

A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill  
Public Schools.





# CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending January 4, 2019

## Happy 2019!

**WE** invite the community to resolve to be more

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

## involved in the New Year!

Happy New Year! Even though this first week back has been a short one, our students, staff and administrators have hit the ground running in 2019, after what I hope was a relaxing, re-energizing winter break. In this season of resolutions and fresh starts – as pictured above with Mrs. Beans' second graders at Clara Barton writing down their 2019 goals – I hope you'll make a commitment to increase your involvement in our schools. It's not too late to join your PTA, to download our free District app from Google Play or the App Store, to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and subscribe to our [YouTube](#) channel. If you haven't been keeping up with what's happening in the District, [back issues of this newsletter](#) are archived on the District web site. Videos of our Board of Education meetings and other events are archived on our [YouTube channel](#). Our [District Events Calendar](#) is continually updated. Be sure to check your school's web site for school-specific information as well! Remember, too, that all of our Board meetings and Board Committee Meetings (except the Human Resources Committee) are open to the public. Dates, times and locations for the latest meetings are always included in this newsletter. Dates throughout the year are available on the [District Events Calendar](#).

Speaking of the Board of Education, our three newly elected Board members, Laurie Neary, David Rossi, and Sally Tong were sworn in at the Board Reorganization Meeting on January 3. Eric Goodwin was elected Board President and Lisa Saidel was elected Board Vice President. Congratulations to all! [Biographies of these new Board members, as well as all current Board members](#), are available on the District web site. It's especially appropriate this month to learn all you can about our Board members and their role in the Cherry Hill Public Schools, as January is School Board Recognition Month! These volunteers devote countless hours for the good of our school community. Please join me in thanking them for their efforts! I also encourage you to learn about the role of Board of Education members, how Board meetings are conducted and why, as well as other great information on our "[School Board Basics FAQ](#)" provided by the New Jersey School Boards Association and posted on the [District web](#)

## Board of Education Work Session

January 8 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace  
[Agenda available online](#)

## Cherry Hill High School West's Production of Almost Maine

January 11 & 12 @ 7 pm  
January 13 @ 2pm  
[Tickets available online](#)

## SCHOOLS CLOSED

January 21  
Martin Luther King  
Day of Service

## Board of Education Action Meeting

January 22 @ 7 pm  
Malberg Administration  
Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace

[site.](#)

The more informed our community members are, the more productive we can be as we engage in continued dialog and listen to the community's voices – including yours! We will not always agree, but **WE** are one community, committed to respect, responsibility and citizenship. I look forward to hearing new voices in this New Year!

A colleague recently shared a quote from Tommy Lee Jones that I'll carry into the next 12 months and beyond: "Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all. They're underused." Let's all commit to more kindness and politeness in 2019!

Regards,

*Joe Meloche*

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Vex Robotics  
Competition This  
Weekend at Rosa  
Middle School



CHAACA

Accepting Entries for  
Poster/Essay/Video Contest

The Cherry Hill African American Civic  
Association (CHAACA) is now accepting



CHPS Students  
Participate in  
Leadership Institute  
at Camden County

The Robotics Club of Rosa International Middle School welcomes the community to South Jersey's first ever VEX IQ Tournament on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 10 am-5:30 pm in the Rosa gymnasium.

The study of robotics incorporates all four pillars of STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. VEX IQ is a plastic, snap-together robotics system designed to provide the opportunity for future engineers at the late elementary and middle school level to explore robotics. It is a great learning tool in preparation for more complex robotics at the high school level.

This fun family event will feature 22 teams competing in skills challenges and teamwork challenge matches. The teams will be eligible to win awards and qualify for additional competitions.

All spectators may attend for free.

entries for its Black History Month 2019: The Reverend Ivan George Essay/Poster/Video Contest. The contest, open to all Cherry Hill Public School students K-12, focuses this year on the topic "Famous Local African Americans (born in/from New Jersey/Philadelphia). Monetary prizes will be awarded to winners at each grade level.

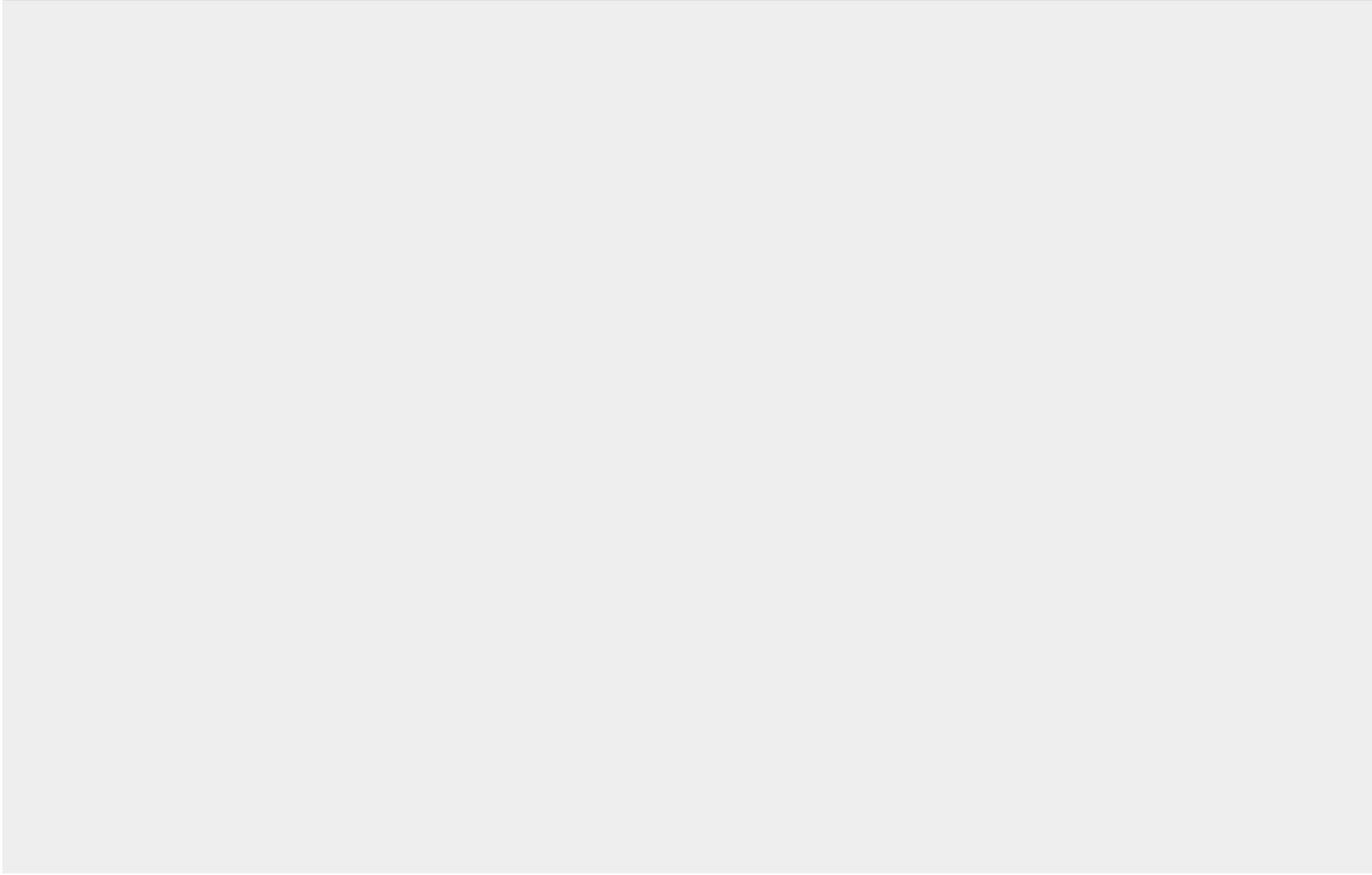
Submissions will be accepted until Friday, February 1, 2019. Full contest rules and information are available on the [Cherry Hill Public Library web site](#). Entrants also may contact their school's guidance counselor for more information.

## College

Cherry Hill Public Schools Middle School and High School students of color from all six of our secondary schools participated in the New Jersey Consortium for Excellence (NJCEE) Leadership Institute on January 3, 2019 at Camden County College.

High School students participated in the Institute, "Teaching as a career for you." They explored four workshops designed to encourage participants to think about PreK-12 education as a viable career choice.

Middle School students participated in the Institute, "Today, I will make a difference." They explored five workshops designed to enhance their leadership skills and develop ways to act upon those skills in within their diverse schools and communities.



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