLS CLOSED

March 30-April 8  
Spring Break

### Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting

April 10 @ 7pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace  
*(This meeting replaces the  
C&I, P&L, B&F and Strategic  
Planning Committee meetings  
for the month of April)*

### Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent

April 14 from 9-10:30 am  
Stockton Elementary School  
200 Wexford Drive

### Community Conversation on Safety & Security

April 16 @ 7 pm  
Carusi Middle School  
315 Roosevelt Drive  
*(This is the rescheduled date  
from the original meeting,  
canceled because of snow)*

### Board of Education Action Meeting

April 24 @ 7 pm

When our time off is well spent, we return with renewed energy and purpose. Let's remember to continue our efforts to spread kindness, always, and to show our children that our words and actions matter.

Regards,

*Joe Meloche*

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*Class of  
2018*

## 8th Grade Graduations and 5th Grade "Moving Up" Ceremonies Rescheduled

Because of the effect of our inclement weather make-up days on the last day of school, our **8th Grade Graduation Ceremonies will now take place on Wednesday, June 20, 2018:**

**Beck:** 9:30 am, CHHS East, DiBart Gym

**Carusi:** 10 am, CHHS West, Jones Gym

**Rosa:** 2:15 pm, CHHS East, DiBart Gym

**In the elementary schools that have them,** 5th Grade "Moving Up" Ceremonies will take place on Thursday, June 21, 2018. Specific times for



## 2018 PARCC and General Assessment Information, Tips for Readiness, Available

The PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment schedule is now set. Assessments will begin Monday, April 16, 2018 with high school testing. Middle school testing will begin Friday, April 20, and elementary school testing will begin Thursday, May 3. Middle school will test one unit per day. The elementary school schedule has been extended for two days.

[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



## Earth Festival Poster and Video Contest Deadline Extended

Students in Camden County now have until April 15 to enter the new "Reduce Plastic – Fantastic" poster and video contest at [Sustainable Cherry Hill's Earth Festival web site](#).

All 19 Cherry Hill Public Schools, as well as non-profit organizations and businesses will comprise more than 80 displays at the April 28th Sustainable Cherry Hill Earth Festival at historic Croft Farm from 10 am – 2 pm. This year's theme: "Reduce Plastic – Fantastic!" is part of with the global Earth Day Network theme to end plastic pollution.

the schools holding the ceremonies will be announced by the school principals.

the District web site, as is [a full calendar of all assessment dates](#).

[A letter for parents, detailing the PARCC and JNSLA-S assessments, including tips for preparing children for the tests, is now available.](#)

Families, friends, and neighbors can enjoy:

- free tree seedling giveaway (while supply lasts); perennial plant swap, garden tips + rain barrel demonstration
- LourdesCare 8:15 am lawn yoga; 10:30 am chair yoga
- information about: recycling, composting, energy savings, home improvement ideas.
- Plastic bottle cap kiddie craft; My Gym moon bounce
- Healthy food choices for purchase
- Entertainment all day

[Also at the web site are links to join the Family Fun Bike Ride and volunteer at the Earth Festival.](#)

Adult volunteer supervisors are needed to help with:

- Training student volunteers (April 27th event)
- Event parking
- Vendor set-up
- Recycling, compost monitoring
- On-site art project
- Site break-down and cleanup

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