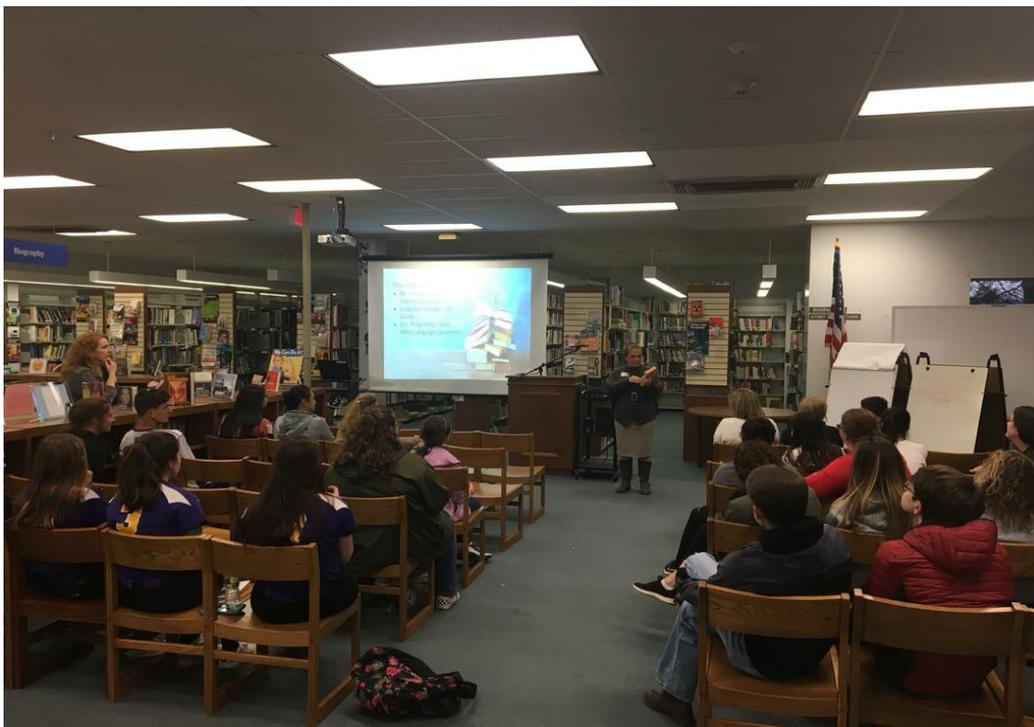


A message from the Assistant Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending March 29, 2019

Reading, Right On!

Literacy is the core of all learning and the key to being a lifelong learner. WE are committed to it!

One of the best things about working in education is witnessing students find their passion in learning, in sports, in hobbies, and in extracurricular activities. This can start as early as preschool, and often evolves over time. It's one of the reasons that, at the secondary level, students are encouraged to submit their ideas to their building principal to start a new club. We now have African American Culture Clubs, Athletes Against Bullying Clubs, Environmental Clubs and more at both Cherry Hill High Schools East and West, thanks to student-led initiatives. There is a Latinos at West Club and a Latinos & Amigos at East Club. Cherry Hill East has a Women in Science Club. And, new at West this year, is the Project LIT Book Club, which began holding its first meetings last November.

It's been a thrill to see this club grow and find its purpose. Not only do the members of this student-formed group share the joy of reading with one another, but they are committed to community outreach to promote literacy. In December, the club joined Latinos at West to donate dozens of books to the children served by the [Mi Casita Child Development Center](#) in Camden, NJ. The students spent a day sharing their love of books and spreading

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cherry Hill High School West Spring Musical

Chicago - High School Edition

March 29 @ 7 pm

March 30 @ 2 pm & 7 pm

[Tickets available online](#)

Beck Middle School Spring Show

Aladdin Jr.

March 29 & 30 @ 7 pm

March 31 @ 2 pm

Tickets \$7 at the door

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

April 1 @ 6 pm

Horace Mann Elementary

School Media Center

150 Walt Whitman Blvd.

holiday cheer to the little ones. And on Wednesday night, March 27, Project Lit held its first Literacy Night, pictured above, with the theme “Stories That Matter.” Students in grades 6-12 and their parents, as well as community members, enjoyed food, games and prizes while they discussed how stories have made a difference in their lives. It was a thought-provoking and fun event. I would like to thank the Cherry Hill Education Association (CHEA) for sponsoring it.

As a school district, we are committed to literacy as the foundation of all learning – and as the gateway to becoming a lifelong learner. To that end, all families of kindergarten registrants this spring received a children’s book to read together this summer, to foster a love of reading right from the start of their CHPS educational journey. Each of our elementary schools employees a full-time Literacy Teacher Coach to support our teachers with strategies for literacy success. At the secondary level, our media specialists are invaluable at keeping out students interested in reading. And you won’t find a more enthusiastic promoter of reading than our K-12 English Language Arts Supervisor Violeta Katsikis, who just this week released our [2019 Summer Reading titles and assignments](#). Mrs. Katsikis’s excitement about the variety of titles and assignments is contagious, and we can’t wait to hear the students’ discussions about what they’ve read when they start the 2019-2020 school year!

Please be sure to keep in touch with us to stay up-to-date on what’s happening around the District. Follow us on Facebook, [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#)! Have a question that would be of interest to the larger community? Submit it via our [Quick Question](#) portal for a publicly posted answer! And our free District app is a great way to customize the information coming into your phone or tablet, according to which schools your children attend or whether you want to keep track of

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

April 1 @ 7 pm
Horace Mann Elementary
School Media Center
150 Walt Whitman Blvd.

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

April 2 @ 6 pm
Thomas Paine Elementary
School Media Center
4001 Church Road

Board of Education Work Session

April 9 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

This Life Counts (TLC)

Suicide awareness and prevention program for tweens, teens and parents
April 10 @ 7 pm
Cherry Hill High School East
Auditorium
1750 Kresson Road

Carusi Middle School Spring Show

the District as a whole. You may download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

I hope you enjoy the weekend. It looks like we may be in for some rain on Sunday – the perfect opportunity to curl up with a good book!

Justin Smith

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Assistant Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

Carusi Middle School

315 Roosevelt Drive

The Wizard of Oz

April 12 @ 7:30 pm

April 13 @ 2 & 7:30 pm

Tickets \$8 at the door

"Over the Rainbow Character Luncheon"

April 13 from 12:30-1:45

pm \$15 per person ticket

includes VIP admission to 2 pm matinee

Parent University & Resource Fair

April 15 from 6-8:30 pm

Malberg Administration Building

45 Ranoldo Terrace

SCHOOLS CLOSED

April 19-28

Spring Break



CHPS High School



Summer Reading Titles and



Students Win Top Honors in Coriell Science Fair

Members of the Cherry Hill High School West (pictured above) and East Science Teams brought home multiple awards on March 23 from the Coriell Science Fair.

[Ten participants from West](#) and [13 from East](#) were recognized for their research projects. Everyone who was awarded first, second or third place in their category is invited to participate at the DelVal Science Fair in Oaks, PA on April 2-4.

In addition to first, second, and third place awards presented to students in each age group and category, several sponsors of the Coriell Institute Science Fair provide [special and distinctive awards](#) to recognize students (both individuals and teams) and their exceptional projects.

West Senior Gia Toriello won \$100 and the Marianne Raphaely Medicine and Health Award for her work developing thickening agents for patients with dysphagia.

Congratulations to all, and continued success at DelVal!

Assignments Now Available

[2019 Summer Reading titles and assignments for rising 6th through 12th graders are now available online!](#)

One of CHPS's primary goals is to develop lifelong readers and learners. Summer reading is an opportunity for students to practice the comprehension, analytical, and note-taking skills learned throughout the year while reading a thought-provoking and enjoyable book. For this reason, we like to offer students a variety of books from which to select.

The assignments for each grade level are included online, as well as some resources and guides to help you and your child.

Thank you for encouraging your child's reading. **WE** look forward to building on the foundation you have helped establish during the summer!

Rosa Middle School Earns National Recognition for Fifth Year in a Row

Congratulations to Rosa International Middle School, which has been honored with the SupportMusic Merit Award from The [NAMM Foundation](#) for its outstanding commitment to music education for the fifth year in a row.

The SupportMusic Merit Award recognizes individual schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

This award recognizes Rosa is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#). ESSA

recommends music and the arts as important elements of a well-rounded education for all children.

"This award reaffirms that we are on the right track to providing our students with the best music opportunities and experiences possible," says Rosa instrumental director, Mrs. Sue Mark. "We are so lucky to have an incredible music staff at Rosa that shares the same philosophies – give it our best and students first."

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