

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of May 1, 2015

STAR Games and School Fitness Programs Shine in Cherry Hill Public Schools

Students' enthusiasm for fitness goes beyond physical education classes and sports teams.

The month of May is Global Health and Fitness Month, and what better way to kick off the next 31 days than with our annual STAR Games, which took place today, May 1, at

UPCOMING EVENTS

[SAT Testing](#)

May 2, 8 am-2pm
Cherry Hill High School
West

[Dancing with the](#)

Jonas C. Morris Stadium. STAR stands for Specially Talented Athletes Recognized. The mission of the games is to provide those students with intellectual and physical disabilities the unique opportunity to strengthen their characters, develop their physical skills, and display their talents. Students in grades K-12 participated in a full day of events today including shot-put, the long jump, hurdles, the 40-yard dash and whiffle ball, to name a few. The goal of the program is to give participants the opportunity to compete at a high level of competition. The effort today's competitors put into their events and their joy in participating make the STAR Games a wonderful event. Go to ["District News" on the District web site](#) to see photos from the games

Also inspiring around the district are the fitness programs some of our schools weave into the fabric of their daily routines. At Clara Barton Elementary School, for example, Principal Sean Sweeney has instituted Recess Runners. This year's Recess Runners theme is "Racing through the National Parks." As a team, Barton students have been imagining they are running to various national parks throughout our country. During their journey, students learn about various parks, while setting personal and school-wide goals. Student mileage is logged during each Recess Runners session, allowing the school to track each student's – and the Barton team's – overall progress to date. Barton's last mileage count totaled 13,559 miles traveled as a team. This distance has "taken them" to 39 different national parks!

At Bret Harte Elementary School, Family Fitness Nights have been mainstay of school-year fun over the years. Run by Principal Neil Burti and the school's two physical education teachers, Family Fitness Night is held two to three times a year. Basketball is the chosen activity during March Madness. Other themes have been volleyball and small games, with parents playing with and against the students. Just this year, Harte has added the "100-Mile Club," a walking/running club, to recess. Supervised by the school nurse and several teachers, student participants earn a t-shirt for reaching milestones of 25, 50 and 100 total miles logged. Both events are sponsored by the school and the Harte PTA.

This year, Joseph D. Sharp Elementary School started its

[Cherry Hill Stars](#)

May 3, 7 pm

Cherry Hill High School
West

SOLD OUT

To put your name on a waiting list for returned tickets, [click here](#)

[National Teacher Appreciation Day](#)

May 5

[School Nurse Day](#)

May 6

[BOE Work Session](#)

May 12, 7 pm

Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

[BOE Action Meeting](#)

May 26, 7 pm

Malberg Administration
Building, 45 Ranoldo
Terrace

[Superintendent Search: Parent & Community Focus Groups](#)

June 3, 7 pm

Board Room, Malberg
Administration Building, 45
Ranoldo Terrace

June 9, 1 pm

Tech Lab, Malberg
Administration Building, 45
Ranoldo Terrace

Bulldog Walk/Run Club at recess. Started and maintained by Sharp's guidance counselor, nurse, and teachers, the program is led by physical education teacher Charles Belinsky and his education assistant partner, Diane Fedele.

About once a week, students complete at least one lap around the Sharp backyard during lunch recess, weather permitting. Every student in grades 1-5 is included in the program. Grades 1 and 2 will walk/run one lap before playing other activities. Grades 3, 4, and 5 walk/run two laps before playing other activities. For every mile (four laps) completed, each student receives a foot charm that can be added to a bracelet provided by the Sharp PTA. The school's progress is tracked across a map of the United States using push pins.

We applaud these and other efforts around the District to encourage lifelong fitness among our students and staff – and even their families. I hope you have the opportunity to get outdoors and do something active with your family this weekend!

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

P.S. Our district news, including the departments in our former "e-news" – Up Front, District News, School News, Upcoming Events and Community News - is available by [clicking here](#). Check our [Activities Calendar](#) on the [District web site](#) for updates about upcoming events and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). You'll find the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 District Calendars [here](#). And visit our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from around the District.

And please continue to [send us any news](#) about what's happening in the District!



**National History
Day Team
Members Advance**



to State Finals

Members of Rosa International Middle School's National History Day team, pictured above, will advance to the State Finals competition this Saturday, May 2 at William Patterson University.

On March 28, 2015, 77 students from Rosa International Middle School and Cherry Hill High School East competed in New Jersey's National History Day Southern Regional competition. More than 300 historians presented at Princeton University for the opportunity to represent their school at the upcoming state finals.

Cherry Hill had 22 projects at Regionals: 17 Documentaries, three Exhibits and two Performances. All of the groups did an amazing job and represented Cherry Hill well. Fifteen out of 22 projects advanced, the most Cherry Hill has ever taken to the State Finals. Congratulations to all the historians for their hard work, and continued success at the State Finals!



Elementary Students Chosen for All South Jersey Honors Band Festival

On April 25, 2015 instrumental students from Sharp, Stockton, Harte, Johnson and Paine Elementary Schools were selected to perform in the All South Jersey Elementary Honors Band Festival at Absegami High School in Galloway Township.

The students, pictured above, were nominated by teachers Rich Beckman (Sharp and Harte), Jake Weber (Johnson and Paine) and Christine Macaulay (Stockton). The students who participated were: Sharp - Allie M. (Trumpet), Spencer C. (Trumpet), Ashton A. (Clarinet), Vivian Z. (Clarinet); Stockton - Ethan ST. (Alto Saxophone); Johnson - Gabrielle H (Flute), Ananya K (Clarinet), Alvaro T (Trumpet); Paine - Sarah D. (Flute), Rachel K. (Flute).

Rosa Teachers, Administrators Get "Pie-ed" for Good Cause

To help Rosa International Middle School secretary Iris Gutin raise money for the Cherry Hill Education Foundation, 19 teachers and administrators agreed to get "pie-ed" at an assembly Friday, May 1.

To help reach her fundraising goal as a dancer in this year's Dancing with the Cherry Hill Stars, Mrs. Gutin's colleagues agreed to take pies in their faces. Students bought raffle tickets at a cost of \$1 a piece, or six for \$5, and placed the tickets in buckets labeled with a picture of a teacher or administrator's face. Students' tickets were drawn at random during the assembly. The winners were then allowed to give their chosen teacher or administrator a pie in the face.

Dressed in black t-shirts with "Got Pie?" printed on the front, participating teachers, as well as Interim Assistant Principal Mr. Jeff Heller and Assistant Principal Mr. George

Zografos, pictured above,
were good sports in the
name of charity.

All proceeds from funds
raised for Dancing with the
Cherry Hill Stars benefit the
Cherry Hill Public Schools.
The sold out show will take
place Sunday, May 3, at 7
pm at Cherry Hill High
School West.

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