

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending October 12, 2018

Staying Informed

It's been a big week of information sharing in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. WE encourage you to stay connected, and to remind your friends and family members to do the same.

As I have visited our schools in the early morning hours this week to speak one-on-one with teachers, staff and administrators, a universal sentiment was how quickly the school year is progressing. This is a good sign, to me – the seeming fast passage of time is an indication that we who work to educate Cherry Hill's children are enjoying each day. We are "in the moment," focused on what we are here to accomplish and determined to make a positive difference. When we are working hard, and reaping good results from that work, time flies by. I also was encouraged by seeing and hearing about the many collegial efforts to improve. These efforts were shared during my meetings and during our teacher in-service day, as pictured above. You may see more examples of this on our Twitter feed, [@ChpsTweets](#), and by searching #TeacherInServiceDay on Twitter.

In another example of time passing quickly, our Zone PTA has already hosted the Board of Education Candidates Forum on Wednesday, October 10. Election Day is just a little more than three weeks away, on Tuesday, November 6. I cannot stress enough the importance of being an informed voter. Ten of the 11 Board of Education candidates participated in the 2-hour forum, which was live streamed and is now posted on our [YouTube channel](#). Additional background information on the candidates is posted on the District web site in the form of [candidate biographies](#), submitted by the candidates themselves and posted in unedited form.

Also at the center of the District web site home page is a link to the [Bond 2018: Building a Solid Future page](#), full of information about the upcoming Bond Referendum on December 11. In addition to information about [the improvement projects specific](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Board of Education Action Meeting](#)

October 16 @ 7pm
Malberg Administration
Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

[Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting](#)

November 5 @ 6 pm
James Johnson
Elementary School
Library/Media Center
500 Kresson Rd

[Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting](#)

November 5 @ 7 pm
James Johnson
Elementary School
Library/Media Center
500 Kresson Rd

[ELECTION DAY](#)

November 6

[Business & Facilities Committee Meeting](#)

November 7 @ 6 pm
Joyce Kilmer Elementary
School Library/Media
Center
2900 Chapel Ave

[Strategic Planning Committee Meeting](#)

November 7 @ 7 pm
Joyce Kilmer Elementary
School Library/Media

[to each school](#), this page includes a [Tax Impact Calculator](#), in which you may enter the assessed value of your home and see the estimated tax impact on your household with regard to the passage of Question 1, the passage of Questions 1 and 2, and the passage of Questions 1, 2 and 3. It is important to understand that in order for Question 2 to pass, Question 1 must pass. And in order for Question 3 to pass, both Questions 1 and 2 must pass. You will see that the passage of Question 1 results to a tax savings to all tax payers, compared to what they are currently paying. On the average assessed home value of \$223,500, the savings after passing Question 1 is \$3.93 per year. (No matter your home's assessed value, the tax bill on your home will *decrease* after passing question 1). The passage of Questions 1 and 2 will result in a tax increase of \$162.93 per year for the average assessed home. The passage of Questions 1, 2 and 3 will result in a tax increase of \$232.15 per year for the average assessed home. Again, to find estimated tax impact on *your* home, enter your home's assessed value on the [Tax Impact Calculator](#).

The Bond 2018 page also includes [a page devoted to Frequently Asked Questions](#). Please be sure to submit your questions to publicinfo@chclc.org, and they will be posted, with answers, on [the Bond 2018 FAQ page](#).

I look forward to continuing conversation about the bond as the special election on December 11 approaches. Mark your calendars for our [community conversations about the bond](#). And stay connected to our latest news via our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) platforms.

I'm excited to attend the 14th Annual Volley for Support event this evening at Cherry Hill High School East. This is a wonderful family event, where students and their families can cheer on their teachers as they compete in a volleyball tournament! Admission is \$2 for students and \$3 for adults (free to those wearing this year's Volley for Support t-shirt). There will be raffle prizes, child-friendly games and food available as well! Proceeds benefit the [Ehlers Danlos Society](#).

Enjoy the much-needed turn to fall weather this weekend. Remember to share a smile and a kind word wherever you go. Kindness is contagious – and the farther we can spread it, the better!

Center
2900 Chapel Ave

SCHOOLS CLOSED

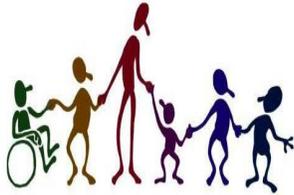
November 8 & 9

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



Deadline Today 10/12/18 for Parents Who Wish to Join Special Education Parent Advisory Group

The Cherry Hill Public Schools seeks parents to become part of the new Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG), which will provide opportunities for parents and community members to offer input to the District on critical issues relating to students with disabilities. SEPAG will be composed of one parent/guardian from each of the 19 schools in the District, as well as a parent/guardian representing out-of-district students. [A flyer with details about SEPAG](#) is available online. Additionally, [a letter](#) regarding the group formation process as well as the [interest form to be considered for the group](#) are available online. **The deadline for submission is October 12, 2018.**



Groups from West and East Conduct Educational Hispanic Heritage Tour

Students from the clubs "Latinos at West" and "Latinos & Amigos at East" on October 5 and 12 conducted their Hispanic Heritage Tour of CHPS elementary and middle schools to educate students about Hispanic Heritage during Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15.

Latinos at West, pictured above, performed at Rosa International Middle School, James Johnson Elementary School, A. Russell Knight Elementary School, and John A. Carusi Middle School. Latinos & Amigos at East, pictured below, performed at Woodcrest Elementary School, Richard Stockton Elementary School, and Horace Mann Elementary School.



The elementary and middle school students were treated to traditional interactive song and dance numbers from countries including Columbia, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Puerto Rico, as well as contemporary music.

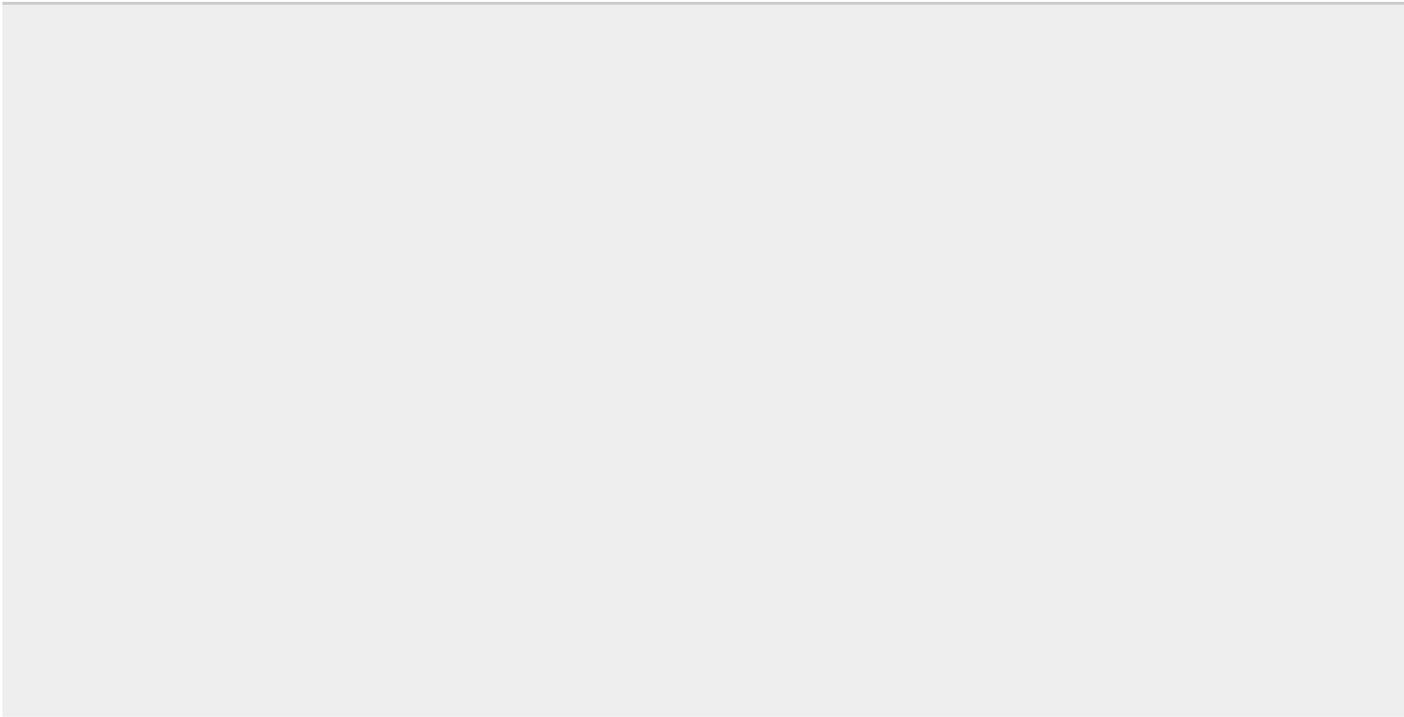


Rosa Middle School Students Find Meaning in March of Remembrance

Congratulations to the 75 Rosa International Middle School Peer Leaders who participated in the 6th Annual March of Remembrance on Sunday, October 7. The students, along with about 15 parents, siblings and teachers, visited classrooms and promoted participation in the event which featured a one or two-mile walk to make a statement against hatred, prejudice and bigotry as well as to raise money for the programming at the Raab-Goodwin Holocaust Museum and Educational Center.

Participants said the best part of the event was the after-march programming at the Katz JCC, which featured a panel of five Holocaust survivors who told their incredible stories of survival. Our students were mesmerized and moved by the stories.

Team Rosa raised \$750 for this event!



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