

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



The Rewards of Read Across America

You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book. – Dr. Seuss

Even though we're still dealing with late-season snow, this is one of my favorite times of the year, as our students and teachers focus on the joy of reading with the Read Across America celebration. Read Across America was started in 1997 as an annual reading motivation and awareness program by the National Education Association. The NEA chose the date March 2 as Read Across America Day to coincide with the birthday of the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. In the Cherry Hill Public Schools, we stretch our Read Across America celebration into a week or longer. And why not? Reading truly is the foundation of learning. Our literacy coaches like to say reading provides "windows and mirrors" for us all: every story treats us to a view we've never seen before, and a reflection of our own experiences. We learn new perspectives, devour new information, and "visit" new places via books. We also empathize with books' characters as

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cherry Hill High School East Spring Musical

Fiddler on the Roof

March 1, 2, 8 & 9 @ 7:30 pm

Tickets \$14 for adults; \$12 for students

Box office hours: Monday-Friday
10 am-1 pm

Tickets also available at the door before each show

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

March 4 @ 6 pm

Cherry Hill High School East
Media Center
1750 Kresson Road

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

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they experience circumstances and emotions.

A highlight of Read Across American in CHPS is that our elementary school PTAs invite “Special Guest Readers” to read to the students and share their favorite books. As a guest reader today at elementary schools this week, I found – as did our other Special Guest Readers including other administrators, some of our Board of Education members, our campus police officers, members of the Cherry Hill Fire Department (as pictured above at Johnson Elementary), Mayor Chuck Cahn, parents and other community members – that no matter what their age, our students are excited for adults to read to them. They are curious about what we read when we were children, and what our own children’s favorite books are. They like to guess what will happen next in a story and how a character might feel. They are excited to share the titles of books they’re reading, and what they want to read next. Their excitement is contagious, and I’d like to thank our PTAs for organizing the Special Guest Reader events. We Guest Readers leave the schools feeling a great sense of hope about the future!

The love of reading not only provides a great source of entertainment for students, but also helps them comprehend the material in all subject matters. It makes them deeper, critical thinkers. It sets them on a path for success no matter what they pursue. This year, in our new literacy initiative for our kindergarten students, we are giving parents of each kindergarten registrant their choice of a book: Clifford Goes to Kindergarten by Norman Bridwell or Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes. This is a great way to help kindergarten parents start their children’s reading journey with the Cherry Hill Public Schools. We know the students will enjoy these stories well beyond kindergarten.

Be sure to check our social media platforms, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Check our [Community Bulletin Board](#) for posts about our Read Across America events, our schools' celebrations of Women's History Month this month, and other District events and happenings. 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!

[Business & Facilities Committee Meeting](#)

March 5 @ 6 pm
Stockton Elementary Media Center
200 Wexford Drive

[Community Forum Regarding Bond Referendum](#)

March 10 @ 1 pm
Rosa Middle School Cafeteria
[Please RSVP](#)

[Board of Education Work Session](#)

March 12 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

I'm excited for opening night of Fiddler on the Roof tonight at Cherry Hill High School East. I hope to see you there! This great family show runs tonight, tomorrow night (3/2), March 8 and 9 at 7:30 pm, as well as March 3 and 10 at 2 pm. Box office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 am-1 pm, or before each show. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students.

Stay safe this weekend as March "comes in like a lion"...or a cougar! (**WE** know the power and tenacity of both!)

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Registration for 2019-2020 SACC Opens March 20

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year's School-Age Child Care (SACC) program will open on March 20, 2019. Registration will be available on www.chclc.org

SACC is available at all K-5 schools, with Before Care from 7-8:45 am and After Care from 3:30-6 pm, Monday through Friday when school is in session. SACC offers a variety of age-appropriate activities for all participating students.

The registration deadline is July 1, 2019. Space is guaranteed for those families in good financial standing. The completed registration



Dates for Kindergarten Registration 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 registration process, are available online.](#)

PLEASE NOTE: The registration date for Thomas Paine Elementary School has



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.

Non-resident employees of

packet, along with a \$30 Registration Fee is payable at Registration. September tuition is due by August 1, 2019.

For additional SACC information, please call (856) 429-6564 and press 4.

been changed to March 19, 2019.

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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