

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending September 23, 2016

The Equinox – Balance and Change

Seasons change, but our commitment to character, a peaceful learning environment, and balance remains constant.

As we conclude our third week of school – today is our 14th day – our students and staff have made connections, have established routines and are in wrapped in the daily pursuit of learning. Learning has to be an everyday experience, an everyday opportunity – something that is a priority in all of our lives, whether student or adult. I am still enamored with the learning process, and during the past week I had the opportunity to speak with some kindergarten students at Joyce Kilmer Elementary School about their first few days. The children with whom I spoke were each articulate about what they liked the most so far and about what they had learned. Each had a hope for the year. I have no doubt that Mrs. Tiernan and the staff at Kilmer will foster and engage this love for learning. This scene, this work, is occurring every day in all 19 of our schools. Education is vibrant in Cherry Hill!

This week we also celebrated the [International Day of Peace](#) on September 21st and [Character Day](#) on the 22nd across the district. Our students and staff continue to demonstrate positive character and caring for each other, remembering that kindness and being nice matter. Students in many schools – such as the student pictured above at Woodcrest Elementary School, sharing news about a fellow student "[bucket filler](#)" – were involved in activities celebrating these days.

We have officially entered into Fall! The observance of the autumnal equinox on September 22 was a milestone, as the day and the night on that date were balanced. Balance is important in all of our lives and it is something we strive to instill our students. We want all of our students to be successful academically, to achieve at the highest level possible and to create opportunities for meaningful experiences beyond the district. Along with academic success comes social success and engagement in events and activities beyond the close of the regular school day. There are opportunities at all of

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOE Action Meeting

September 27

7 pm, Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

SCHOOLS CLOSED

October 3 & 4

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

October 5

6 pm, Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

October 5

6 pm, Malberg
Administration Building, 45
Ranoldo Terrace

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

October 6

6 pm, Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

October 6

7 pm, Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

our schools to become actively involved. Our children need the guidance and the support of the adults in the community, family members, neighbors and friends.

Please, be a regularly involved member of our educational community. Support our curricular and our extra-curricular programs – our music and theater departments, our athletic teams, and our art and business programs. Join the PTA! Come to a Board of Education meeting ([or watch it live on line](#))! Cherry Hill is an incredible community that continues to grow. Be sure to be a part of our positive growth in the schools!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

P.S. Be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the very latest happenings around the District. Our [District Events Calendar](#) on the District web site is a great resource for updates about upcoming events. You'll find the 2016-2017 School Year "Overview" Calendar [here](#). The "Overview" [calendars for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 are available as well](#). For events and activities in the Cherry Hill Community, check out our [Community Bulletin Board](#) on our [web site](#). And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.



Red Ribbon Essay
and Poster
Contest: Deadline
October 7

The Cherry Hill Alliance on
Drug and Alcohol Abuse
invites CHPS students to



Board of
Education
Candidates' Forum
Scheduled for
October 19

Want to learn more about
the candidates running for



CHPL Seeks Teen
Volunteers:
Application
Deadline
September 30

The Cherry Hill Public
Library invites teens in
grades 7-12 to apply to be

enter the 2016 Red Ribbon Essay and Poster Contests. This year's theme is "Drug Free America."

Students in grades 4-8 may enter the essay contest. Contestants are asked to write from the prompt: *What can we as a country do to curb the growing drug and alcohol problem? Surrounded by the mixed messages in social media, the movies we watch, the music we listen to, who can make a difference?*

Students in grades K-12 are invited to enter the poster contest. Poster contestants must submit a poster measuring 12 x 18 inches. Posters will not be accepted if they are not the correct size. The poster must center on the theme "Drug Free America." Any medium may be used (e.g. oil paints, watercolors, charcoals, pastels, crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc.).

[Full contest rules and submission forms are available on the Community Bulletin Board page of the District web site.](#) The deadline for submissions to both contests is Friday, October 7, 2016. All posters may be submitted to your School Nurse (Elementary), Peer Leader Adviser (Middle School), and SAC - Student Assistance Counselor (High School). Each winner will be notified by email or phone by Tuesday, October 18.

A Red Ribbon Campaign Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, October 26 at the Cherry Hill Community Center, 820 Mercer Street.

the Cherry Hill Board of Education this year? Bring your questions to the Cherry Hill Zone PTA's Board of Education Candidates' Forum on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Rosa International Middle School. Doors will open at 7 pm and attendees will submit their questions in writing at that time.

This fall, eight candidates will vie for three open seats on the Cherry Hill Board of Education. The candidates will be running for three-year terms in the Nov. 8 school board election.

In ballot order, the candidates running in this year's election are: Fredrick Dande, Joseph Gerace, Ian Morris, Steve Robbins, Elliot A. Roth, Jane Scarpellino, Ruth Schultz and Edward Wang.

Teen Ambassadors. The Teen Ambassadors program was formed to involve teens in the Library. Their mission is to support and positively impact the Cherry Hill Public Library through fundraising, mentoring and advocating for the CHPL. Up to 10 Teen

Ambassadors will be selected to join the group for the 2016-2017 school year. [Applications are due on September 30, 2016.](#)

All Teen Ambassadors must be Cherry Hill residents or Cherry Hill students.

Teen Ambassadors work as a group to plan and implement fundraising events, volunteer at Library events and help promote the CHPL.

Teen Ambassadors will receive Community Service Hours for meetings and events attended.

Meetings generally occur once a month on Tuesday evenings, but Teen Ambassadors are often asked to meet on other weeknights or weekdays to assist with and/or run library events.

The Teen Ambassadors "year" runs from the middle of October through the middle of June.

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