

CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



CHPS Weekly

District News for the week of September 5, 2014

Food for Thought

We thank you for a smooth, successful start to the school year. And we know our students, teachers, staff and parents will continue to help us move forward with ease.

First, we'd like to extend an exuberant Thank You to all of our parents, students, teachers and staff for a great start to the 2014-2015 school year. We

UPCOMING EVENTS

Back-to-School Nights

Please note: Back-to-School Nights for Cherry Hill High School West and the Alternative High School have changed.

appreciate your efforts to make the first few days of school run smoothly, and your patience when buses ran a bit behind and other glitches called for flexibility. Your cooperation sets a positive tone for the year ahead.

Our first few days of school coincided with National Nutrition Week, September 1-7. This seems fitting, as good nutrition is so vital to good performance in school and life in general, no matter what your age.

The Cherry Hill School District is committed to providing nutritious food to all of our students. Our offerings include breakfast and lunch at all schools within the District. Not only that, but we are a Farm-to-School District. ARAMARK, our food service provider, partners with J. Ambrogi, a New Jersey-based company that delivers fresh produce from [New Jersey Farms](#) to our schools. Our fresh fruit and vegetable offerings are plentiful. We serve only chicken pepperoni on our pizzas and anywhere pepperoni is served. We also offer Morning Star Veggie Patties for lunch; all a student has to do is ask his or her server. In addition to our healthy breakfast and lunch offerings across all grade levels, all other items are compliant with the [Smart Snacks nutrition standards set forth by the USDA](#). You can find detailed information about these items and more on [schooldish.com](#). We also are committed to every student having the opportunity to enjoy the food we provide. To that end, [applications for free and reduced lunch are available on the District web site](#). You can learn more about who's behind our great food service in the article below about Aramark Director of operations, Anne King, and the Aramark team.

Please check our [Activities Calendar](#) on the [District web site](#) for updates about upcoming events. And please note that two of our Back-to-School Night dates have changed – a link to full information is at right. [Visit our web site for details about events and accomplishments](#) throughout the District. And, be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest District information. Please remember to [send](#)

Cherry Hill West's Back-to-School Night is now on Wednesday, October 8 at 7 pm.

The Alternative High School's Back-to-School Breakfast is now on Wednesday, September 24, at 8 am.

[Click here for a complete listing of all Back-to-School Nights](#)

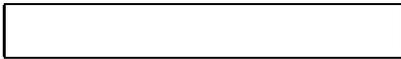
[Cherry Hill Education Foundation Golf Outing](#)

October 1 - Proceeds will fund grant initiatives in our Cherry Hill Public Schools. [A brochure with event details and sponsorship opportunities is available here.](#)

[us any information](#) you'd like to have published.

We wish you good health and a continued healthy appetite for learning.

Sincerely,



Maureen Reusche, Ed. D.

Superintendent



Team Effort Brings Great Nutrition to Our Schools

Meet the Aramark team, pictured above. With National Nutrition Week wrapping up on September 7, we caught up with Aramark's director of operations, Mrs. Anne King (third from left) to find out more about how she and her team provide the District's nutritious, delicious food.

Now in her twelfth year with the Cherry Hill Public Schools, Mrs. King and her team create healthy menus for all grade levels, offer a catering program throughout the District and develop innovative ways to engage students with healthy and appealing meal and snack choices.

One of her favorite

Literacy Coaches Boost Students' Overall Learning

Monday, September 8 is International Literacy Day. In honor of that day, we'd like to tell you about our literacy coaches. Barton literacy coach Ms. Violeta Katsikas, pictured above, is just one of a team of 12 literacy coaches in our elementary schools. These coaches, under the direction of Dr. Mary Kline, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, support staff, students, parents and principals with literacy and language arts strategies.

"We provide many resources," says Ms. Katsikas. The coaches' guidance includes providing professional development for teachers, holding parent information nights, working on assessments and modeling lessons for teachers in the classroom.

"Parents find our suggestions helpful even in teaching math," Ms.



Recycling Event Sunday, Sept. 7, Includes Hard Plastics

Cherry Hill Township will host a free Shredding and Recycling Day for Township residents, from 10 am to 2 pm Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Cherry Hill Public Works Complex, 1 Perina Blvd.

Items that will be collected include single-stream recycling, CFL light bulbs, electronic waste (hard drives will be destroyed), rechargeable batteries, plastic bags, tires (off the rim), used oil and car batteries.

Residents also will have the one-time-only opportunity to recycle "rigid" plastics, including outdoor climbers and other toys, crates, plastic trashcans and buckets, plastic lawn chairs, coolers and pet carriers.

programs, Farm-to-School, is entering its sixth year. "Parents are pleased to know that their children are being exposed to healthy and local produce options," Mrs King says.

This school year will bring more changes toward healthier eating. "We will see only whole grain-rich offerings in meals and snacks, the initial steps of a gradual sodium reduction and the implementation of nutrition standards for all food offerings (meals and snacks) sold throughout the school day to students," Mrs. King explains.

Katsikas says. "They are amazed at the expectations their children are able to meet as early as kindergarten and first grade."

Check your elementary school's web site staff list to contact your school's literacy coach.

Visitors also will receive a few special giveaways, including home insulation kits, reusable shopping bags, and 30-gallon paper yard-waste bags.

Household hazardous waste will not be accepted at the Sept. 7 event.

The Township event is open to residents only; no businesses, please. Limit 3 boxes of shredding material per vehicle.

The Cherry Hill School District applauds the township's recycling efforts. [To see an explanation of the District's Sustainability Plan, click here.](#)

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