

A message from the Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending June 21, 2019

Firsts and Lasts

The end of this school year is more than just a series of “lasts;” it brings many “firsts,” and the happy anticipation of what’s ahead for the Cherry Hill Public Schools.

This First Day of Summer, June 21, 2019, coincides with our Last Day of School. This simultaneous beginning and ending is symbolic of all that WE have been celebrating this month – and, this entire school year. Even though the end of the school year means many of our students and their families mark a series of “lasts,” such as their last day in a grade level or school, their last game with a sports team, their last musical or theater performance, or their last final exam, it’s now time to look forward to a series of “firsts.”

One of our “firsts” happened earlier this week, when for the first time, all 12 of our elementary schools on June 18 welcomed back our graduating seniors, in their caps and gowns, to be “clapped out” by the students and staff in the elementary schools they once attended. If you haven’t already, I recommend you watch our [3-minute video montage of this wonderful event](#). Even 2019 graduates of high schools outside of CHPS came back to walk their elementary schools’ hallways, and graduates who didn’t attend a CHPS elementary school were allowed to choose one in which to participate in the Clap Outs. This marks what will now be an annual, District wide tradition to celebrate not only our graduating seniors’ accomplishments, but to celebrate the elementary school friendships they maintain, even after they choose different high schools. This is a shining

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Education Action Meeting

June 25 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

District Offices Closed

July 4

BOE Committee of the Whole Meeting

July 9 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

BOE Action Meeting

July 23 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

example of how **WE**, West and East, are one community.

Today also marks a “last/first” dichotomy in kindergarten, as this is the last day that kindergarten will be a half day program, and we look forward to the first day of full-day kindergarten, District wide, on September 3, 2019!

And although this is the last CHPS WEEKLY e-newsletter until August 16, we will keep you updated during the summer with bi-weekly “e-postcards” about happenings in the District. Be sure to stay connected with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#), as we will be posting regular updates with photos/video on our facilities’ projects progress, as well as other items of interest. Summer is also a great time to download our free District app if you haven’t already. You can customize the app’s information delivery according to which schools your children attend and whether you want to keep track of the District as a whole. You may download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

If you have questions about anything going on in the district now or during the summer, please ask us! Remember, the best source of information about the District is the District. Have a question that would be of interest to the larger community? Submit it via our [Quick Question portal](#) for a publicly posted answer!

Congratulations to the Class of 2019! I wish everyone a happy, relaxing summer, and great success to our high school graduates in their next “firsts” as they enter college, the military or the working world! For our parents of younger children: be sure to read along with your children as they complete their [summer reading](#). Discuss the wonderful stories with them! Please be safe and be kind – the example we set for our children comes back to us and spreads through our community.

WE will see you in September!

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

*"Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all.
They're underused." – Tommy Lee Jones*



Free Summer Meals
Available to
Qualifying
Students/Families

ATTENTION STUDENTS,
PARENTS AND
GUARDIANS: The United
States Department of
Agriculture's (USDA)
Summer Food Service
Program provides free meals
when school is out! Who is
eligible:

- Children 18 years of age or younger who come to an approved open site or a site to which they are enrolled.



Rosa Middle School
and Students Win
Awards in National
History Day
Competition

Congratulations to the student members of Rosa International Middle School National History Day team whose entry, [Triumphant Objectives: Abandoned by Diplomacy: Raoul Wallenberg's Mission](#) won 6th place in Junior Group Documentary, as well as being awarded the Outstanding Entry sponsored by the National Park Service!



Summer Reading
Titles and
Assignments
Available Online

Our 2019 Summer Reading titles and assignments for rising 6th through 12th graders are [available online](#)! Thank you for encouraging your child's reading. **WE** look forward to building on the foundation

- Adults over the age of 18 years who are enrolled in school programs for persons with disabilities.
- At sites that require enrollment, benefits are available only to children who receive free or reduced-price meals at school.

HOW TO LOCATE A SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FEEDING SITE: Text FOOD to 877-877 or Summer Meals to 97779, or visit the [USDA site finder web site](#).

The winning team of Benjamin Xi, Christopher Shin, Sean Li and Vinayak Chidrawar, along with other contestants from Rosa and Cherry Hill High School East, invested more than 1,800 hours in their projects under the direction of adviser Mrs. Christy Marrella. In addition to another [Junior Group Documentary entry on Emmett Till](#), the other Cherry Hill entrants presented in the Junior Group Performance, Senior Paper and Senior Individual Exhibit categories as well. Congratulations to all!

you help establish during the summer!