

# CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of May 15, 2015

## Celebrating Our Schools' Character Achievements

**Six of our schools have earned 10 awards from character.org -- one award is national!**

I am thrilled to share with you this week that six of our schools have attained recognition from character.org for their efforts in character education. We have long believed in the Cherry Hill Public Schools that character is an integral part of

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Memorial Day

May 25

SCHOOLS CLOSED

#### BOE Action Meeting

May 26, 7 pm

a complete education. This year, schools at every level — elementary, middle and high school — submitted character education projects for consideration in character.org's Promising Practices award selection process. The winners and their projects are:

- Beck Middle School (2 awards): Golden Apple Teacher; Beck's Value Ad Campaign
- Carusi Middle School: Reading Is My Superpower!
- Cherry Hill High School East (2 awards): Athletes Against Bullying; East Coffee House
- Cherry Hill Alternative High School: Integrating Core Values Reflection in Student Discipline
- Thomas Paine Elementary School (2 awards): A Day in the Life of a Young Tiger (Student); African-American History Play
- Richard Stockton Elementary School: The League of Kindness Heroes

Additionally, Thomas Paine Elementary won the prestigious distinction of National School of Character 2015, joining the following previous winners among the Cherry Hill Public Schools: Rosa Middle School (2008), Carusi Middle School (2011), Richard Stockton Elementary School (2012), Beck Middle School (2013) and the Cherry Hill Alternative High School (2014). To earn this designation, a school must present evidence of how it carries out the 11 Principles of Effective Character Education, the cornerstone of Character.org's philosophy. You may learn more about the 11 Principles, which span from curriculum integration to extra-curricular activities, from parent and community partnerships to staff development, [by clicking here](#).

We congratulate all of our schools for reaching these award-winning levels of character achievement. It takes a great deal of hard work and commitment to implement these programs, especially in earning the National School of Character designation. We look forward to the Character Education work to come in the District, and the positive impact it has on our students and community.

We wish a relaxing weekend, and hope you'll take a moment to honor those serving in military on Armed Forces Day, May 16.

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

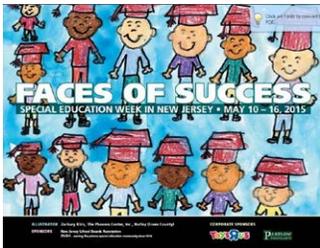
Sincerely,



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 don't forget to [send us any news](#) about what's happening in the District!



### New Jersey Recognizes Special Education Week

As we wrap up Special Education Week in New Jersey (May 10-16), we get to take a grateful look at those who make our special education programs possible in the Cherry Hill Public Schools.

Special Education Week was designed as a chance for students, families, school administrators and decision-makers to



### Carusi Student Wins Top Prize in Teen Media Contest

Carusi Middle School eighth grader Sharina Kuo won the Middle School category of the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Teen Media Contest, which acknowledged and celebrated the many different forms families take.

Students, under the guidance of their school's art faculty, create original handmade artwork to complement the Department's ongoing



### Mann Elementary Puts a New Spin on Spirit Week

At Horace Mann Elementary School's Spirit Week this week, students showed their spirit in several creative ways.

After the kick-off on Monday, students and staff members committed to "Trashless Tuesday," where parents were asked to have their children pack snacks in reusable

celebrate special education services, special education programs and the special education teachers who make it possible for children with disabilities to learn effectively and to reach their full potential in their families and communities.

Special Education Week in New Jersey is co-sponsored by ASAH and the [New Jersey School Boards Association](#). This year's theme, "Faces of Success," celebrates the student efforts and educational strategies that make extraordinary positive outcomes possible for so many special education students in New Jersey.

As a reminder, on Thursday, May 21, 2015, the Cherry Hill Special Education PTA (CHSEPTA) will host a Parent Support Meeting at 6:15 pm and biennial board Elections at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Malberg Administration Building. Please email [CHSEPTA@hotmail.com](mailto:CHSEPTA@hotmail.com) for information concerning the candidates for the Board and on becoming a member of CHSEPTA.

advertising and outreach campaign: "Child Support. It's more than just money." Winners are chosen based upon their interpretation of the year's theme, with the winning artwork and a select number of "honorable mention" pieces included in the annual Child Support calendar published every year.

Sharina's artwork, pictured above, is on display in the Carusi Middle School lobby until it is displayed in the Statehouse Annex Tunnel from May 18-22.

In addition to having their artwork featured in the 2016 calendar, each winner received a plaque of achievement, an American Express gift card and a pair of day passes to Six Flags Great Adventure. Congratulations to Sharina!

For more information about this program or the New Jersey Office of Child Support Services, call 1-877-NJKIDS1 or go to <http://www.njchildsupport.org/>.

containers instead of using plastic or brown paper bags and/or use refillable water bottles

Mr. Johnson, the school custodian, kept track of how many trash bags were filled on Tuesday in comparison to Mann's everyday numbers. The results? The Mann community threw away less than half of the trash on Trashless Tuesday than they would on an ordinary day!

Subsequent Spirit Week Days were Achievement Day on Wednesday, when students dressed like someone they admire or in an outfit based on what they want to be when they grow up.

Friday brought beautiful weather for Fied Day with the students divided into Blue and Gold teams, but with students cheering each other on more in the spirit of celebration than competition. Congratulations, Mann Community!

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