

A message from the Superintendent of the Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending September 20, 2019

Celebrating

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15-October 15, and **WE are celebrating throughout the District!**

It's been a great week for me to be out and about in our schools, as our students, teachers and staff have become well acquainted. The momentum of enthusiasm for learning and collaboration is palpable!

I had the great pleasure of stopping by Señora Alejandra Rivas-Mintz's classroom at Cherry Hill High School West on Thursday to meet the members of the Latinos at West club, pictured above, and film a segment of our "[Minute with Dr. Meloche](#)" in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month. The students in this club, under the dedicated direction of Sra. Rivas-Mintz, perform a wonderful multi-school Hispanic Heritage Month Tour at some of our elementary and middle schools each year to share Hispanic traditions in dance, music, clothing, and culture with the younger students. This year, they have added a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Saturday, October 26 at Carusi Middle School. Stayed tuned here and on our social media platforms for more details. We will keep you updated about other Hispanic Heritage Month happenings in our schools throughout the coming weeks as well.

Also this week, I was pleased to welcome families to the first Artists' Reception of the school year in my office at the Malberg Administration Building. For the past five years, each month, a different school's student artwork has graced a wall in my office. This month, the art was provided by Bret Harte Elementary School, and the artists, along with their families, visited with me last night to tell me about the inspiration and creative process behind their work. You can see photos from this wonderful event on our [CHPS Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages! After the reception, I stopped over at the barbecue dinner for CHPS families, hosted by Aramark at Carusi Middle School. There were more than 300 people at the free picnic, which offered on-the-spot assistance to families wishing to apply for our Free and Reduced Price Meals Program. I would like to thank Aramark and all of the organizers of this successful event. There will be one more barbecue dinner at Johnson Elementary on September 25 from 5:30-7 pm, also free of charge, with assistance available to those

PSEG Road Work All of September

This will affect certain routes to and from our schools.

[PSEG has released an online statement regarding the roadwork.](#)

BOE Action Meeting

September 24 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

[Agenda available online](#)

FREE BBQ with Help Applying for Free & Reduced Meal Program

September 25
from 5:30-7 pm
Open to all CHPS families
Johnson Elementary School
500 Kresson Road

Soccer Night

September 28 @ 6:30 pm
West vs. East
Boys & Girls Varsity Soccer
DeCou Fields
Cropwell & Evesham Roads

SCHOOLS CLOSED

September 30 & October 1

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

October 7 @ 5 pm
Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

who want to apply for the Free and Reduced Price Meals Program.

Please be sure to continue to stay informed about what's happening in the District. Submit a question via our [Quick Question](#) portal, join the PTA and attend their meetings. Follow your child's school, teachers, principals, CHPS and even me ([@MelocheJoe on Twitter](#)) on social media. Watch for emails from your school and the Public Information Office. Download the free District app from Google Play or the App Store – you can even automatically populate your own online calendar with your child's school events from the app! Attend Board of Education meetings or, if you can't attend in person, watch the meeting live stream or the tape of it on our [YouTube channel](#), posted the morning after the meeting.

It looks as though we'll be experiencing at least one more blast of summer weather this weekend before autumn officially begins on Monday, September 23. I hope you will be able to enjoy this feeling of summer and have a relaxing weekend! Offer a "random act of kindness" as you are out and about – you'll likely receive the same!

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

"Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all. They're underused." – Tommy Lee Jones

October 7 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

October 8 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

October 8 @ 8 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

SCHOOLS CLOSED

October 9

Board of Education Candidates Forum

October 10 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

Volley for Support

October 11 @ 5:30 pm
Cherry Hill High School
East, 1750 Kresson Rd.
Benefits the Cherry Hill
Food Pantry

**GREAT NEWS FROM
THE CHERRY HILL
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION!**

Cherry

Hill Education
Foundation Announces
Exciting District- Wide
Grant Awards



Free and Reduced
Price Lunch
Applications



**Confused about
New Online Meal
Payment System?**

On August 19, 2019, parents

[The Cherry Hill Education Foundation \(CHEF\)](#), an all-volunteer, non-profit, charitable organization, has been a wonderful support to the Cherry Hill Public Schools since 2007. CHEF has awarded more than 300 grants and donations, totaling more than \$1 million, to our schools.

This week, [CHEF announced on video a new grant initiative to benefit each of our 19 schools at once.](#)

WE thank CHEF for their generosity, and can't wait to see the creative ways our schools use their awards!

Available; Families Already Receiving Benefits Must Reapply by October 15

Applications for the 2019-2020 Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program are available at www.payschoolscentral.com

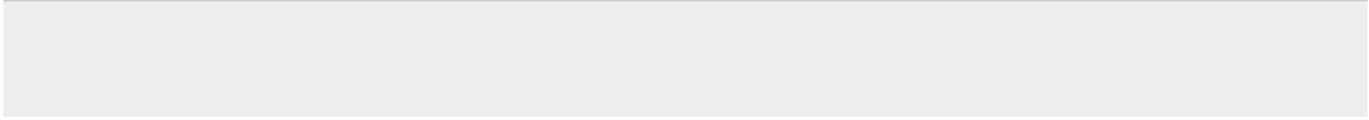
PaySchools Central is a secure payment system that simplifies school payments in an easy-to-use online portal. It enable parents to fund lunch accounts and pay required and optional fees quickly and easily. [More information about PaySchools Central is available online.](#) Also available is [a step-by-step guide to signing up for PaySchools Central.](#) Note that an application must be submitted **each year**.

Families already receiving Free and Reduced Price Lunch benefits must reapply by October 15. If an application is not submitted by October 15th and your child currently receives benefits, your child's status will change to full pay breakfast and lunch.

were notified that the MySchoolBucks meal payment system is being replaced by PaySchools Central beginning this school year.

All money leftover in your MySchoolBucks account will automatically transfer to your new PaySchools account when you register on PaySchools Central.

[Step-by-step instructions for registering on PaySchools Central are available online.](#)



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