

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



## CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending February 13, 2020

# A Lot to Love

As **WE** look forward to the long weekend, beginning on Valentine's Day, there is much to reflect on with love for our CHPS community.

Happy Valentine's Day eve! For our students, a four-day weekend begins tomorrow, Friday, February 14 – Valentine's Day. Our teachers and administrators will be busy tomorrow for an In-service Day, and we will all be off on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 17. I find Valentine's Day a good time to reflect on not only my family – those I love – but on what I love about our community of Cherry Hill. The list is long! Several events that took place this week alone affirmed the special place the Cherry Hill School District has in my heart.

- The annual Black History Month Celebration presented by the African American Culture Clubs of High Schools East and West, Our Music, Our Story this past Saturday. The student performers of all ages in the original show truly put their hearts into their performances, which were truly moving. Aaron Johnson's a capella rendition of "We Shall Overcome" was spectacular!
- The Board of Education's recognition and thanks on Tuesday to the all-volunteer Cherry Hill Education Foundation, who this year awarded \$66,500 in grants to our 19 schools – \$3,500 to each – for a variety of innovative items and projects that will make a wonderful, positive difference in our students' educational experience.
- The kickoff of my second round of Town Hall Meetings with our high school and middle school students on Wednesday. The three sets of Town Hall Meetings each school year are a highlight of my work as Superintendent. The 2020 winter Town Hall series began at High School West, with great results. Sitting with students as they tell me about their challenges, their successes and their ideas for improving their experience in our schools is not only enlightening, but heartening. I say it often, and it is evident from my discussions with students: Cherry Hill produces great kids! I encourage you to have discussions at home similar to what I enjoy during the Town Hall Meetings: Ask your children what's going well, what's challenging, what they would suggest for improving their experience. I believe you will be amazed at their insight and their ideas.

There are many more examples of wonderful things

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SCHOOLS CLOSED

February 14  
Teacher In-Service Day

February 17  
Presidents' Day

### Board of Education Action Meeting

February 25 at 7 pm  
Malberg Administration Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace

### Fair Funding for Cherry Hill Schools Committee Meeting

February 27 at 7 pm  
Malberg Administration Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace

### BOE Committee Meetings

**All meetings held on March 2**  
Malberg Administration Building  
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction Committee - 5 pm

Policy & Legislation Committee - 6 pm

Business & Facilities Committee - 7 pm

Strategic Planning Committee - 8 pm

happening at all grade levels, every day, posted on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages – please be sure to follow us there if you don't already!

To stay informed about what's happening with the Board of Education, be sure to watch the [live stream](#) of our meetings or view the video in our [YouTube archive](#) the next day. Please also see the "Upcoming Events" column at right for other meeting dates and happenings this month.

I wish you a relaxing long weekend! On Presidents Day, please take a moment to reflect on those who have served in our great country's highest office. A quote from Jimmy Carter, speaking about the common reference to America as a "melting pot," is applicable not only to our nation, but to our local Cherry Hill community: "We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams."

May **WE** embrace our differences as we live and work together, comprising a beautiful mosaic, in our ONE community!

Regards,

***Joe Meloche***

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

*"Be a rainbow in someone's day."*



Middle School Art Contest Deadline Approaching

Calling all CHPS middle



Rosa Middle School Open Enrollment Information Now Available



Kindergarten

Registration

Dates Set

[Dates and instructions for registering kindergarten and](#)

school students: The Friends of Barclay Farmstead invite you to enter an Art Contest! Three winners will be awarded \$50 each! Deadline is Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

#### Art Contest Information

- Contest is called Reflections on Barclay Farmstead
- Art may consist of any medium that can be framed such as pencil, watercolors, oil, ink, and collage
- Submissions must be given to your school secretary no later than Tuesday, February 18, 2020
- All Submissions become property of Barclay Farmstead
- Winning art entries will be framed and matted by Friends of Barclay Farmstead

- The winning submissions will be proudly displayed above a mantel fireplace at Farmstead
- The art contest winners will be notified by email or through school office
- Each winner will be presented with \$50 cash on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Barclay Farmstead

#### Details

1. Reflect on your visit to Barclay Farmstead and demonstrate that reflection through art
2. Size of artwork: Largest 9 inches by 12 inches Smallest 8 inches by 8 inches (Anything between those sizes is fine.)
3. Signature of artist should be in corner of artwork
4. On sheet of paper gently folded over artwork should be student's full name, school name and email and/or phone number.

Current 5th grade families: If you would like to submit an application for Open Enrollment to Rosa international Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year, please view [the Open Enrollment Letter](#) online.

Applications will be accepted from February 18 through February 28, 2020. **You must submit your application by 4 pm on February 28, 2020.** The online application will not be available after 4 pm on February 28, 2020.

[1st grade students new to the Cherry Hill Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year](#) are now available online.

Students must be five years old on or before October 1, 2020 in order to be eligible for kindergarten. Students currently enrolled in the Cherry Hill Public Schools (including the Barclay Early Childhood Center) do not need to re-register.

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