

A message from the Director of Curriculum, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN 2019-2020!



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CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending February 15, 2019

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Full day kindergarten will be in place across all CHPS elementary schools beginning with the 2019-2020 school year! We invite the community to learn more, beginning next week.

As CHPS Director of Curriculum, it's been wonderful for me these past several months to be a part of the development of the Cherry Hill Public Schools' new full day kindergarten program, coming to all of our elementary schools at the start of the 2019-2020 school year. I've had the pleasure of working with the Kindergarten Committee, a dedicated group of 27 volunteers with a variety of professional and personal expertise in kindergarten education. Together with the District Curriculum Department and the Board of Education Curriculum and Instruction Committee, we have crafted a standout program that includes expanded play-based learning, free play time, attention to social/emotional learning, and dedicated "encore classes" classes such as music, library and art. Our research in the formulation of the full day curriculum included visits to other districts with full day kindergarten programs of their own. The enthusiasm for our new program among our committee, our parents, our teachers and administrators has remained strong throughout this process. The result is an innovative, comprehensive program, dedicated to excellence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOLS CLOSED

February 18
Presidents' Day

Community Forum Regarding Bond Referendum

February 21 @ 1 pm
Johnson Elementary School
Media Center

[Please RSVP by February 5](#)

**PHOTO ID WILL BE
REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION**

Full Day Kindergarten Community Information Session

February 19 from 7-9 am
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Full Day Kindergarten Community Information Session

February 20 from 7-9 pm
Jewish Community Center,

We recently completed visits to the more than 25 preschools across Cherry Hill to inform them about our new full day program. We have shared our kindergarten registration dates with them and expressed our desire to continue to have a partnership with them as their students transition to kindergarten. The preschools also are sharing with their communities the dates and times of our parent information sessions, which are as follows:

- Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - 7-9 am, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace
- Wednesday, February 20, 2019 – 7-9 pm, Jewish Community Center, Social Hall 1301 Springdale Road
- Monday, February 25, 2019 - 1-3 pm Trinity Presbyterian Church, Community Room 499 Marlton Pike East
- Wednesday, February 27, 2019 - 7-9 pm, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

We encourage all community members to attend one of these informative sessions, which also will allow for Q&A.

On Thursday, February 14, we held a webinar for all current District staff who either teach kindergarten, or are interested in teaching kindergarten, to tell them in detail every step in the process of developing the full day program as well as detailing the robust program ahead. We covered everything from social/emotional learning, to technology, to furniture.

Kindergarten registration will run from March 1-14. [Specific school registration dates, as well as information on the registration process, are available online.](#)

Information about these and other events and happenings are always posted on our various communication platforms. Please be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). For keeping up to date with District and school events, be sure to download our free District app from the App Store or Google Play – then customize it to feed your school’s information, in addition to District information, directly to you. Have a question for us that’s also of interest to the larger community? Submit it via our [Quick Question](#) portal for a publicly posted answer!

Kindergarten is such an exciting time, and wonderful foundation, in the education of our children! Having worked in the District as an elementary principal at

Social Hall 1301 Springdale Road

[Full Day Kindergarten Community Information Session](#)

February 25 from 1-3 pm
Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Community Room 499 Marlton Pike East

[Community Forum Regarding Bond Referendum](#)

February 25 @ 7 pm
Cherry Hill High School West Media Center

[Please RSVP by February 5](#)

[Board of Education Action Meeting](#)

February 26 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

[Full Day Kindergarten Community Information Session](#)

February 27 from 7-9 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

[Community Forum Regarding Bond Referendum](#)

March 10 @ 1 pm
Rosa Middle School Cafeteria

[Please RSVP by February 5](#)

Clara Barton and for the last five years as Director of Curriculum, it's been a thrill for me to see my former Barton students grow into thriving high school students. I was reunited with several former students and their families at the February 12 Board of Education recognition of the Cherry Hill High School West Football Team for their achievement as 2018 West Jersey Football League Liberty Division Champions. For all educators, there is no better experience than celebrating the success of our students!

Enjoy the long weekend!

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Mental Health Check-Up Available to All CHPS High School Students

With parental permission, all Cherry Hill High School students are offered the opportunity to participate in a mental health check-up called Behavioral Health (BH) Works. BH-Works was developed at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). The program is free, voluntary and confidential.

For most parents, this screening will reassure you that your teen is just experiencing typical "growing pains." For other parents, the screening can help you pinpoint a problem in its



Dates for Kindergarten Registration and Middle School Open Enrollment Information Now Available

Kindergarten and first grade registration (for children entering public school for the first time) for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on February 1, 2019. Children must be five years old on or before October 1, 2019 in order to be eligible for kindergarten. [Dates for registration at specific schools, as well as information on the](#)



Enrollment for Summer Enrichment Camp Program Now Open

Enrollment is now open for the CHPS Summer Enrichment Camp Program, which will run from June 24 through August 15, 2019 (closed July 4) for children who will enter grades 1 through 6 in September 2019.

Please note: the camp is not open on Fridays, as the school district is closed on Fridays during the summer.

early stages, giving you the ability to secure needed help for your teen and reduce the chance that a more significant problem will develop in the future.

You are encouraged take advantage of this confidential screening and return the form that was mailed to your home. The letter and consent form also are available from your school guidance office.

Deadline to return consent forms is Friday, February 22, 2019.

[registration process, are available online.](#)

Applications to Rosa International Middle School will be accepted from February 19, 2019 at 8:30 am through March 1, 2019 at 4 pm at the Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

[Additional information on Middle School Open Enrollment also is available online.](#)

Non-resident employees of the Cherry Hill Board of Education may enroll their children in the camp.

Deadline to enroll is March 29, 2019. Camp Information Flyer, Registration/Deposit form, the "Important Registration Information" pages, the camp shirt form, the behavior management policy, and the appropriate payment form are available for downloading from the [District web site](#), or contact the STEP Office for forms and assistance. Telephone: 856-429-6564 ext. 2. Fax: 856-429-8246. E-mail: EKlitz@chclc.org
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