

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending January 31, 2020

The Great Kindness Challenge

It's been a week dedicated to kindness in the Cherry Hill Public Schools. What could be better?

I had the great pleasure on Monday of starting my week by participating in a "Kindness Tunnel." Kindness Tunnels took place at many of our elementary schools to kick off the annual [Great Kindness Challenge](#), a wonderful, nationwide movement designed to empower students to create a culture of kindness. If you follow us on social media – and I hope you do – you likely saw the video of the awesome Kindness Tunnel organized by the staff at Horace Mann Elementary School. Students arriving at the school Monday morning were able to choose a "quiet" Kindness Tunnel or a "noisy" one. The inclusivity this option provided was wonderful to see. Mayor Angulo, Board of Education member Mrs. Kimberly Friddell, CHPS Director of Security Anthony Saporito, the Cherry Hill Police and Fire Departments, and many other staff and community members joined me in offering a warm welcome to Mann students on a very cold morning. At many other schools, Kindness Tunnels made up of other administrators, Board members, Police and Fire Department members, community leaders and staff set the tone of kindness for the week. I encourage you to check out the District [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to be wowed by these and other Great Kindness Challenge events from this week!

Our social media platforms also spread the news about other happenings and accomplishments in the District. This week, we've posted links to online news articles and a TV news story featuring some of the inspiring folks in our community. In case you missed it, there's a wonderful [Cherry Hill Sun interview](#) with Cherry Hill High School East swimmer Annie Behm, and a fantastic "[3 Cheers](#)" [CBS 3 news feature](#) story on our first "Heart of the District" Award recipient, longtime volunteer Mr. Joel Fleisher. As always, we'll keep posting points of pride like these each week – be sure to stay in the social media loop!

Another great way to stay in the loop is to keep up with what's happening with the Board of Education. If you can't make it to a meeting, be sure to watch the [live](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month Essay/Poster/Video Contest Deadline

February 1

[Details and official rules are available online.](#) More information also is available on the [Cherry Hill Library web site.](#)

East 8th Grade Information Night

February 4

Cherry Hill High School East

(Snow date: February 10)

Board of Education Committee Meetings All on February 3

Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

Curriculum & Instruction 5 pm

Policy & Legislation 6 pm

Business & Facilities - CLOSED SESSION 6:30 pm

Strategic Planning 8 pm

5th Grade Information Nights - All at 7 pm

February 5

Rosa Middle School (snow date February 18)

February 6

Carusi Middle School

[stream](#) 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.

As we say goodbye to the month of January this weekend, we’ll be kicking off Black History Month on Monday. Black History is Our History, and I am thrilled with the special activities that are planned to highlight events in all of our schools. Watch for social media posts on how Black History Month is woven into our curriculum and activities all month! Mark your calendar for 2 pm on Saturday, February 8, 2020 to attend the annual district wide Black History Month Celebration, *Our Music, Our Story*, at HS West! This year’s original show is a must-see event!

Enjoy the weekend – I know many of us will be on the lookout for whether the groundhog sees his shadow on Groundhog Day, February 2! A silly tradition? Perhaps. But fun just the same.

Please carry the kind spirit of The Great Kindness Challenge into the coming weeks. A kind word or deed is never wasted.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

"Be a rainbow in someone's day."

(snow date February 11)

February 12

Rosa Middle School (snow date February 19)

February 13

Beck Middle School (snow date February 20)

Board of Education Work Session

February 11

SCHOOLS CLOSED

February 14

Teacher In-Service Day

February 17

Presidents' Day



Three CHPS Schools Named 2020 State Schools of Character



Rosa Middle School Open Enrollment Information Now Available



Kindergarten

Registration

Dates Set

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

Congratulations to Horace Mann and Thomas Paine Elementary Schools and Cherry Hill High School West for their designation as 2020 New Jersey Schools of Character!

Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character in schools, families, sports teams, and the workplace On January 31 designated 81 schools and 7 districts as [State Schools of Character](#) for 2020.

Criteria for selection are based on Character.org's [11 Principles of Character](#) which include providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership, and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort.

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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