



## CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending May 31, 2019

# Building a Better Bond

WE are collaborating with the community as we work toward a bond to fund essential improvements to our schools.

Tomorrow, as we all turn our calendars to the month of June, we will embark on the last three weeks of the school year! This is such a busy and exciting time. In addition to the pride and excitement at seeing our students' achievements and transitions out of their current grade level and into the next, we are very excited about the collaborative effort that is taking place to build a better bond to fund necessary improvements in our aging school buildings.

After the December 11, 2018 Bond Referendum was voted down, the Board of Education and Administration held a series of public forums to gather opinions and ideas about the next iteration of the bond. Surveys were also sent out to the community. In all, 1,929 people shared their ideas and their perspective.

The Board then called for residents to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee which was charged with analyzing the survey and forum data, as well as enrollment data, listening to each other's views and shaping a set of specific recommendations for the Board to consider and act upon moving forward.

The all-volunteer, 28-member Ad Hoc Committee composed of Cherry Hill residents, parents with students in District, a Town Council representative, staff representatives and Board members presented the Committee's recommendations regarding the next

## <u>UPCOMING</u> <u>EVENTS</u>

# Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

June 3 @ 6 pm Woodcrest Elementary School Library/Media Center 400 Cranford Dr Agenda available online

# Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

June 3 @ 7 pm Woodcrest Elementary School Library/Media Center 400 Cranford Dr Agenda available online

# **Business & Facilities Committee Meeting**

June 4 @ 6 pm
Bret Harte Elementary School
Library/Media Center
1909 Queen Anne Road
Agenda available online

Strategic Planning

bond to the Board of Education at the BOE meeting on May 28, 2019. The written form of the presentation is available online. Video of the full meeting is available on our YouTube channel (as are video recordings of previous BOE Work Sessions & Action Meetings, and community forums held after the 2018 Bond failed). I would like to share with you a portion of the opening comments from moderator Mrs. Judy Wilson, delivered before representatives from the committee took the microphone to present various portions of the report:

[The Ad Hoc Committee] met for three sessions in April and May, reviewed data, discussed options and generated the recommendations which are presented to you this evening. As with most large and talented groups of individuals, not everyone on the committee feels equally strongly about each recommendation nor is there 100% agreement on all points, but the committee as a whole worked to move this set of recommendations forward to the Board and hopes that the Board's responsiveness will lead to sound processes that residents can endorse and great results for all students.

I look forward to continued community collaboration in this process. Change and progress is never easy, but the discussion and compromise required will certainly be worth the effort and will benefit our children, our community and our future.

Please continue to stay engaged with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>YouTube</u>. 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 <u>Quick Question</u> portal for a publicly posted answer! And our free District app is a great way to customize the information coming into your phone or tablet, according to which schools your children attend or whether you want to keep track of the District as a

#### **Committee Meeting**

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## Deadline to Apply for Open Board of Education Seat

June 7

Details available online

#### **BOE Work Session**

June 11 @ 7 pm

Malberg Administration Building

45 Ranoldo Terrace

### Elementary Moving Up Ceremonies

(For schools that have them)

**ALL ON JUNE 18** 

Please consult individual school web sites for details

#### **Early Dismissal Days**

June 19, 20 & 21

Please consult individual school web sites for details

whole. You may download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

As you prepare to enjoy the beautiful weekend weather starting this evening, be sure to come out to East's Turf Field for the Outdoor Movie Night showing of *The Goonies*! Gates open at 6:30 pm and the movie begins at dusk, approximately 7:30 pm. Be sure to bring the whole family to this wonderful, FREE community event sponsored by CHEA!

I wish you rest and relaxation this weekend – and please remember to share a smile and a kind word as you are out and about! Kindness is something we can choose every day that impacts the world around us.

#### 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

#### Middle School

#### Graduations

#### **ALL ON JUNE 19:**

Rosa: 9:30 am, Cherry Hill High School East, DiBart Gym

Carusi: 10 am, Cherry Hill High School West, Jones Gym

Beck: 1:30 pm, Cherry Hill High School East, DiBart Gym

#### **High School Graduations**

#### **BOTH ON JUNE 20:**

East: 11:30 am, Liacouras Center, Temple University

West: 4 pm, Liacouras Center, Temple University

# Last Day of School for Students

June 21



## Rosa Student WINS Scripps National Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Rosa International Middle School 8th grader Shruthika Padhy, who made history as one of eight co-champions in the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Thursday, May 30, 2019!

In a lengthy and highly competitive finals event televised live on ESPN, Shruthika won with the word "aiguillette," a term for braided ornamentation on military uniforms. She and her eight co-winners spelled so many words correctly throughout the course of the competition that Scripps amended their rules on the spot. At about 11:35 pm, the moderator announced the decision to continue the competition for only three more rounds. This meant at the end of Round 20, all remaining spellers were declared champions.

Each of the winners received a \$50,000 scholarship.



## Beck Middle School Baseball Team Wins Season Championship

Congratulations to the Henry C. Beck Middle School Baseball Team who, under the direction of Coach Josh Weinstein, on May 24, 2019 became the Simon Cup Champions for the season in a thrilling extra-innings game. The Bobcats defeated Harrington Middle School 1-0 in walk-off fashion in the bottom of the 9th inning!



# CHPS Student Artists Work Featured in Professional Settings

Congratulations to the CHPS student artists whose artwork is displayed in professional settings this month.

Student artwork from all 19 schools is on display at Aramark's world headquarters in Philadelphia. CHPS is the first school district to have artwork displayed in Ararmark's new building.

Two artists from the Cherry Hill Alternative High School also will have their artwork on exhibit at the New

Shruthika's win has received coverage in multiple local and national media outlets, including stories on CBS3, 6ABC, NBC10, the Philadelphia Inquirer and the New York Times. Way to go, Shruthika!

Jersey Association of School Business Officials' Annual Spring Conference.

All of the artists' work is available for viewing online in a slideshow. Congratulations again to all!

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