

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



CHPS WEEKLY

## Parent Resources, at the Ready

**WE** encourage our parents to take advantage of the many resources available to them in the CHPS community!

Happy April! At last, we are seeing the daffodils and crocuses, the magnolia trees and pear trees, and many other varieties of flowers blooming every day around our community. The cherry trees along Chapel Avenue won't be far behind – one of my favorite sights as I grew up here, and again as I have the privilege to work here and visit all of our schools on a regular basis!

As the weather becomes steadily kinder, and the days become longer, getting out and about becomes more desirable. It's the perfect time of year for us in the Cherry Hill Public Schools to offer events related to supporting our parents. I hope you'll be able to come out to two especially valuable programs in the coming weeks:

First, on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:45 pm, CHPS is co-sponsoring, with the Samost Jewish Family & Children's Services and the Cherry Hill Police Department, the [This Life Counts \(TLC\) suicide awareness and prevention program for Tweens, Teens and Parents](#). A panel will discuss:

- The role of depression

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Special Needs Conference

April 6 from 8:30 am-1 pm  
Carmen Tilelli Community  
Center  
820 Mercer St.

#### Board of Education Work Session

April 9 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace  
[Agenda available online](#)

#### 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

#### NJSLA English Language Arts and Math (formerly PARCC) Testing

For 4TH & 5TH GRADERS:  
Begins April 8

- Warning signs, risks and stressors
- Protective factors that help prevent youth suicide
- Resources and tools for communication

We encourage parents to bring their tweens and teens to this invaluable session. The program is free, but registration is required. Please RSVP today to Bonnie Mingin at [bmingin@chclc.org](mailto:bmingin@chclc.org)

Second, on Monday, April 15 from 6-8:30 pm, our [Parent University & Resource Fair](#) will be held in the Malberg Administration Building at 45 Ranoldo Terrace. Topics will include:

- Getting into college (using Naviance)
- Raising Healthy Kids When the Stakes Are High
- Special Ed 101
- Marijuana & Your Child's Brain
- Cyber Safety
- Digital Addiction

Parents may choose up to three seminars to attend. This is free event and requires no registration.

For parents who cannot attend either of these events, please visit our District web site for a plethora of information, including [mental health resources](#). You also will find links to your school web site(s), where you can obtain information specific to your school. Our District and school web sites offer Google Translate in more than 75 languages by using the "Select Language" tab at the top right of the home page. The site is then completely translated into the selected language.

Our Genesis Parent Portal also now includes its own "Select Language" tab so that parents may access their students' information in their home language.

And as part of our Cultural Proficiency/Equity/Character Education Committee's 5-year plan, an initiative is underway to increase in-person outreach to our families for whom English is a second language.

Additionally, wonderful events are happening in our schools for Autism Awareness Month this month! Please see the story below for examples of the inspiring collaboration of our staff, parents and students.

Please be sure to keep in touch with us to stay up-to-

For THIRD GRADERS:  
Begins April 11

### [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

Spring Break

### [Board of Education Action Meeting](#)

April 30 @ 7pm

Malberg Administration Building

45 Ranoldo Terrace

date on what's happening around the District by following 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 the District as a whole. You may download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

I hope you have the opportunity enjoy the warmer weather this weekend, and to get out and enjoy the beauty all around us this time of year!

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### CHPS Schools Hold Events Recognizing Autism Awareness Month

Schools around the District are recognizing [World Autism Month](#) – the entire month of April – in a variety of ways.

Horace Mann Elementary School kicked off the month by hosting their annual Autism Walk on Saturday, March 30. Staff, parents and students collaborated on the event with others all around Cherry Hill, including the Kingston and Woodcrest Elementary communities, to increase awareness and understanding about people living with autism. Thank you



### Summer Reading Titles and 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.



### 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

to the Cherry Hill Education Association for sponsoring the event.

On Tuesday, April 2, many of our staff and students – including the staff at the Barclay Early Childhood Center, pictured above – dressed in blue to "Light It Up Blue" in celebration of Autism Awareness Day.

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!

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, register at

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

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