

A message from the Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending May 17, 2019

Spotlight: Special Education

Special Education has been highlighted District wide during the past week, with wonderful examples of student success. .

As today marks the end of New Jersey's Special Education Week, I am struck by the dedication of our special education staff and families, as well as our student volunteers, to the success of our special ed students from Pre-K through high school. This time of year in particular offers tangible evidence of this commitment. Just one week ago, on May 10, the STAR (Specially Talented Athletes Recognized) Games were held at West's Morris Stadium. Children from all over our district participate in the games as staff and high school student volunteers help guide them through events, fun – meeting the Phillie Phanatic! – and the awards ceremony. The STAR Games offer an environment of joy and success, celebrating what students with challenges are able to accomplish. Year after year, our volunteers remark that they get at least as much out of helping at the STAR Games as the participants get out of competing. To call the STAR Games inspirational is an understatement!

The next day, Saturday, May 11, the Cherry Hill High School West Circle Club performed *The Emperor's New Clothes – The Musical*, pictured above. Circle Club brings together special ed students and their

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOLS CLOSED

May 27
Memorial Day

Board of Education Action Meeting

May 28 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

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

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

June 3 @ 7 pm
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typically developing peers in a range of activities and service projects, of which an annual theater production is one. Under the direction of Mrs. Jeanine Caplan and Miss Kate McWilliams, *The Emperor's New Clothes* showcased the magic that can happen when a diverse group brings talent, grit, collaboration and joy to a project. It was an exciting evening for me to see the performance and to celebrate with the families after the show. I can't wait to see next year's Circle Club production!

Speaking of stage productions, stage access for people with disabilities is among our many ongoing improvement projects devoted to ADA compliance District wide. To date, stages in six of our school buildings are accessible, and immediate plans are in the works for the others. Many other ADA related work projects have already been completed, with more forthcoming. [A synopsis of ADA-related work in the Cherry Hill Public Schools facilities, as discussed at the May 2019 BOE Business & Facilities Committee Meeting and Work Session, is available online.](#)

While we celebrate our special ed staff for the amazing work they do, we struggle to meet our instructional needs, as there is a dire shortage of qualified special education teachers across the state. I was honored on May 16 to travel to the State House in Trenton to represent the school districts facing this problem by testifying before the Assembly Education Committee. [The full text of my testimony is available online.](#) It is my great hope that our state leaders will prioritize this issue moving forward.

As we enter the final five weeks of the school year, please continue to stay engaged with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). 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! And our free District app is a

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

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

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

June 4 @ 7 pm
Bret Harte Elementary School
Library/Media Center
1909 Queen Anne Road

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

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

It looks as though we will have a weekend of beautiful weather at last! The CHEA-sponsored outdoor movie night tonight, featuring the movie Wonder, is officially a “go” at Cherry Hill High School West! 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!

Enjoy the warm sunshine this weekend, and be sure to spread your own warmth and light with a smile and a kind word to others!

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"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



High School Students Honored as "Best of the Class"

Congratulations to the graduating seniors from Cherry Hill High Schools East and West who received "Best of the Class" awards from the Camden County Freeholders on May 13, 2019. Graduates from public, private and charter schools across Camden County were recognized. Awards in seven categories went to the following CHPS students:

Cherry Hill West

Jessica Rapposelli,
Leadership

Emma Burch, Community
Service

Andrew Sagedy, Most
Improved



Registration Open for PSAT/SAT, College Essay and Common App/Naviance Summer Workshops

Registration is now open for the SAT/PSAT 4-Day Workshop and the College Essay 4-Day Workshop, with a choice of two sessions, this summer. [Details and registration form are available online.](#)

Registration also is now open for the FREE Common App/Naviance Summer Workshop, offered in July and August. [Details and registration for the Common App/Naviance Workshop also are available online.](#)



Elementary Students Perform in Honor String and Band Ensemble Concerts

Congratulations to the students who participated in the 4th Annual Elementary Honors String Ensemble Concert at Egg Harbor Township High School on May 4. Pictured above are Ava B, Cole B, William C, Manya G, Max K, Zoe K, Angela L, Ada L, Holden P, Leah P, Alexis R, Ethan Y, Ravza Y. (violins), Gina P, Julianna S (violas), Selma E, Sungwon P, Nicole S, Carmella V (cellos) and Eva B (string bass).

Matt Stankus, Most
Courageous

Brie Leftwich, Performing
Arts

Sonia Kangaju, Best
Overall

Alexa Caputo, School
Spirit

Cherry Hill East

Spencer Levy, Community
Service

Lucas Semon, Leadership

Isaac Jean-Baptiste, Most
Improved

Jacob Manders, Best
Overall

Allison Johnson, Most
Courageous

Jacqueline Cotter,
Performing Arts

Drew Annarelli, School
Spirit



Congratulations to the students who participated in the 27th Annual Elementary Honors Band Concert at Shawnee High School on April 13. Pictured above are Vienna C. (flute), Gavin W. and Jerry Y. (clarinets), Reveilly M. and London S. (alto saxophones) Kazu T. (trumpet), Lana G. (trombone), and Grant M. (baritone).