

A message from the Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



## Where Would WE Be without Our Libraries?

**National Library Week is wrapping up, and our libraries are essential to all that we do in the Cherry Hill Public Schools year round!**

Hello! It is my great pleasure to be back among colleagues, students and community members as my first week back to work since my heart surgery comes to a close! I first would like to thank everyone for their messages, cards and good thoughts during the past several weeks. As you know, I am a firm believer that words matter, that kindness is priceless currency – and I can assure you, all of the kind words and deeds extended to me and my family are appreciated beyond measure!

It seems only fitting that the week I returned to our wonderful District coincided [with National Library Week](#), April 7-13. It got me thinking about how reading, literacy, curiosity – the foundational pieces of being a lifelong learner – are fed and sustained by our libraries, also known in our schools as “media centers.” I was disappointed not to be back in time for School Librarian Day on April 4, and would like to take this opportunity

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Carusi Middle School Spring Show**

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

## Board of Education Action Meeting

April 30 @ 7pm

Malberg Administration Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace

to thank our wonderful school librarians for their commitment to our students' success and enjoyment of learning! What a gift it is for us to have these professionals in all of our schools, with their vast knowledge not only of books, but of research tools and methodology, of technology (as shown above in the photo of Cherry Hill West students taking a "virtual field trip" to the Dominican Republic, courtesy of a grant from the Cherry Hill Education Foundation), and of different learning styles. And let's not forget the fantastic resources in the Cherry Hill Public Library (CHPL). As a member of the Library Board, I encourage you to please, if you don't already have them, get free library cards for yourself and your children. Check the [CHPL's web site](#) not only for books, but for free events at the Library and discounted tickets to local attractions. And when our schools close for the summer, don't forget: the Cherry Hill Public Library is a great place to spend a day, and to keep students' and adults' love of reading alive during the long break!

Speaking of the summer, our [summer reading titles and assignments for rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are now available online](#). We're offering a great variety of titles and types of assignments this year. Be sure to take a look – you'll likely want to read some of the books yourself! It's a wonderful experience for parents and kids to read a book together and discuss it!

I enjoyed filming my latest "Minute with Dr. Meloche" this past Monday. You can find it on the District [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) platforms. Be sure to follow us there to keep up on the latest happenings around the District. 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 the District as a whole. You may download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

It is a thrill for me to be out and about again in our schools and at various events. I plan to stop by events this weekend and to see our athletic teams compete in this beautiful spring weather. When you see me, be sure to say hello! And as always, share a smile and a kind word to those you see in your travels.

*Joe Meloche*

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



## Students Earn Honors at DelVal Science Fair

Students from Cherry Hill High Schools East and West earned honors at the 71 st Annual Delaware Valley Science Fair in Fair Oaks, PA from April 2-4.

In the competition among 1,000 students from across the region, CHPS students were awarded as follows:

Samara Pritchett , grade 9, CH West, won the Future Scientist Award from the Eastern Regional Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She has been invited to present her research to the staff of the USDA's Eastern Regional Research Center in Wyndmoor, PA on April 25.

Gary Yu, CH East, won Honorable Mention, 9th Grade Biochemistry.

Ethan Anderer, CH East, won the Pennsylvania Society for



## Outdoor Movie Night Scheduled for Tonight, April 12, Postponed

The Cherry Hill Education Association (CHEA)-sponsored Outdoor Movie Night, showing *Wonder* at Cherry Hill High School West ,is postponed tonight due to the forecast predicting inclement weather. A new date will be announced in the future.



## Sustainable South Jersey Earth Festival Set for May 4

Spring has sprung – increase the 'green' in your lifestyle and community! The 10th Sustainable South Jersey Earth Festival is Saturday, May 4 at Croft Farm from 10 am-2 pm. A few of the annual festival features:

- Free bike valet parking – leave the car at home!
- Register for the Family Fun Bike Ride; starts at Croft Farm 8:30 a.m.
- Free tree seedlings while supplies last.
- Plant swap: of outdoor perennials. No vines or invasive species, please
- Recycle-Upcycle Drop Off
- Displays by all 19 schools
- Two stages of local, free entertainment

To volunteer at the festival,

Professional Engineers  
Engineering Award, 2nd  
Place.

register at  
[SustainableSouthJersey.org](http://SustainableSouthJersey.org)

Laurel Decker, CH East, won  
the Pennsylvania Society for  
Professional Engineers  
Engineering Award, 1st Place,  
and the Society for Women  
Engineers Award, 1st Place.

Harry Green, CH East, won a  
Harrisburg University  
Scholarship, \$15,000 per  
year, and the United States  
Navy/United States Marine  
Corps Award.

Jake Brooks Harrisburg, CH  
East, won a Harrisburg  
University Scholarship,  
\$15,000 per year.

Lucas Botelho-Pettersen, CH  
East, won a Harrisburg  
University Scholarship,  
\$15,000 per year.

Arnav Goel, CH East, won the  
USDA Future Scientist Award  
and a Harrisburg University  
Scholarship, \$15,000 per  
year.  
Congratulations to all!