

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending May 25, 2018

Rights & Responsibility

Memorial Day honors those who died protecting our freedoms and rights. Let's honor them by carrying out our rights responsibly.

I have heard – as I've been out and about this week – that many of us are looking forward to the 3-day Memorial Day Weekend and the break it gives us from a work and/or school. Of course, there is nothing wrong with looking forward to the break. This is a busy time of year, with PARCC testing still underway, spring sports in full swing, and concerts, dances and recognition events coming up, one after another. I hope in the midst of all of this busy-ness, we can take time to pause and carry out the true intent of the holiday.

Memorial Day is unique to the United States, held to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. It was first celebrated in the years following the Civil War as "Decoration Day." It didn't become an official federal holiday until 1971. Memorial Day gives each of us a day to reflect on the sacrifices made for our freedoms. I was honored to be a part of the ceremony unveiling the Military Wall of Honor, pictured above, at Cherry Hill High School West today. A tremendous amount of work has gone into this tribute to the West alumni who have served or are serving in the military. While it honors all West alumni who have served – not just those who gave their lives – the timing of the unveiling is a perfect segue into Memorial Day Weekend. Whatever way you choose to mark the holiday, whether visiting the grave of a fallen soldier, attending the [Cherry Hill Township Memorial Day Ceremony](#), or simply reflecting on the gravity of the sacrifices made to protect our freedoms, it's important to feel genuine gratitude and to model it to those around you this weekend.

I've been thinking a lot about our rights in this country, and how thankful I am for those who have protected and continue to protect them. And

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOLS CLOSED

MEMORIAL DAY

May 28, 2018

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

June 4 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration

Building

45 Ranoldo Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

June 4 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration

Building

45 Ranoldo Terrace

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

June 5 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration

Building

45 Ranoldo Terrace

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

June 5 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration

Building

45 Ranoldo Terrace

Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent

June 6 from 7-8:30 pm

Cherry Hill High School East

Little Theater

1750 Kresson Road

This is our final Coffee &

Conversation Meeting

with these rights, comes responsibility. There recently has been a lot of tumultuous dialog – much of it hurtful – on social media in our community. While we all have the right to our own opinions and may vocalize them under our right to free speech, let's remember that words matter. It is one thing to disagree in a respectful manner; it's quite another to devolve into stereotyping, hurling obscenities, and name-calling. Although it may be difficult under emotionally heated circumstances, let's all exercise our rights responsibly, everywhere. Our children are watching – even if you think they don't use Facebook. Our children are listening – even when you think they're not paying attention. Our words matter.

As a high school student, I was enthralled with the oratory of President Reagan. At the Military Wall of Honor ceremony this afternoon, I shared a portion of President Reagan's address at Arlington National Cemetery on May 26, 1986, Memorial Day:

“And we owe them something... We owe them first a promise: That just as they did not forget their missing comrades, neither, ever, will we. And there are other promises. We must always remember that peace is a fragile thing that needs constant vigilance. We owe them a promise to look at the world with a steady gaze and, perhaps, a resigned toughness, knowing that we have adversaries in the world and challenges and the only way to meet them and maintain the peace is by staying strong.”

Please continue to stay informed about what's happening in the CHPS community. Attend our Board of Education meetings, listed on the [District Events Calendar](#) or view them on our [Live Stream](#). Ask a question through our “[Quick Question](#)” portal on the [District web site](#). Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you haven't already, download our free District App from Google Play or the App Store. And catch the recording of my latest “[Online Lunch](#)” broadcast on our [YouTube channel](#).

I wish you a safe and relaxing holiday weekend. Be sure to continue to pay kindness forward. Express your gratitude to those around you for all

[Board of Education Work Session](#)

June 12 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

[High School Commencement Ceremonies](#)

June 19
Both take place at Temple University's Liacouras Center
West: 11 am
East: 4 pm

[8th Grade Graduation Ceremonies](#)

June 20
Beck: 9:30 am, Cherry Hill High School East, DiBart Gym

Carusi: 10 am, Cherry Hill High School West, Jones Gym

Rosa: 2:15 pm, Cherry Hill High School East, DiBart Gym

[LAST DAY OF SCHOOL](#)

June 21
Early dismissal for elementary and middle school students

[Board of Education Action Meeting](#)

June 26 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

that they do. Small gestures of thanks and appreciation leave a larger positive impact than you might imagine. Let's all be a part of that positivity, at every opportunity. On Memorial Day, take a few moments to silently reflect on the value of the service, so many have dedicated to our country.

Regards,

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Summer Reading Titles and Assignments Available

The 2018 Summer Reading [titles and assignments for rising 6th through 12th graders are now available online.](#)

Additional discussion about the philosophy behind Summer Reading, the new titles this year, and resources for students may be found on our [YouTube channel in the recording of Dr. Meloche's Online Lunch on May 24, 2018.](#)



Registration Open for Summer Workshops on College Applications & Testing

Registration is now available online for the Cherry Hill Public Schools' summer [ACT](#), [SAT-PSAT](#) and [College Essay](#) workshops.

Parents/guardians and students also may register for the district's [free Common App/Naviance Summer Workshop](#), open to all students and parents and held at Cherry Hill High School East.

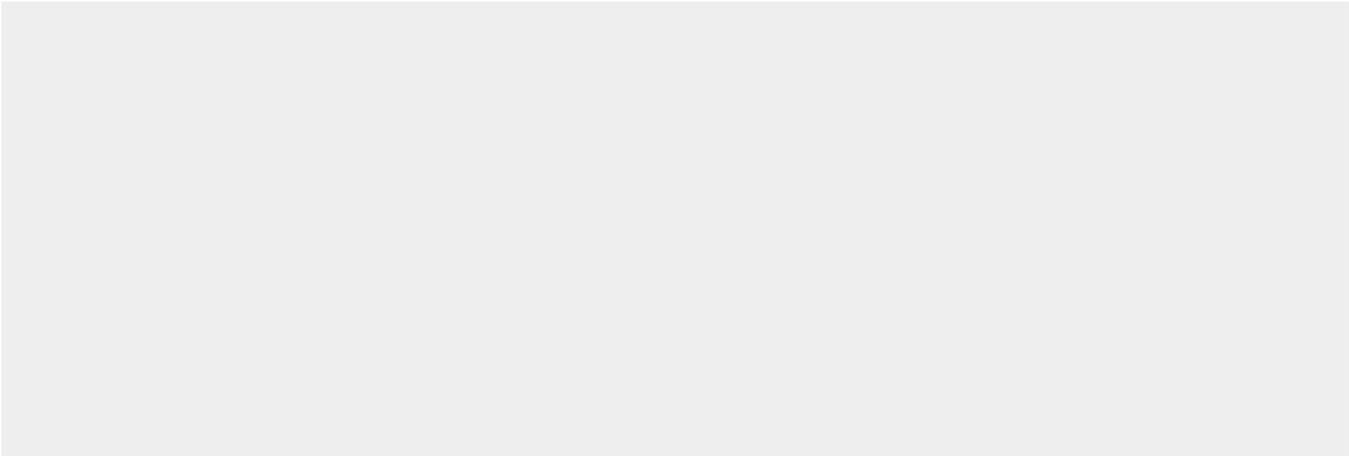


Elementary Students Participate in Honors String Ensemble Festival

Congratulations to the students who participated in the 3rd Annual Elementary Honors String Ensemble festival at Fernwood Middle School on May 5, 2018.

Students pictured are Daniela G., Tharun N., Connie W., Selam B., Kaiyan L., Erika T., Max K., Samantha U. (violin), Julianna S. (not in picture), Isabella A. (viola), Braden T., Erin L., Levi B. (cello) and Brandon L. and Ben W. (string bass). Students were recommend by their music teachers Dr. Richard

Beckman (Sharp and Harte),
Christine Macaulay
(Stockton) and Jacob Weber
(Johnson and Paine).



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