

A message from Barbara Wilson, Public Information Officer, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of August 21, 2015

New School Year, New Faces

We welcome our new administrators to the Cherry Hill Public Schools!

UPCOMING EVENTS

[East Freshman](#)

This past week, our principals, assistant principals and other administrators gathered for three days in preparation for the 2015-2016 school year. Among this group were three new faces: Mr. Jon Cohen, new principal at Woodcrest Elementary School, Mr. Jared Peltzman, new principal at Johnson Elementary School, and Mrs. Patrice Taylor, new principal at Cooper Elementary School. Please see the department pieces below for an introduction of these three great new additions to the Cherry Hill Public Schools.

Our new teachers will be welcomed on Monday, August 24 as the District kicks off its three-day New Teacher Orientation. More information about this event -- with photos of our new teachers -- will be in the next issue of CHPS Weekly.

On August 25, at the Board of Education Action Meeting, Dr. Joseph Meloche will be sworn in as our new Superintendent. His first letter in CHPS Weekly will be in the August 28 edition. We hope you will attend a "Meet and Greet" reception for Dr. Meloche on Tuesday, September 2 from 6-8 pm. For details, please see [the invitation to the event](#) on our web site.

As the first day of school is just 11 days away, please make note of the following:

- The "Upcoming Events" column at right includes new student orientation dates and times, school opening and closing dates, and the dates of our schools' Back to School Nights.
- Still haven't gotten the books for summer reading? [Book titles and work sheets can be found on the home page of the district web site.](#)
- Please be sure to submit your student activities fee for middle and high school students to your respective school. For details about the student activities fee policy, a list of activities that are subject to the fee, and information regarding our online PayPal option, [please click here.](#)
- Please see the [home page of the District web site](#) for the button titled "Important School Opening Information" with links to the 2015-2016 Free &

[Orientation \(Night Session\)](#)

August 25, 7 pm

[BOE Action Meeting](#)

August 25, 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

[West Freshman Orientation \(Students\)](#)

August 26, 9 am-12 pm

[West Freshman Orientation \(Parents\)](#)

August 26, 7-8 pm

[East Freshman Orientation \(Morning Session\)](#)

August 27, 9 am

[Beck New Student Orientation](#)

August 27, 7:30 pm

[First Day of School for all Students](#)

September 1

Early dismissal for elementary students only, 1 pm

[Schools Closed](#)

September 4

[Schools Closed](#)

Labor Day

September 7

[Back to School Nights \(All begin at 7 pm unless otherwise noted\)](#)

Stockton - September 8

Barton - September 9

Johnson - September 9

Reduced Lunch application, our student Codes of Conduct, and FERPA information.

- The first day of school for all students is Tuesday, September 1, 2015. **This is an early dismissal day for elementary students only. Elementary students will be dismissed at 1 pm on September 1.**

With kind regards,

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P.S. If you haven't already, be sure to check out our new and improved web site at <http://www.chcl.org/>, where you'll enjoy greater ease of use and visual appeal. We'll be updating all of our District news on the home page regularly, as well as the photo slide show and videos of select concerts and events. Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the very latest happenings around the District. Our Activities Calendar on the District web site is a great resource for updates about upcoming events. [You'll find the 2015-2016 School Year "Overview" Calendar here](#). And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.

Kilmer, 6:30 pm -
September 9

Woodcrest - September 9

Kingston - September 10

Knight, Grades K-2: 6:15-
7:15 pm; Grades 3-5:
7:30-8:30 pm - September
10

Carusi 7th & 8th Grade -
September 16

Carusi 6th Grade -
September 17

East - September 17

Beck 7th & 8th Grade -
September 21

Paine: September 24

Rosa 6th Grade -
September 24

Beck 6th Grade -
September 28

Cooper - September 30

Rosa 7th & 8th Grade -
September 30

Sharp Grades K-2: 7 pm;
Grades 3-5: 8 pm -
October 1

Harte - October 1

West - October 1

Barclay - October 7

Mann - October 8



Mr. Jon Cohen Returns to His Woodcrest "Roots"

While most would consider Principal Jon Cohen to be among the newest members of the Woodcrest family, it was just over two decades ago that he started his (second) career as an elementary educator at Woodcrest Elementary – as a student teacher.

This school year marks Mr. Cohen's twenty-first year as an educator. He spent eight years in the classroom, teaching both third and fourth grade, and worked as a computer specialist, teaching grades K-4. The 2015-2106 school year marks his thirteenth year as an administrator and my tenth year as an elementary principal.

"To have come full circle to finish out my career where I started as a student teacher has truly been a humbling experience," Mr. Cohen says. "It is absolutely wonderful to be rejoining this incredible learning community!"



Mr. Jared Peltzman Comes "Home" to Serve as Johnson Principal

Principal Jared Peltzman is a lifelong Cherry Hill resident as well as a former Cherry Hill teacher.

He began his career as a student teacher at A. Russell Knight before starting his teaching career as a fourth grade teacher at Clara Barton Elementary School. He taught both fourth and fifth grade during his seven years at Barton before leaving Cherry Hill to be an Assistant Principal at Clementon Elementary School.

For the last two years, Mr. Peltzman was the principal of Roebling Elementary School in Florence Township, where he spearheaded a number of initiatives ranging from character education to the launch of a new language arts program.

Mr. Peltzman is excited to be joining the Johnson family and is happy to be back home.



Mrs. Patrice Taylor Brings Leadership Experience to Cooper

Mrs. Patrice Taylor brings nearly 20 years experience as an educator to the principal position at Cooper Elementary School.

Having served as Interim Principal of Harrison Township Elementary School in Mullica Hill since August 2014, Mrs. Taylor began her career as a third grade teacher at Cherry Street School in Bridgeton, NJ.

Her journey from Cherry Street to Cherry Hill includes time as a counselor in the Child/Adolescent Mental Health Unit at South Jersey Bridgeton Hospital in Bridgeton, NJ. She also has worked as an instructional supervisor for math and science, grades 9-12.

Prior to her time at Harrison Township, Mrs. Taylor was the Principal of Herma S. Simmons Elementary School in Clayton, NJ.

"I am honored to serve in this position in Cherry Hill," Mrs. Taylor says.

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