

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending October 19, 2018

CHPS Community: Strong Together

WE are at our best when we support one another.

I've been giving a lot of thought this week to the importance of community. It's clear that the more we all show one another support, the more we benefit as individuals and – most importantly – as a society. As you are likely well aware, I am a strong advocate of our district's "WE" brand. This is not merely because it's a clever way to present the West and East sides of our ONE district using our high schools' respective colors, but because it symbolizes the best our larger community can be: a diverse group, committed to

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

living together and working together in collaboration, not divisiveness.

I spoke at the October 16 Board of Education Action Meeting about the disturbing flyers received by some members of our community last week. I want you to know that the Cherry Hill Public Schools decries all hate speech and intimidation. Our principals at schools in the affected neighborhoods spoke with their students and staff about the flyers, and offered support for those affected by the messages. We understand the serious impact such messages carry, and we further our resolve that *hate has no home in Cherry Hill* – including all of our schools. I reiterate the message from Mayor Cahn and the Cherry Hill Police Department: If you know anything about the origins of these flyers, please contact the Cherry Hill Police.

Not only does hate have no home in our schools, but we all are devoted to the three pillars of Character Education: Respect, Responsibility and Citizenship. Kindness is not only valued, it is modeled and celebrated in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. As we announced in previous communications, our work in Character Education has been recognized with a designation as a [2018 National District of Character](#). We are one of only 5 districts nationwide to have earned this phenomenal distinction! I was thrilled this week to be able to distribute to our principals a “National District of Character” banner for each school, as pictured above, to display with pride. Again, this honor was earned because of the commitment of our community. It is a designation we will hold for five years, and I am sure we will continue to build our character education initiatives throughout those years and beyond.

Another important element in maintaining a strong community is staying connected with what’s happening in it. Please continue reading this weekly e-newsletter thoroughly every week. Follow us on

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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
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SCHOOLS CLOSED

November 8 & 9

[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#). Download the free District App from the App Store or Google Play. Attend our Board meetings listed at right and on the [District Events Calendar](#). Come out to the Bond 2018 Community Meetings, linked from the [Bond 2018 button](#) on the District web site. Read up on the Bond as well! The special election for the 2018 Bond Referendum will take place on December 11. Please be sure to submit your questions to publicinfo@chclc.org, or via our [Quick Question portal](#). Questions and answers are posted for the public.

Stay warm and enjoy the chilly weekend! I hope you will reach out to build a stronger community with your neighbors and beyond, even with the smallest acts of kindness. **WE** will all be better for it!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools



Vote Daily to Help
Cherry Hill West Win



"Parent
University" and
"Let's Talk"
Sessions Offered at



ACT Student Champion
Award Now Accepting
Applications

Grant for Robotics Program

Please help realize a \$2,500 grant for Cherry Hill West's Vex Robotics program. Mr. Kris Broadbelt has submitted a Proposal to Farmers Insurance Thank America's Teachers grant program and it's up to the community to rally together and vote him to victory!

Voting is quick and easy.

Everyone may vote once a day now through October 31, 2018. Go to

<https://www.farmers.com/thank-americas-teachers/vote-for-a-teacher/>

Once on the site, scroll down and select the \$2,500 grant click the red VOTE button.

Scroll to SEARCH FOR PROPSAL - Enter "Broadbelt" - "Cherry Hill" - "New Jersey"

The Kristopher Broadbelt Icon will appear - Click on it.

Enter your email, then hit submit. You'll receive an email from Farmers Insurance Thank America's Teachers to confirm your vote. **You may vote once a day from each of your email accounts!**

Beck Middle School

The Cherry Hill Education Association (CHEA) and the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) invite the community to attend a series of "Parent University" sessions and "Let's Talk Series" events this fall at Henry C. Beck Middle School. The next Parent University, "Cyber Safety," (including social media) will take place on Thursday, October 25 from 7-8 pm.

The "Let's Talk Series" titled "Opening Dialogue for Social, Racial, and Economic Justice," is being offered on Tuesday, October 23, Tuesday, November 6, and Tuesday, November 20 -- all from 6:30-8 pm.

Participants are asked to [register online.](#)

Applications are open for the ACT Student Champion Award! The ACT Student Champion Award recognizes one student in each state who is tenacious and persistent, no matter the challenge, and is prepared for life after high school with a goal in mind and plan in place.

ACT Student Champions receive a \$500 non-renewable scholarship, certificate, and state-level recognition.

Students in the graduating class of 2019 who have taken the ACT and fit the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

- High school seniors who have overcome challenges and can articulate their education and/or career actions
- At a minimum students must have a composite ACT score of 22 on a single test date OR a Gold ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate®

Applications can be found online
at www.act.org/readinesschampions.

Applications are **due October 31, 2018**, and champions will be **notified on or before January 31, 2019**.

All questions may be directed to
ccrc@act.org.

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