

A message from the Superintendent of the Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending September 6, 2019

First Week Wrap-Up

WE are off and running with a great new school year!

This first – shortened – week of school has proven to be exciting and invigorating for our students, our staff, and our administration in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. I've said it many times, but it bears repeating: This is my favorite time of the year!

It's been a thrill for me to visit all of our schools this week. **WE** are one wonderful district, made up of 19 schools with distinct "personalities," all working toward our mission: *We shall provide all children with an education that develops open-minded thinkers with the strong academic and interpersonal skills to thrive in an ever-changing world and make it a better place for all.*

The start of this school year has been particularly delightful with the launch of our new full-day kindergarten program. We've been posting on the CHPS [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) platforms with the hashtag [#YayForFullDay](#) to keep our followers in-the-know about the Class of 2032, including the Cooper Elementary kindergartners pictured above! We suggest you follow us and your schools (including teachers, PTAs, clubs and sports teams) on social media for a wonderful glimpse of life inside our thriving school communities.

I'd also like to offer a friendly reminder to please complete your online "paperwork" on Genesis and be sure to join the PTA, become involved in booster groups and maintain regular communication with your child's teachers. Our teachers, SACC staff, support staff and central administration team all are dedicated to your child's success and sense of belonging – your involvement is key to this as well!

Our Back to School Nights began last night at some of our elementary schools and will continue through the first week of October. The dates of these events and others throughout the school year are posted on our

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOE Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 10 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace
[Agenda available online](#)

BOE Action Meeting

September 24 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

PSEG Road Work

All of September

This will affect certain routes to and from our schools.

[PSEG has released an online statement regarding the roadwork.](#)

SCHOOLS CLOSED

September 30 & October 1

District Events Calendar on the District web site. I encourage you to take your younger children to some of the sporting events, concerts and theater productions at our middle and high schools. It's a wonderful way to give our younger children a window into what they can look forward to in the future!

If you haven't already, be sure to download our free Cherry Hill Public Schools App, available on the App Store and Google Play!

I hope you will be able to enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend as we all recharge to be ready for the first full week of the school year! Remember that kindness is an energy booster – as much when you share it as when you receive it!

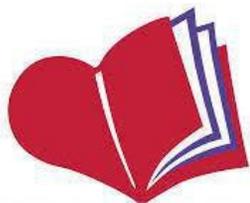
Regards,

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

"Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all. They're underused." – Tommy Lee Jones



**CHERRY HILL
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

THE HEART OF TOWN September
is National Library Card
Sign-Up Month

Don't have a Library card or need to renew yours? September is the month to do it!

When you stop by the Cherry Hill Public Library (CHPL) this month and sign up for a card, you'll be eligible to win a variety of prizes including gift cards to Ponzio's, Michelangelo's, and Amazon. Also on the



**Free and Reduced
Price Lunch
Applications Now
Open**

Applications for the 2019-2020 Free and Reduced Lunch Program are available for submission at www.payschoolscentral.com.



**Confused
about New Online Meal
Payment System?**

On August 19, 2019, parents were notified that the MySchoolBucks meal payment system is being replaced by PaySchools Central beginning this school year.

**All money leftover in your
MySchoolBucks account will
automatically transfer to your new**

prize list are a family pack of tickets to Diggerland, coupons for Rita's water ice, and a variety of museum passes.

Already have a library card? If you refer a friend or family member and they mention your name, you earn a FREE DVD or video game rental. You need not be present to win! CHPL staff will contact prize winners at the beginning of October. Get rewarded even more for having a library card!

PaySchools Central is a secure payment system that simplifies school payments in an easy-to-use online portal. It enable parents to fund lunch accounts and pay required and optional fees quickly and easily. [More information about PaySchools Central is available online.](#) Also available is [a step-by-step guide to signing up for PaySchools Central.](#) Note that an application must be submitted **each year**.

PaySchools account when you register on PaySchools Central.

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