

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



## CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending June 15, 2018

# Moving Forward with Innovation

**New and exciting initiatives are both here and on the horizon as WE finish out the school year.**

There is a natural tendency, with graduation ceremonies and the final day of school less than a week away, to consider these last few days of the school year as a finale – to exhale with a grateful sigh and a sense of accomplishment. And while we certainly can celebrate all WE have accomplished, I'd like to point out the innovations that are taking place right now. These are initiatives that will have a great impact on the 2018-2019 school year and beyond!

First is the technology initiative in which all of our teachers have been given Chromebooks and are receiving training on using them. This is the beginning of our initiative to boost technology availability and use among our students. It became clear earlier this year that, as we endeavored to put Chromebooks in the hands of more students, our efforts needed to start with our teachers. In order for our students to learn effectively using new technology, our teachers would first need a firm grasp of the technology to be used. Our technology team is now in the final phase of distribution and training, wrapping up with the final two schools on their calendar: High Schools East and West. The response from our teachers across the district has been universally positive, and we are excited to see this technology put to use during summer professional development and then in our classrooms in the fall.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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

Another exciting example of innovation is the award this week of a state-of-the-art classroom to the very deserving Rosa Middle School world language teacher Mr. Dennis Kaiblinger. Middle school teachers across the district were invited to submit creative entries for the “Classroom of the Future” contest, detailing how they would use the prize package of state-of-the-art modular furniture for creative seating arrangements, an interactive large flat panel, and Chromebooks for each student. Rosa students and staff celebrated [Mr. Kaiblinger’s winning entry](#) at an assembly first thing in the morning on June 14. We congratulate Mr. Kaiblinger and look forward to more opportunities to improve many classrooms in the future.

We excitedly anticipate more innovation in terms of building upgrades planned under our upcoming bond referendum. We expect New Jersey Department of Education to approve of our proposed projects by early July. As soon as we have that approval, we will announce the specific projects that will be included in the referendum. Be sure to check regularly with the District and school web sites over the summer, and stay connected through [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). And if you haven’t already, download our free District App from Google Play or the App Store. This is our last CHPS **WEEKLY** until mid-August, but we’ll be communicating bond referendum updates through the web sites, the District App, and social media all summer.

I would like to wish a Happy Father’s Day to all of our dads, and to those who fulfill that role in someone’s life – know that your presence, caring and kindness is invaluable not just to those who call you “Dad,” but to our community as a whole. I also wish our entire community a SAFE, happy graduation season. As you celebrate, do so wisely. I cherish each and every one of you. To our seniors – CONGRATULATIONS! I wish you a wonderful next chapter. To our students who will return next year – I can’t wait to see you again in September! Until then, let’s spread kindness in our travels this summer!

Regards,

*Joe Meloche*

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



### Horace Mann Elementary School Celebrates Crossing Guard's 90th Birthday

Students, staff, administrators and parents on June 14, 2018 surprised beloved crossing guard Mrs. Claire Bauman with a celebration of her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Bauman, who has worked as a crossing guard at the school for 53 years, was greeted Thursday afternoon upon her arrival for school dismissal. She walked up to the school amid cheers from the entire school community, and was treated to balloons, flowers, a special sign on the school marquee, birthday cake, a ["Happy Birthday" serenade](#) and numerous hugs. Mann Principal Dr. Shilpa Dave said Mrs. Bauman "personifies Mann's commitment to Respect, Responsibility and Citizenship."



### 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.

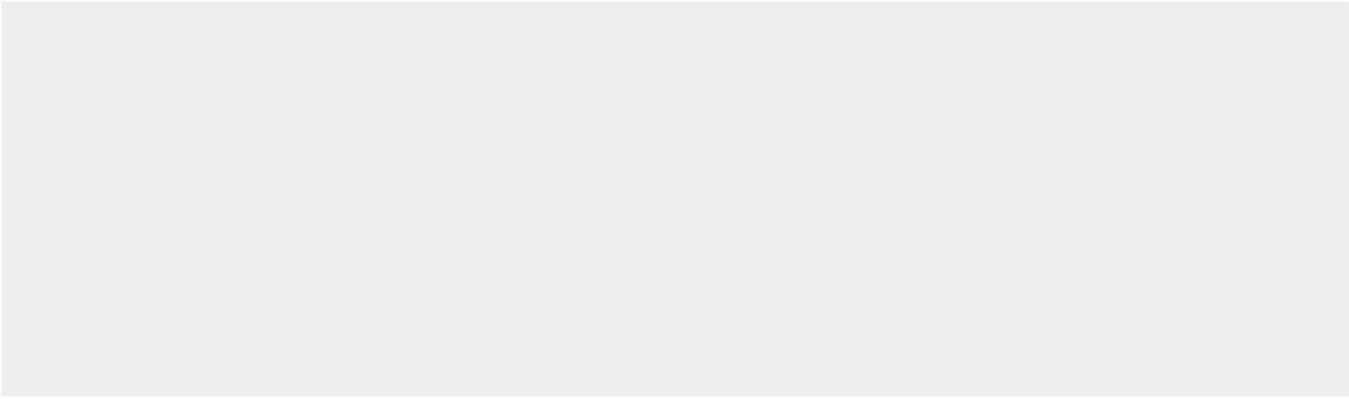


### John A. Carusi Middle School Students & Teacher Design Custom Surfboard for Persons with Disabilities

Congratulations to the students at John A. Carusi Middle School, whose artwork is featured on a custom, one-of-a-kind surfboard designed by Carusi science teacher and surfboard shaper Mr. Luke Alvarez. The surfboard will be used at this year's [They Will Surf Again](#), a free, one-day event in Wildwood, NJ on August 5 where persons with disabilities may ride ocean waves with the help of volunteers.

"Mr. Alvarez is an amazing Science teacher in our school. Beyond science, he is a role model," said Carusi Principal Dr. John Cafagna. "His dedication to students makes him known throughout our community. His additional dedication to projects with MossRehab to

bring the joys of water sports to persons with disabilities demonstrates that everyone has a responsibility to inspire great change in our world. We are grateful our students can participate in such a rewarding experience."



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