

A message from the Assistant Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN 2019-2020!



Yay for Full Day!

CHPS WEEKLY

Community Engagement

Significant changes are in the Cherry Hill Public Schools' near future! Now is the time to plug into what's happening.

Happy February – and happy Black History Month! Parent readers: I hope you've been talking with your children about what's happening in school on a daily basis. This month, you'll want to ask about the daily tributes our schools are conducting in honor of Black History Month. If you'd like to volunteer to offer your own time and talents to these events, be sure to contact your school principal!

As parents, most of us tend to focus most on the daily needs of our own kids in their particular schools – just as we should. The work that happens at the District level may not be something most parents think about regularly. Of course, the work of District administration and staff is constant, and constantly evolving. Now and in the coming months, significant, positive changes are in the making for the Cherry Hill Public Schools. I encourage all of our community members to become engaged in the dialogue regarding these changes.

First is the very exciting launch of full-day kindergarten, beginning in the fall of the 2019-2020 school year. The implementation of full day kindergarten has been part of the district and Board of Education discussion for more the two decades, and we are thrilled to see the

UPCOMING EVENTS

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

February 4 @ 6 pm

A. Russell Knight

Elementary School

140 Old Carriage Road

[Agenda available online](#)

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

February 4 @ 7 pm

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Elementary School

140 Old Carriage Road

[Agenda available online](#)

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

February 5 @ 6 pm

John A. Carusi Middle School

Media Center

315 Roosevelt Drive

[Agenda available online](#)

Board of Education Strategic Planning Committee

full day program coming to fruition! Kindergarten registration began today, February 1. Children must be five years old on or before October 1, 2019 in order to be eligible for kindergarten. This month, because of the new, full-day format, we are holding Full Day Kindergarten Community Information Sessions on a variety of dates and times at locations around Cherry Hill:

- Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - 7-9 am, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace
- Wednesday, February 20, 2019 – 7-9 pm, Jewish Community Center, Social Hall 1301 Springdale Road
- Monday, February 25, 2019 - 1-3 pm Trinity Presbyterian Church, Community Room 499 Marlton Pike East
- Wednesday, February 27, 2019 - 7-9 pm, Malberg Administration Building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace

I hope all parents of students starting kindergarten in 2019 and beyond will attend one of these meetings!

Also on the calendar for February, with an additional date in March, are our Community Forums regarding the next iteration of a CHPS Bond Referendum, to be developed during the next year and put up for vote in the fall of 2020. These meetings are offered on a variety of dates and times at various school buildings. Each 75-minute session will be conducted by Judith Wilson, Search Consultant, Facilitator and Educator, and former Superintendent of Princeton Public Schools (2005-2013). Participants will be asked to engage in discussion from the very beginning of the meeting. [Event times, dates and locations, as well as opportunities to RSVP, are available online.](#)

If you haven't yet connected with us on social media to keep up with events like this as they happen, please be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). For keeping up to date with District and school events, be sure to download our free District app from the App Store or Google Play – then customize it to feed your school's information, in addition to District information, directly to you. Have a question for us that's also of interest to the larger community? Submit it via our [Quick Question](#) portal for a publicly posted answer!

I look forward to the community response during these exciting times of change. Staying informed and participating in thoughtful discussion will help strengthen our school community and the community

Meeting

CANCELLED

We encourage community members to attend 1 of 5 Community Forums in February & March regarding the Bond. [Dates, times, locations & sign-up opportunities online.](#)

Community Forum Regarding Bond Referendum

February 7 @ 7 pm
Cherry Hill High School East Cafeteria
[Please RSVP by February 5](#)

Community Forum Regarding Bond Referendum

February 9 @ 11 am
Carusi Middle School Media Center
[Please RSVP by February 5](#)

Board of Education Work Session

February 12 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

SCHOOLS CLOSED

February 15
Teacher In-Service Day and
February 18
Presidents' Day

Community Forum Regarding Bond Referendum

February 21 @ 1 pm
Johnson Elementary School Media Center
[Please RSVP by February 5](#)

PHOTO ID WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

Community Forum Regarding Bond Referendum

at large as we move toward the future.

Enjoy the much warmer weather this weekend!

Justin Smith

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Assistant Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

February 25 @ 7 pm
Cherry Hill High School West
Media Center

[Please RSVP by February 5](#)

Board of Education Action Meeting

February 26 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building
45 Ranoldo Terrace

Community Forum Regarding Bond Referendum

March 10 @ 1 pm
Rosa Middle School Cafeteria

[Please RSVP by February 5](#)



Six CHPS Schools Named State Schools of Character

WE congratulate our six 2019 State Schools of Character! Pre-K: Barclay Early Childhood Center; Elementary: J.F. Cooper, James Johnson, Kingston and Woodcrest; Middle: Henry C. Beck!

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



Dates for Kindergarten Registration and Middle School Open Enrollment Information Now Available

Kindergarten and first grade registration (for children entering public school for the first time) for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on February 1, 2019. Children must be five years old on before October 1, 2019 in order to be eligible for kindergarten. [Dates for registration at specific schools, as well as information on the](#)



Enrollment for Summer Enrichment Camp Program Now Open

Enrollment is now open for the CHPS Summer Enrichment Camp Program, which will run from June 24 through August 15, 2019 (closed July 4) for children who will enter grades 1 through 6 in September 2019.

Please note: the camp is not open on Fridays, as the school district is closed on Fridays during the summer.

partners
in the character-building
effort.

These schools now will be
considered for National
School of Character
recognition! More details on
this wonderful distinction are
available on character.org

[registration process, are
available online.](#)

[Dates and times for the CHPS
Middle School Information
Nights for 5th graders and
their parents, as well as
information on Middle School
Open Enrollment, also are
now available online.](#)

Non-resident employees of
the Cherry Hill Board of
Education may enroll their
children in the camp.

Deadline to enroll is March
29, 2019. Camp Information
Flyer, Registration/Deposit
form, the "Important
Registration Information"
pages, the camp shirt form,
the behavior management
policy, and the appropriate
payment form are available
for downloading from the
[District web site](#), or contact
the STEP Office for forms
and assistance. Telephone:
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