

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



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending December 16, 2016

Online Lunch:

UPCOMING

Our Latest Opportunity for Conversation

We're doing all we can to keep the lines of communication open and reach our community members as they manage their busy lives. Now we're offering a virtual lunch date!

I had lunch with 22 of you today, and none of us had to leave the comfort of our office or home to participate. Instead, we met virtually at noon via computer on the [District Livestream](#) page. I answered several community questions and offered a chat section on [YouTube](#) for folks to submit more written questions for me to answer live. For those of you who were unable to attend, the half hour session is now posted on the [District YouTube](#) page for you to watch at your leisure.

Most people who know me well would say that I am rarely at a loss for words. Others would describe me as one who likes to hear himself talk! I would agree with both of those assessments, but in all seriousness, I most enjoy *hearing from* members of our community. Much of my talking includes invitations to become involved, not only in your children's performances, competitions and sporting events, but in the discussions at our Board of Education (BOE) Committee meetings (typically the first Monday and Tuesday evenings of the month), our BOE Work Sessions (typically the second Tuesday of the month) and our BOE Action Meetings (typically the fourth Tuesday of the month). This fall, we also held three Community Conversation meetings and offered an online survey to gain input from the public about our goal work into the year 2020 and beyond.

What I hear most from people when I encourage meeting attendance is, "Oh, I wish I could, but I'm so busy," or "I would have to hire a babysitter," or "It's just so hard to break away" from life's obligations, or even, "At the end of the day, I'm just too tired." All of these explanations are understandable. So we in administration sat down and said, "What can we do to make it easier on these folks to be connected, to participate?" The answer: let's use technology in a friendly, easily accessible way. A lunchtime offering seemed a good option for people at work or at home.

EVENTS

Board of Education Action Meeting

December 20 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

December 23

SCHOOLS CLOSED

December 24 - January 1

CLASSES RESUME

January 2

Policy & Legislation Committee Meeting

January 2 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

January 2 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Business & Facilities Committee Meeting

January 3 @ 6 pm
Malberg Administration Building

Board of Education Reorganization Meeting

January 3 @ 7 pm
Malberg Administration Building

And so [Online Lunch with the Superintendent](#) was born.

We've already received positive feedback about the addition of [Online Lunch](#) to our communication platforms, and we look forward to growing participation in it. We'll be offering it roughly once a month and plan to invite a guest to the table in my office from time to time as well! Dates will be publicized in this newsletter, on our web site, and on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). Be sure to follow us on all of our social media sites.

I look forward to "seeing" you at the next [Online Lunch](#). Stay warm this weekend!

Regards,

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East

Music Groups Perform at White House

On December 15, The Belles of East and seniors of Voce, pictured above with Director Mrs. Laurie Lausi, performed at the White House for a private holiday reception. During their time at the White House, the students met with President Obama for a photo and a private performance. A video of the performance and overall experience is on [YouTube](#). Congratulations to these students:

Belles: Arya Amaro, Jackie Cotter, Audrey Harasaki, Natalie Hay, Amanda Kahn, Julia Langmuir, Rebekah Colacot, Katie Cotter, Sophia Damico, Madison Dautle, Cate Marcelli, Elizabeth Hallinan, Sarah Park, Jessica



Season of Giving: Barclay Toy Collection and Cooper PTA Grants Reach Grateful Recipients

For the 25th year, the Barclay Early Childhood Center has collected dozens of toys, pictured above, for donation to the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP). Kudos to Barclay teacher Jean Mattia for organizing this effort since its beginning. Barclay



Wanted: Graduates from 2012-2016 for Young Alumni Board

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Meloche invites Cherry Hill Public Schools graduates from the classes of 2012-2016 to be a part of the new Young Alumni Board, which will meet for the first time in late December.

Meetings will take place in person or virtually three to four times a year. Discussion will focus on what recent

Payne, Allison Shapiro and Katherine Trauger.

Voce Seniors: Jacob Breslow, Jared Camacho, Jenna Camacho, Isabel Kaufman, Leon Pintel, Jacob Ropka, Nitan Shanas and Sarah Vetesi.

also thanks the school's parents and staff for their generous donations.



Congratulations also to the recipients, pictured above, of the J.F. Cooper Elementary PTA's 2016-17 Mini-Grant Program. The program will fund the following grants through its \$3,000 budget:

- First grade teacher Valerie Dippner requested 22 small rocker chairs to use on the carpet area to add comfort and movement that will help students focus and maintain personal space. \$199.96
- Resource Room teacher Caryn Cutler requested 4 Neorok Stools to replace traditional chairs and to help students stay focused through movement. \$251.88
- Fifth grade teachers requested purchase of Fischertechnik Introduction to Stem I & II, easy-to-use software that provides easy-to-use programming activities and incorporates robotics. \$226.80
- Second grade teacher Mrs. Pezzella requested 6 yoga balls to help fidgety kids stay focused. \$336
- Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Fiore, on behalf of the entire teaching staff, requested Chromebooks to increase opportunities to integrate technology into instruction. 6 Chromebooks for \$1,578.

graduates found most useful – and what they wish had been available to them – during their time in the Cherry Hill Schools.

"This information will help us continue to best meet the needs of our students," Dr. Meloche says.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Janet Cohen at (856)429-5600, extension 4309 or jacohen@chclc.org. Please indicate the time of day (morning, afternoon or evening) that works best for you.

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