

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending October 26, 2018

The Importance of Voice

Student voice is a cornerstone of all **WE do in the Cherry Hill Public Schools, but *all* voices are important. Be sure to seize the upcoming opportunities to make your voice heard.**

At last, true fall weather has arrived! Not only is this my favorite weather, but I greatly enjoy the championships phase of our fall sports season and the opening phase of our music and theater performances. What a great time of year! I have been looking forward to the opening of Cherry Hill High School West's production of Disney's *Newsies*, the Broadway musical tonight, October 26, at 7 pm. The "preview" performance of the show for some of our elementary students received rave reviews. This family friendly show based on the New York City newsboy strike of 1899 not only offers great musical

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cherry Hill High School West Fall Musical

Disney's *Newsies*
October 26 & 27 @ 7 pm
October 27 & 28 @ 2 pm
Cherry Hill High School
West
2101 Chapel Ave.

[Tickets available online](#)

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

November 5 @ 6 pm
James Johnson
Elementary School
Library/Media Center

and dance numbers, but an important message about making one's voice heard as well.

As I have mentioned before, student voice is an integral part of our successful school district. It's woven into the fabric of our everyday practices in the classroom and in our after-school activities. Our administrators, teachers and staff receive regular professional development training regarding the development of student voice. I hold student Town Hall Meetings three times a year at each of our middle and high schools to listen to students' perspectives on what's going well, and what we can do to improve. Student voice is not to be confused with students running the classrooms or the school district. Rather, it's a school and district culture in which ideas and practices are considered through the lens of the student perspective. Student voice in the Cherry Hill Public Schools has already made a difference in many areas of what we do. A few examples include how we approach teaching science (lab work protocols are now taught in eighth grade, *before* students enter high school), how we are implementing technology and how we are addressing cultural proficiency, equity and character education.

When you go to see *Newsies*, I know you will celebrate the great talents of our student actors (some of whom are pictured above), musicians, stage crew and set designers. I hope you'll also celebrate the show's message: that the voices of traditionally marginalized, abused and undervalued workers – in this case, the newspaper delivery boys of turn-of-the-century New York City – are finally heard as they come together. The resulting changes from the actual newsboy strike in 1899 resulted in workplace reforms that reached other industries and remain in place today.

As we approach the end of October, two opportunities to make *your* voice heard are right around the corner –

500 Kresson Rd

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

November 5 @ 7 pm

James Johnson
Elementary School
Library/Media Center
500 Kresson Rd

ELECTION DAY

November 6

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

November 7 @ 6 pm

Joyce Kilmer Elementary
School Library/Media
Center
2900 Chapel Ave

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

November 7 @ 7 pm

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the Cherry Hill Board of Education election on November 6 and the Bond Referendum special election on December 11. Please be sure to vote in both elections! Polls will be open on November 6 from 6 am to 8 pm. Polls on December 11 will be open from 3-8 pm. [A list of polling places by district](#) is available on the [Bond 2018 page](#) of the CHPS District web site. Also available online are [BOE candidate biographies](#) as submitted by the candidates, unedited, and the [video recording of the BOE Candidates Forum](#), which took place on October 10. Be sure to become fully informed about both elections! A plethora of information about the bond, including improvement project lists and blueprints for each school, the wording of the bond proposals as they will appear on the December 11 ballot, and a tax impact calculator to determine your estimated tax impact, are available on the [Bond 2018: Building a Solid Future page](#).

Please continue to stay informed, not only via this weekly e-newsletter, but by following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#). Download the free District App from the App Store or Google Play. Attend our Board meetings listed at right and on the [District Events Calendar](#). Come out to the Bond 2018 Community Meetings, linked from the [Bond 2018 button](#) on the District web site. Please be sure to submit your questions to publicinfo@chclc.org, or via our [Quick Question portal](#). Questions and answers are posted for the public.

If you can't make to *Newsies* tonight, it will be a great way to spend the rainy day or evening tomorrow. I hope to see you there. Please be safe as you enjoy Halloween festivities! This "trick-or-treat" season, let's all treat one another to plenty of kindness!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

SCHOOLS CLOSED

November 8 & 9

Board of Education Work Session

November 13 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building

Joe Meloche

Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



10 CHPS Schools Achieve Sustainability Certification

Ten CHPS schools in the have met the rigorous requirements to achieve [Sustainable Jersey for Schools](#) certification. These schools form part of a group of 111 schools that achieved the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification in 2018.

The ten schools that have achieved Bronze certification are: the Alternative High School; Barclay Early Childhood Center; Bret Harte Elementary; Cherry Hill High School East; Cherry Hill High School West; Clara Barton Elementary; James F. Cooper Elementary; John A. Carusi Middle School; Joseph D. Sharp Elementary School; and



Cherry Hill High School West Special Ed Program Collaborates with UArts

Students in the Cherry Hill High School West special education program on October 23 participated in a Community-Based Experience with 12 students pursuing masters of arts in teaching degrees at the University of the Arts (UArts) in Philadelphia. The graduate students welcomed the West students as part of the UArts class " Art and Inclusionary Education."

The course, as described by UArts, recognizes that "student diversity is one of the main characteristics that defines today's classroom. The course helps educators build the capacity to understand,



October 31 Deadline Approaches for Two Contests

The application deadline for the ACT Student Champion Award is October 31, 2018. The ACT Student Champion Award recognizes one student in each state.

ACT Student Champions receive a \$500 non-renewable scholarship, certificate, and state-level recognition.

Students in the graduating class of 2019 who have taken the ACT and fit the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

- High school seniors who have overcome challenges and can

Kingston Elementary School.

"We applaud the schools that have achieved certification this year. Their leadership and hard work will help New Jersey continue to evolve through their advancement of equitable, sustainable and innovative practices," said Randall Solomon, executive director of Sustainable Jersey. "Becoming certified with Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a significant achievement for schools and their school district."

More than 3,048 sustainability actions were completed by schools and districts participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program—from performing energy audits and boosting recycling efforts to integrating sustainability into student learning and promoting student and staff wellness.

On October 23, 2018, the certified schools and their districts were recognized at a reception held during NJSBA Workshop 2018 in Atlantic City.

honor and support the ever-increasing diversity of educational needs within classrooms. Educators are expected to differentiate instruction and work to develop proficiencies and build engagement across diverse populations of students with developmental and learning differing abilities; sensory challenges; and a wide range of cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, socio-economic and primary language backgrounds."

The UArts students and West students collaborated on group art projects, as pictured above. An official Art Show showcasing the projects is scheduled for November 13 at UArts.

articulate their education and/or career actions

- At a minimum students must have a composite ACT score of 22 on a single test date OR a Gold ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate®

Applications can be found online at www.act.org/readinesschampions.

Champions will be **notified on or before January 31, 2019**. All questions may be directed to ccrc@act.org.



Voting is open until October 31 to help realize a \$2,500 grant for Cherry Hill West's Vex Robotics program. Mr. Kris Broadbelt has submitted a Proposal to Farmers

Insurance Thank America's Teachers grant program and it's up to the community to rally together and vote him to victory!

Everyone may vote once a day now through October 31, 2018. Go to <https://www.farmers.com/thank-americas-teachers/vote-for-a-teacher/> Once on the site, scroll down and select the \$2,500 grant click the red VOTE button.

Scroll to SEARCH FOR PROPSAL - Enter "Broadbelt" - "Cherry Hill" - "New Jersey"

The Kristopher Broadbelt Icon will appear - Click on it.

Enter your email, then hit submit.

You'll receive an email from Farmers Insurance Thank America's Teachers to confirm your vote. You may vote once a day from each of your email accounts!

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