

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending May 4, 2018

Great Events

This first weekend in May offers up some wonderful family entertainment options with the chance not only for fun, but for philanthropy.

Happy May! Although the weather these past couple of days might seem to have catapulted us into summer, we are still in the middle of spring on the calendar. It's a fun – if increasingly busy – season in the Cherry Hill Schools. I hope you'll be able to take the time to enjoy at least one of the great events happening this weekend.

First up is tonight's outdoor Family Movie Night at the Cherry Hill High School East Turf Field. Gates open at 7:15 pm for this FREE event, featuring the film *The Greatest Showman* (rated PG), inspired by the story of P.T. Barnum's creation of the Barnum & Bailey Circus and the lives of its star attractions. This event is sponsored by the Cherry Hill Education Association, which asks that you bring your own chair and blankets to the field. The first 200 viewers at the event will receive free popcorn. Additional concessions will be available for purchase. This is a great opportunity for families to spend time together and reconnect with friends and neighbors. I am looking forward to seeing families and community members at East this evening!

On Saturday, May 5, I hope you'll join me for my next Coffee & Conversation from 9-10:30 am at Woodcrest Elementary School. The weather is expected to take a chillier, rainy turn in the morning – perfect for grabbing your favorite hot beverage and heading over to the school to discuss the bond referendum coming up on October 2. Please bring not only your beverage, but your questions! This will be the last Saturday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Movie Night

May 4 @ 7:15 pm
Cherry Hill High School East
Turf Field
FREE EVENT

Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent

May 5 from 9-10:30 am,
Woodcrest Elementary School
400 Cranford Drive

Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars

May 6 @ 7pm
Cherry Hill High School West
Auditorium
[Tickets still available](#)

Board of Education Work Session

May 8 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Board of Education Action Meeting

May 22 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

SCHOOLS CLOSED

morning Q&A session. We will hold one more Coffee & Conversation before the end of the school year – on June 6 at High School East from 7-8:30 pm in the Little Theater.

Then, on Sunday, May 6, I hope you'll join me at the annual Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars show at 7 pm at High School West. This year, the event takes on a "Patriotic" theme, with special, not-to-be-missed recognitions at the beginning of the show. It's my honor to serve this year as a judge. Having danced at the very first Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars in 2007, I can truly appreciate the effort and dedication of not only the dancers competing, but our student musicians from High School East who provide much of the music, our own staff working behind the scenes and onstage, and the volunteers of the Cherry Hill Education Foundation (CHEF) who coordinate the entire event – from sponsorship to staging. It's not too late to [purchase tickets and vote for your favorite dancers online](#). Proceeds support our Cherry Hill Schools! What a wonderful way to give back while enjoying what promises to be a touching, funny, inspiring show!

As more and more events are packed into the final seven weeks of the school year, please stay connected with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Submit questions via our [Quick Question](#) portal. And please be mindful of your use of – and belief in – social media. Our children watch how we behave not only in day-to-day life, but online as well. Let's set the best example we possibly can. And please remember: The best source for information about the school district is the school district. I am always interested in speaking with folks about our district!

On a lighter note, Happy "Star Wars Day – May the 4th be with You!" I look forward to sharing a kind word and a smile with you at this weekend's events. I hope you will pay it forward and do the same as you see others while you are out and about. Kindness is wonderfully contagious!

Regards,

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West and East Seniors Earn 2018 Olympic Conference Scholar Athlete Awards

Congratulations to Cherry Hill High School West seniors Eric Reyes-Munoz and Anna Mecca, pictured with CHPS Athletic Director Mr. Mike Beirao, and Cherry Hill High School East seniors Elizabeth Winslow and Elan Boyarsky, pictured with Mr. Beirao and East Principal Dr. Perry, for being named 2018 Olympic Conference Scholar Athletes.

The Olympic Conference honors the top scholar athletes (male and female) from each member school annually at the end of the school year. The winners were recognized for their outstanding achievements athletically, academically and in sportsmanship during their four-year careers.



Cherry Hill East Symphony Orchestra Takes Home Top Prizes

Congratulations to the Cherry Hill High School East Symphony Orchestra for earning the highest rating of "Superior" at the Council Rock High School Orchestra Festival on April 28.

The orchestra also won Best Section Awards for Violins, Violas, Bass, Woodwinds and Brass. Concertmaster and senior David Kwon earned the Best Soloist Award.

The Symphony Orchestra will perform an encore of their competition program, along with the other award winning East ensembles, on May 24 at 7:30 in the East Auditorium.

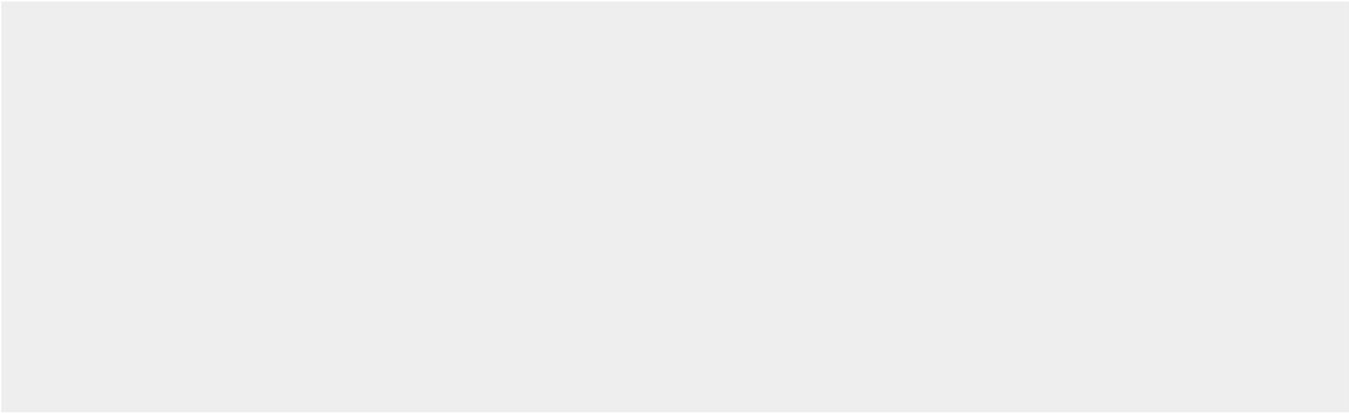


Students throughout CHPS Celebrate "Star Wars Day"

Elementary students and staff throughout the district, such as those from Thomas Paine Elementary School pictured above, celebrated the "holiday" of "Star Wars Day" on May 4 -- designated as "Star Wars Day" because "May the fourth be with you" is a take on the phrase "May the force be with you" from the Star Wars movie series.



All in good fun, some students, such as the Woodcrest student pictured above, enjoyed lessons revolving around a Star Wars theme. Others, including staff such as A. Russell Knight Principal Mr. Eugene Park, pictured above, wore Star Wars costumes or t-shirts to commemorate the day.



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