

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



# CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending September 15, 2017

# With Honor and Respect, in Word and Deed

WE

For the past few years, the first full week of school has provided me with an opportunity to spend a great deal of time with the children and teachers in our classrooms. This year I have been able to maintain that focus, and I have spoken with a lot of children. From the playgrounds at Stockton and Johnson, to the cafeterias at East and Rosa, and the hallways and classrooms at Kilmer, Carusi and Woodcrest, I have embraced the opportunity to hear the voices of our most important and precious resource: our children.

As educators, we are blessed by the daily opportunity to work with children, to bear witness as they develop and mature, to support them as they struggle through challenges and failures, and to celebrate with them as they achieve their goals and set new aspirational heights to be met. There is nothing as pure and as true as the ideas that are borne through the voice of a child.

Monday of this week was September 11th, a day and a date that our country remembers in vivid detail and with raw emotion. Locally and nationally, our news outlets have shared the images of the Twin Towers in New York, the images of the impact at the Pentagon, and the voices and images of passengers on United Airlines Flight 93. We are all affected by this date, by these images.

Our country and our community are different today than they were sixteen years ago. As someone who has lived in Cherry Hill for more than 40 years, I can tell you Cherry Hill is better place today than it ever has been before. We are a school system and a community that is diverse in ethnicity, in race, in religion, and in cultural background. We are families and friends and neighbors and relatives, parents and

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## SCHOOLS CLOSED

Sept. 21 & 22

### Board of Education Action Meeting

Sept 26 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration  
Building, 45 Ranoldo  
Terrace

### Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

Oct 2 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration  
Building, 45 Ranoldo  
Terrace

### Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

Oct 2 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration  
Building, 45 Ranoldo  
Terrace

### Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

Oct 3 @ 6 pm

Malberg Administration  
Building, 45 Ranoldo  
Terrace

### Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Oct 3 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration  
Building, 45 Ranoldo  
Terrace

## SCHOOLS CLOSED

Oct 9

grandparents, with myriad talents, abilities, struggles, hopes and aspirations. We have individual voices as well as a collective voice and we are responsible to one another to ensure that we are using our voices in a manner that is positive and productive. We, as a community, are responsible to our children, to all of our children to ensure that the words that they hear through the voices of the adults are used with meaningful and purposeful respect. Not only do our children hear us, they listen to us as well.

The children in our schools remind me each day of the importance of the words I choose, and that my decisions impact each one of them. This week, in particular, I have reflected on this fact. We, as a school district and as a community, can do better and can always improve – and we shall. While the events of September 11th were remembered and discussed in our schools this week, beginning in 2018 we will observe a district-wide remembrance. As a district, we will conduct a moment of silence on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in all 19 of our schools, followed by developmentally appropriate discussions and activities at all grade levels.

I hope that the community will join me in remembering and honoring Petty Officer Kenneth Smith, a 2013 graduate of Cherry Hill High School East, who lost his life in service to our country. If you do not attend his funeral at 4 pm on Saturday, September 16th, please take a moment at that time to pause and to be silent, wherever you are, to honor this young man. In the quiet of that moment, be thankful for all of the men and women who continue to serve in our community and our country.

I am grateful to all of the parents and family members whom I have seen in the first two weeks of school who have provided feedback and perspective on the opening of school. I encourage everyone to get involved and to stay involved! OUR children count on us. OUR children need us. OUR children are listening to what we say.

Share a smile and a kind with word with the people you see. Every smile is meaningful and every kind word makes a difference.

Be sure to stay in touch through all of our communication platforms – [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) and the free District App from Google Play or the App Store.

Regards,

*Joe Meloche*

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



## Time to Get or Renew Your Library Card

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. The [Cherry Hill Public Library](#) (CHPL) invites you to the library anytime to sign up for or renew your library card.

In addition to CHPL's physical resources (including books, DVDs and events) the library offers a wealth of digital and online resources to card holders – many of which can be accessed from home.

The library staff urges all Cherry Hill students to visit the Cherry Hill Public Library, get (or renew) their card and see what the library has to offer!



## Community Invited to Take Part in World Language Program Survey

Do you have an opinion about the District's World Language Program? All community members are encouraged to take the [World Language Program Survey](#), open through September 26, 2017.



## Holiday Child Care Available to all CHPS Elementary Students

The Cherry Hill Public Schools offers child care through the Student Enrichment Program (STEP) for all CHPS elementary school students when school is closed for certain holidays. **Children do not have to attend School Aged Child Care (SACC) to attend STEP Holiday Child Care.**

STEP Holiday Child Care is open from 7 am to 6 pm for the holidays of September 21 and 22; October 9; November 9 & 10; February 16; March 16; and April 2-6.

You must register your child in the STEP office at Cooper Elementary School, 1960 Greentree Road, no later than 5 business days prior to the date(s) you select.

Details and registration forms are available on the [STEP Holiday Child Care](#)

[page of the District web site.](#)