A message from Dr. Joseph Meloche, Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.





# CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending December 21, 2018

The Season

UPCOMING EVENTS

# of Giving

WE celebrate our students for their spirit of generosity this season! Happy Holidays!

On this last day of classes before our Winter Break from December 22-January 1, I would like to commend our students at all grade levels for looking beyond themselves and reaching out to make others' holidays special. Our students have led extraordinary efforts! For example: Elementary students collected food for our local Food Pantry and collected coins to "Change Someone's Holiday;" some of our middle schoolers made blankets for patients at CHOP; and many of our high school students from East and West gave their time and energy this week to assist at the annual FOP Holiday Party, sponsored by Cherry Hill FOP Lodge #28, for area children with special needs, while Latinos at West and West's Project LIT Book Club (Class of 2019 members shown above) collected books and delivered them as gifts for the children at Mi Casita daycare center in <u>Camden</u>, and East SGA conducted a toy drive for CHOP. All of these projects are not only wonderful learning opportunities, but reinforce our commitment as a National District of Character to Respect, Responsibility and Citizenship – the three pillars of Character Education.

I hope we will all carry the spirit of giving into the next week and beyond. More than material items, the gifts of being generous with one's time, being kind to those around us and showing appreciation for our loved ones are what will be remembered for years to come. **WE** are one community. **WE** are at our best when we support one another. **WE** are Cherry Hill.

I wish you a relaxing week with time to reflect and enjoy the simple pleasures in life. Our time and attention is truly the greatest gift we can share with our loved ones. Make the choice to spend your time celebrating your family and friends, being joyful and reflective.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year as classes resume on January 2, 2019!

#### SCHOOLS CLOSED

December 22-January 1 Winter Break Classes resume on January 2, 2019

### Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

January 2 @ 6 pm Kingston Elementary School Media Center 320 Kingston Road

#### Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

January 2 @ 7 pm Kingston Elementary School Media Center 320 Kingston Road

### **Business & Facilities Committee Meeting**

January 3 @ 6 pm Malberg Administration Building Board Room 45 Ranoldo Terrace

#### Strategic Planning Committee Meeting CANCELED

Next meeting will take place on February 5

#### Board of Education Reorganization Meeting

January 3 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration
Building Board Room
45 Ranoldo Terrace

#### Board of Education Work Session

January 8 @ 7 pm Malberg Administration Building Renew your commitment to sharing your voice for positive change in our district and in our community.

Regards,

Joe Meloche

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

45 Ranoldo Terrace

Board of Education Action Meeting

January 22 @ 7 pm
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Building
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#### Kilmer 5th Grade Students Host Holiday Showcase

Joyce Kilmer Elementary 5th grade students on December 21, 2018 hosted a Holiday Showcase for the school's K-2 students.

The 5th graders researched approximately 20 winter



# Accepting Entries for Poster/Essay/Video Contest

The Cherry Hill African American Civic Association (CHAACA) is now accepting entries for its Black History Month 2019: The Reverend Ivan George Essay/Poster/Video Contest. The contest, open to all Cherry Hill Public School students K-12, focuses this year on the topic "Famous Local African Americans (born in/from New Jersey/Philadelphia). Monetary prizes will be awarded to winners at each grade level.



Alternative High School Guidance Counselor Nominated for Lifechanger of the Year Award

Congratulations to Alternative High School Guidance Counselor Mrs. Mollie Crincoli, holidays, such as Diwali, pictured above, to present as collaborative groups to the younger students. This is a new tradition at Kilmer to celebrate the school's diversity.

Congratulations to the 5th grade students and teachers for putting together this great event!

Submissions will be accepted until Friday, February 1, 2019. Full contest rules and information are available on the <u>Cherry Hill Public Library web site</u>. Entrants also may contact their school's guidance counselor for more information.

nominated for the Lifechanger of the Year Award!

Lifechanger of the Year is a national recognition program that honors K-12 public school educators and employees who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership. Mrs. Crincoli was nominated by Alternative High School Principal Dr. Lawyer Chapman for her strong leadership in creating a respectful school culture.

Each school year, Lifechanger of the Year receives hundreds of nominations nationwide. Seventeen individual Lifechanger of the Year awards will be given out this year. Winners will be surprised at their schools in early 2019, and the top five Grand Prize finalists will be flown to the National Lifechanger of the Year grand prize ceremony in Hawaii in May.

The grand prize winner will receive \$10,000 to be shared with his or her school/district. Four grand prize finalists will receive \$5,000 to be shared with their schools/districts, and 10 Lifechanger award winners will receive \$3,000 to be shared with their



Good luck, Mrs. Crincoli!

