

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



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of October 30, 2015

# We've Got Spirit,

UPCOMING EVENTS

# Yes We Do!

**Embrace the spirit of our wonderful school district! Opportunities abound!**

I was thrilled to be in the audience at the HS East Fall Preview Concert, especially when the Marching Band and Color Guard took over the auditorium. Under Drum Major Alex Birbilis' direction, the drum line ignited the night quickly joined by the brass and woodwinds, filling the auditorium with a piece from their repertoire. The uniforms and plumed hats soon gave way to vocal groups in gowns and robes and instrumentalists in black ties. The spirit and the passion with which these talented students performed was received and returned by the packed house.

Cherry Hill is a community that is filled with spirit. As we continue our journey through the festive fall season, the changing leaves and the dropping acorns serve as the backdrop to our celebrations. Especially this weekend, as Halloween is celebrated, our community spirit is augmented by our costumed community spirits. Please remember to be very careful trick or treating – stay in groups, carry a flashlight, and always say thank you when treats are shared. When the ribbon was cut on the new tennis courts at HS West on Monday afternoon, the HS East and HS West tennis teams displayed their community and school spirit as they celebrated in competition.

I have witnessed great spirit in our schools throughout the first two months of school. Teachers and students challenge each learning, pushing the limits of the learning. Inspiration is seen in many forms and spirit displayed in countless ways. Seeing so many freshly painted hallways and newly adorned buildings, benefitting from the many hours that parent, staff, and community volunteers donated is amazing. Our community values the schools and the environment that is provided for our students. Our community has continued to embrace the opportunity to support the students and the schools in a manner that encourages the students to enhance their spirit and advance their development.

## Cherry Hill High School West

### Children's Show

Alice in Wonderland

October 30 @ 7 pm

October 31 @ 11 am &  
3 pm

November 1 @ 1 pm

### Return to Standard Time

November 1 - Set your clocks back one hour!

### Election Day

November 3

### Schools Closed

November 5 & 6

The Cherry Hill School District is dedicated to providing “a preeminent education” in “a positive environment preparing our students to be knowledgeable, responsible, caring, and confident citizens in an ever-changing world.” This is our goal, our mission as a district. I am thrilled that we are in a community that allows us to do this in a spirited manner, with spirited supporters, for wonderfully deserving students.

I will conclude with this question – How have you shared your spirit with the district this year? Can you share more?

Check our [district calendar of events](#) and come to a game, or a concert, or a show.

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 2015-2016 School Year "Overview" Calendar here.](#) 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.



**Students  
Earn National  
Merit Recognition**



**Sharp Elementary  
5th Grade Treated to  
Virtual Author Visit**



**Eastside Wins Top  
Journalism Honor for  
7th Straight Year**

Congratulations to the 29 National Merit Commended Students and National Merit Semifinalists from the class of 2016.

**Commended are:**

Shreshth Awadhiya

Juliet Bender

Jacob N. Borowsky

Jenny H. Chung

Dylan Clark

Kailyn Y. Cohen

Matthew K. Cusick

Michael De Groot

Michelle Grazioli

Benjamin Grossman

Shyam Handa

Nathaniel Hengy

Sojin Kim

Phillip Korth

Jonathan Lee

Minwoo Lee

Lanxi Li

Eric Lin

Tuesday McDonald

Mohammad Nadeem

Matthew Nussbaum

Philip Sabatini

Eric Schindler

Nikhil Sharma

Jimin Sul

Vimalesh Vasu

Miss Sleeth's 5th grade class at Joseph D. Sharp Elementary School celebrated the [National Day on Writing](#), October 20, with awarding-winning author [Kate Messner](#) via a virtual "visit" on Google Hangouts online, as pictured above in a screen shot from the event.

Ms. Messner took the students on an inspirational journey through the process of writing a book. She showed the students how published authors go through the same process as student writers, including prewriting, drafting, revising, editing and publishing. Students and parents were able to ask Ms. Messner questions and give their own examples of writing challenges.

Kate Messner is an award-winning author whose books for kids have been New York Times Notable, Junior Library Guild, Indie Bound and Bank Street College of Education Best Books selections. *The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.* was the winner of the 2010 E.B. White Read Aloud Award for Older Readers.

Ms. Messner also spent 15 years teaching middle school and earned National Board certification in 2006. She lives on Lake Champlain with her family and loves spending time outside.

A big thank you to Mr.

Congratulations *Eastside*, Cherry Hill East's student newspaper, for winning the New Jersey Distinguished Journalism Award for the seventh year in a row, ranking again as the #1 school newspaper in the state! *Eastside* student staffers, pictured above, under the direction of adviser Greg Gagliardi, won nine of the 12 individual categories based on material published in print or online in the 2014-2015 school year. [For a list of winners and the categories in which they were awarded, click here.](#)

Bogdan Vitoc  
Samantha Waldman  
Kelly Zhou

**Semifinalists are:**

Miku Fujita  
Pranav G. Iyer  
Madlyn H. Kates  
Aditya Kuntamukkula  
Alexander M. Liu  
Sahas Pinninti

Miscioscia, Miss Sleeth,  
Mrs. Pierson, Mrs. Laskey  
and Mr. McClure for helping  
to organize everything for  
this great event!

Grace Shen  
Angela Sun  
Vignesh Vasu  
Jake R. Walsh  
David Yang  
Cindy Zhu

Semifinalists have the  
opportunity to continue in  
the Merit Scholarship  
competition and advance  
to Finalist standing by  
meeting several additional  
requirements. Continued  
success to all!

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